

## FULL PROGRAM International Women's Day 2026

March 8, 2026, Mardi Gras in the 21C Museum Lexington | The Salsa Center Latin Dance

**Welcome & Greetings** - Reena Reyes, Director of The Salsa Center

Saints Go Marching In – Live Trumpet by Patrick Musser

Parade Opener - Led by Reena Reyes. All guests are invited to join!

**Salsa Tambores** – The Salsa Center The Lady Style Team will perform a Salsa piece with Cuban & Colombian Salsa styles.

Song: Que Suenen Los Tambores by Víctor Manuelle

Dancers: Chelsea Ernst, Denise Williams, Keely Harris, Laritza Gomez, Natalia McMillan, Rachel Lautenschlager, Tanya Jansen. Choreographer: Reena Reyes

**Raqs al Fellahin** – Arabesque World Dance & Banat Nawaar Performance Arts Group

The women of Arabesque World Dance will portray women gathering flowers in baskets to sell at the market.

Song: Bos Ala Al Halawa by Malek (feat. Hamdi El Khayyat & Sayed Hossieny edited version)

Dancers: Safiya Nawaar, Heather Nawaar, Mary Hieronymus, & Minerva Castillo

Choreographer: Safiya Nawaar

**Heritage Catwalk** – Milagros Milagros Broce, goes by Mily, proudly represents her country of great beauty and hospitality.

Country: Panama / Model: Milagros Broce / Song: La Murga by Willie Colon and Hector Lavoe

**Esmeralda Variation Ballet Solo** – AABT A ballet solo performed by the African American Ballet Troupe of Lexington

Song: Excerpt Esmeralda Tambourine Variation

Dancer: Sky Oliver

**Nights of Joy** – Arabesque World Dance & Banat Nawaar Performance Arts Group

An Egyptian folkloric dance that represents a joyful gathering of villagers in dance, celebrating life.

Song: Elila Farh by Katir Hicham Orchestra

Dancers: Safiya Nawaar, Heather Nawaar, Mary Hieronymus, & Minerva Castillo

Choreographer: Safiya Nawaar

**Cupid Shuffle** - Glo Life Services Let's get into our Louisiana mode for Mardi Gras led by Glo - Life Services Performance Line Dancers

Song: Cupid Shuffle by Bryson Bernard

Dancers: Haivan Stroman, Beverly Hagans, Elizabeth Barnes, Taja Brown

Line Dance Leader: Sheena Stroman

**Bachata in the Moonlight** – The Salsa Center The Couples Team of The Salsa Center performing a Bachata Dance.

Bachata is a beautiful tapestry woven from resilience and mixed identity, and women have always been the heartbeat of its evolution.

Song: Dancing in the Moonlight by Prince Royce

Dancers: Cheyenne Miller/Laritza Gomez, Sam Davidson/Denise Williams, Wes Pearce/Oki Kuramoto, William Sympton/Natalia McMillan

Choreographer: Reena Reyes

**Kitri Variation Ballet** – African American Ballet Troupe This is a Kitri Variation” from Act I of the Don Quixote Ballet performed by Teryhi Hurt & troupe members. Honor creativity, inspiration & culture for this second ballet variation.

Song: Excerpt Kitri Variation

Dancers: Teryhi Hurt (lead), Emory Carter, Catherine, Avelar, Leah Woolfolk, Avery Thompson, Alyric Taylor, Quincy Collins, Quadrea Collins, Quinston Collins, Qianru Collins, Sakhiry Byrd- Jackson, Sariyae Byrd-Jackson, Tashyne Dawson

**Heritage Catwalk** – April & Corina proudly represent their country, rich in heritage, friendships & community. The title of the song Bebot translates to “Pretty Woman.”

Country: Philippines / Model: April Butz & Corina Agraan / Song: Bebot by Black Eyed Peas

**Capoeira Mini Class** – Kentucky Capoeira Academy Contramestre Charuto from the Kentucky Capoeira Academy, who is here to guide us through the movement, music, and heritage of this incredible Afro-Brazilian tradition.

Country: Brazil

Teacher: Contramestre Charuto (Ray Jordan)

**Son Chan Chan** – The Salsa Center Couples Team returns to dance a Son Cubano. Tradition says one should dance Son as if the "woman's father is watching," highlighting a style rooted in respect and poise.

Song: Chan Chan by Aymee Nuviola

Dancers: Kyri Cortte/Laritzta Gomez, Sam Davidson/Jordan Brovelli, Wes Pearce/Denise Williams, William Sympson/Oki Kuramoto, Taha Hameduddin/Rachel Lautenschlager

Choreographer: Wes Pearce

**Heritage Catwalk** – Diana & Efraín proudly represent their country of beauty, strength & spirit of women.

Country: Colombia / Song: La Pollera Colora/ Dancers: Diana Infante and Efrain Gonzalez

**Gutah West African** - Ghanaian Children’s dance - African American Ballet Troupe performing 'Guta,' a joyful Ghanaian children’s dance that celebrates the spirit of the next generation.

Dancers: Terhyi Hurt, Sky Oliver, Emory Carter, Catherine Avelar, Leah Woolfolk, Avery Thompson, Alyric Taylor, Quincy Collins, Quadrea Collins, Quinston Collins, Qianru Collins, Sakhiry Byrd- Jackson, Sariyae Byrd-Jackson, Tashyne Dawson

**Rueda Salsa** – Pink Panther – The Salsa Center The Lady Style Team will perform a classic with a twist.

Song: Pink Panther

Dancers: Chelsea Ernst, Jordan Brovelli, Keely Harris, Laritzta Gomez, Natalia McMillan, Oki Kuramoto, Rachel Lautenschlager, Tanya Jansen, Cheyenne Miller, Sam Davidson, Taha Hameduddin, William Sympson

Choreographer: Reena Reyes

**Mardi Gras Line Dance Mini Class** – Glo Life Services Back on the floor for a fun, easy Mardi Gras Line Dance lesson, followed by dancing to Mardi Gras in New Orleans Bounce. No experience needed.

Song: Mardi Gras in New Orleans (Bar Room) by Brass-A-Holica, Mecca Notes

Dancers: Haivan Stroman, Beverly Hagans, Elizabeth Barnes, Taja Brown

Line Dance Leader: Sheena Stroman

**Samba Lady Style** – The Salsa Center The Lady Style Team will perform an original piece, dancing Samba to a classic song.

Song: Magalenha / Dancers: Chelsea Ernst, Denise Williams, Keely Harris, Laritzta Gomez, Natalia McMillan, Rachel Lautenschlager. Choreographer: Reena Reyes

**Parade Closer International Women’s Day Parade Strut (Everyone invited! Song: Mixed Latina Medley  
Approx 4:30 🌟 Women’s Day Closing Moment 🌟 COIN SHINE & Cake Celebration!**