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Connecticut Tango Weekend  
March 16-18, 2018  
Milford, Norwalk, Middletown, Danbury

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Intensive Argentine Tango Afternoon for beginners at the  
 Milford Arts Council, as well as workshops and dances throughout CT

Dale Ellison and Jorge “Gem” Duras instructors

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| **Middletown Opening Milonga (Tango dance social)** DATE: Friday, March 16, 2018  TIME: 7:30 – 11:00 p.m.  PLACE: First Church of Christ, 190 Court Street, Middletown CT  PRICE: $25 per person including class | |
| **Milford Argentine Tango Boot Camp for Beginners** DATE: Saturday, March 17, 2018  TIME: 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.  PLACE: Milford Arts Council, 40 Railroad Avenue South, Milford CT  PRICE: $50 per person |  |
| **Norwalk Argentine Tango Intensive Workshops** DATE: Sunday, March 18, 2018  TIME: 11:00 am – 5:00 p.m.  PLACE: Dance Dimensions, 15 Cross Street, Norwalk CT  PRICE: $70 per person, $40 half day | |
| **Danbury Tango Elegance Workshops** DATE: Saturday, March 17, 2018  TIME: 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m.  PLACE: Vitti’s Dance Studio, 10 Precision Road, Danbury CT  PRICE: $40 per person | |

Dale Ellison will be visiting from Charleston SC, to join Gem Duras for an intensive weekend of Argentine Tango, in Milford, Norwalk, Danbury and Middletown.

**The opening Milonga in Middletown on Friday March 16** will start with a one-hour class, focusing on Nuevo tango, presenting movements that embody new Argentine Tango idioms such as single axis turns. It will continue with social dancing until 11:00 pm, with light refreshments included. Performance: Dale Ellison and Gem Duras.

**The Boot Camp in Milford on Saturday March 17** will be geared towards beginners and less experienced dancers who want to review the fundamentals. During their 3 hours of instruction, Dale and Gem will present the basic figures, turns and signature patterns of Argentine tango such as "ochos" and 'ganchos". Singles are welcome, enrollment is limited, pre-registration recommended.

The Milford activities will continue the same night at the Milford Center for the Arts with a tango social –known in tango circles as “Milonga” with a performance with Dale and Gem. The weekend will continue with intermediate and advanced workshops in Norwalk the following day.

Milford Arts Council offers weekly tango classes on Mondays with instructor Gem Duras as part of its dance program.

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| **Dale Ellison,** known in Buenos Aires as Delia, has been dancing Argentine tango for more than 24 years, and teaching for more than 14. She has developed a reputation as a dynamic Argentine Tango teacher and performer in salon, milonguero, nuevo and performance styles of tango. Originally a San Francisco resident, Dale received her tango training from the stars of the famous show “Forever Tango” most notably Carlos Gavito and Marcela Duran. Initially a salsa dancer and club style salsa instructor, Dale was drawn to tango for its sensuality and passion, later winning the first prize in the first San Francisco Tango Competition in 1998. She has traveled to Buenos Aires numerous times to study with Gustavo Naveira, Osvaldo Zotto, Oscar Mandagaran, Chicho Frumboli, Geraldine Rojas, Graciela Gonzales, Marcela Duran, and women's technique with Lorena Ermocida. After teaching in CT for five years with Gem Duras, Dale Ellison moved to Charleston SC, where she teaches and runs tango activities as the director of Tango Rojo.  **Gem Duras** has been dancing tango for 24 years and teaching full time for 14. In 1990's he studied with the original cast members of the famous show Forever Tango, in particular the legendary Carlos Gavito. He then visited Buenos Aires numerous times to study advanced technique, ballet and stage tango with younger Forever Tango stars Francisco Forquera and Jesus Velazquez, receiving his tango training certificate. Over many years he became familiar with the styles of such important and diverse dancers as Mariano "Chicho" Frumboli, Gustavo Naveira, Susana Miller, Javier Rodriguez, Osvaldo Zotto, Norberto "Pulpo" Esbrez, Geraldine Rojas, Carlos Rivarola, Juan Carlos Copes, Dana Frigoli and Milena Plebs. As a result he is able to teach and guide the students in various tango styles such as Salon, Milonguero, Nuevo and beyond. He holds weekly classes throughout Connecticut and regularly travels to Buenos Aires to follow the current trends in tango. With Tango Sueño co-founder Dale Ellison, he organizes and directs the Connecticut Tango Festival. | Dale Ellison and  Gem Duras |
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