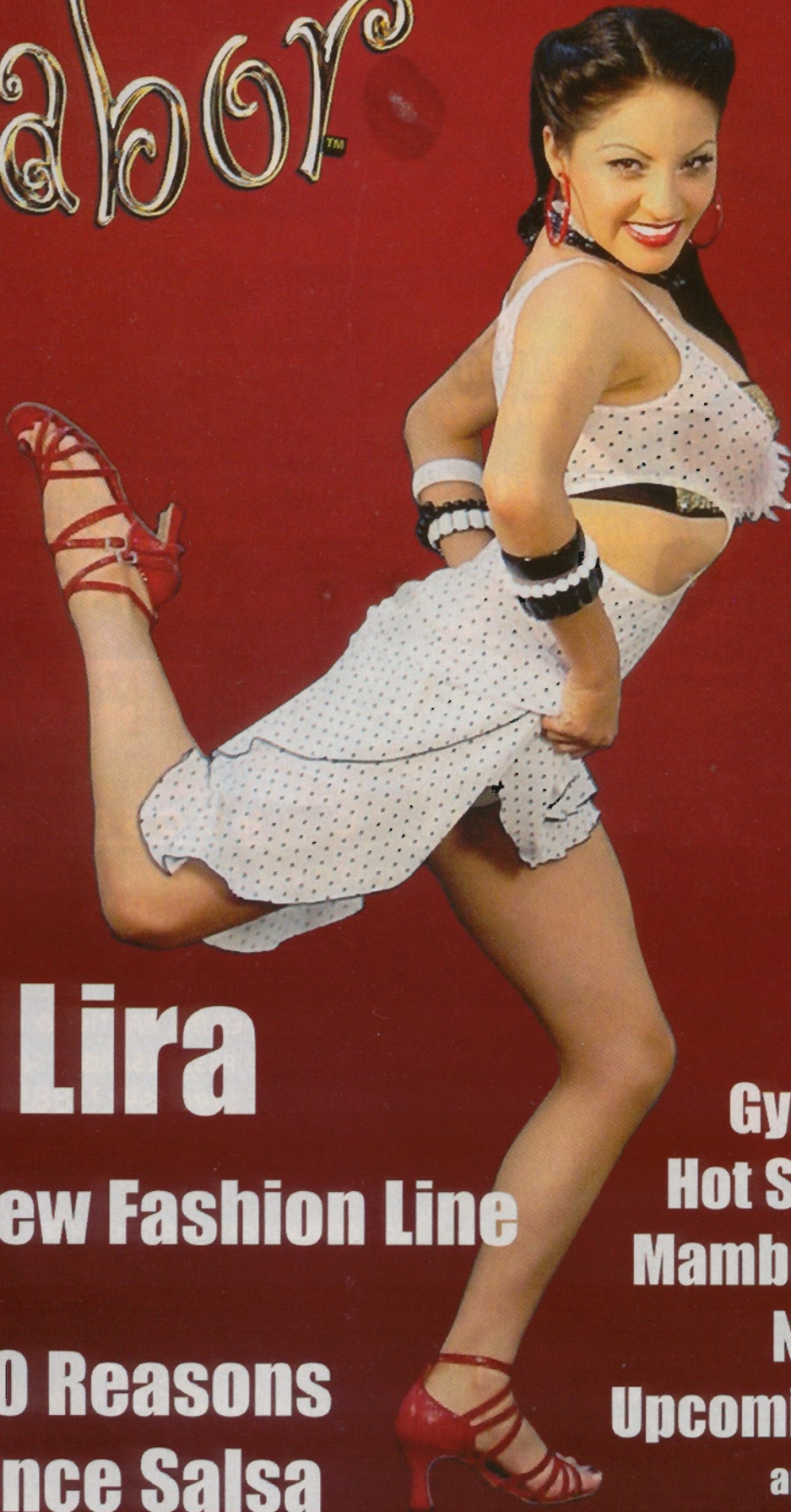


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Hello Sabor from the Cosalda Dance Company, We have been very busy since you last checked in on us in September of 2003! Let's see, where to start?

The Cosalda Dance Company known for our commitment to our students and their education debuted an event called "For The Love Of Salsa." on October 11th 2003. Salsa instructors from all over Texas opened their doors from noon to 5pm, free to the public. The teaching of free salsa beginner classes at various times and for all ages promoted our goal to increase the interest of salsa in our communities.

Our idea was that if we offered beginning classes for kids and adults on the weekend, during the day and at the same time, we would overcome some of the inconveniences that people might have about not having the time to learn salsa. We also had the classes run at various times and in various locations so that students could find an instructor closest to them and a time that best suited them. Texas Salsa Teams joined us full force in an effort that I can only say was humbling at best. The response from the public was great! People still sign on to the website and ask to be placed on the mailing list.

Since then we have had instructors from other cities in other states ask if they could participate in our next "For The Love Of Salsa" event. The most surprising to me was an e-mail from Holland asking to be involved.

So now we are going world wide!

Our target date is Saturday October 9th 2004 from Noon to 5pm.

We would love for any salsa instructor, in any country, city or state to donate their time for the love of ones dance style and music, this event is truly for the

love of salsa. At this time we have four countries and twelve cities pre-registered.

Texas salseros are growing in numbers and so are the number of events that we are hosting. We are now proud to be a part of international salsa competitions, workshops and annual events just to name a few.

This year, because of my dance background, I have been asked to judge salsa competitions in and around Texas. I am looking forward to having that experience and it won't look bad on my resume either!!!



In October my dance team went through many revisions, it was a growing experience for me, we have come out of it with a great group! The dancers are strong, dedicated, willing to take chances and full of ambition with a desire to learn and grow.

In November The Cosalda Kids made their salsa dance debut and have been going non-stop ever since. The kids range in ages 8yrs to 17yrs. We have set up a dance scholarship program based on their academic scores where they can receive free classes for good grades, our adult students also help sponsor the program. We also highlight the kids in our Latin Dinner Show "¡Ritmo Latino!".

The Cosalda Dance Company and The Cosalda Kids submitted our videos to the 6th Annual West

Coast Salsa Congress. In January we received notice that both teams had been selected to perform. This will be The Cosalda Dance Company's second year, but the first for The Cosalda Kids!

We can't wait! Our thanks to Albert Torres for hosting an event that can showcase kids!

At this time we are looking for sponsors and are doing fundraisers, candy sales, car washes, rummage sales, etc.

so that we can get our kids to Los Angeles.

Cosalda has also been selected to perform at the New York Salsa Congress in August.

In April my teaching will go international. I'll be teaching salsa workshops in Cork, Ireland.

In June Cosalda will celebrate its 2nd anniversary. Our thanks to all the Texas salsa team leaders, for your continued support. To our fellow salseros world wide. To our students, who teach us as much as we teach them, and to Sabor Magazine for your support and interest in the Texas salsa scene!

Always remember dance to the song in your heart!

See you on the dance floor!

-Ashley "Angel" - Director of The Cosalda Dance Company Houston, Texas

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