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## Ohio Star Ball



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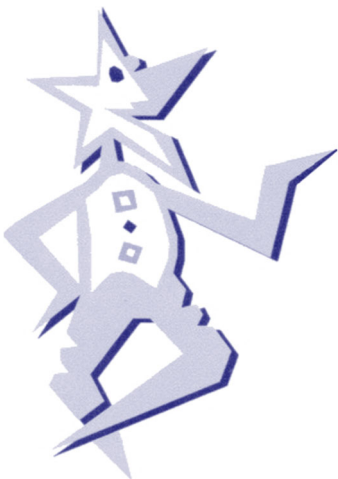
Hyatt Regency Columbus

Over four decades ago, the Ohio Star-Ball event took its first steps as a modest one-day showcase, under the insightful guidance of Sam Sodano.

Through his unbounded creativity, steadfast bravery, and relentless tenacity, Sam has masterfully evolved this humble beginning into the world's

premier Pro/Am dance competition. Today, his remarkable creation captivates and entralls dancers worldwide, leaving a lasting impact on the global dance community.

At its heart, Ohio Star Ball upholds its founding principles. We meticulously tailor each competition to accommodate participants across an array of ages and expertise levels, from novices to virtuosos. Our venue radiates an ambiance of warmth and familiarity, extending an inviting welcome to dancers of all backgrounds. Over time, the Ohio Star Ball has flourished into an impressive 6-day spectacle that brings together a team of 70 judges, 3 chairpersons, 3 emcees, 7 scrutineers, 2 DJs, and 9 deck captains, all collaborating in seamless harmony.



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“There are no strangers at the Ohio Star Ball, only friends we have not met...” Courtesy of Briggitt Mayer and U.H. Mayer (Ballroom Icons)

Sam Sodano, a legendary figure in the world of ballroom dancing, is the mastermind behind the creation of the renowned Ohio Star Ball. His significant contributions to the dance community, coupled with his role as the founder of one of the world’s most prestigious dance events, mark him as a true pioneer and luminary in DanceSport.

## Chairpersons:

Jackie Rogers  
Dennis Rogers  
Jennifer McCalla  
Cathi Nyemchek

## Judges:

Rita Algarra  
Pierre Allaire  
Bonita Brockert  
Babette Brown  
Nicole Carroll  
Martin Cawston  
Chuck Danza  
Linda Dean  
Katusha Demidova  
Alain Doucet  
Tony Dovolani  
Rufus Dustin



Donna Edelstein  
Francisco Flumini  
Rosendo Fumero  
Maret Gimaev  
Albina Habrle  
Maria Hansen  
Colin Hillary  
Ilya Ifraimov  
Emil Ioukhnikov  
Inna Ivanenko  
Colin James  
Donald Johnson  
Patrick Johnson  
Shirley Johnson  
Wendy Johnson  
Charlotte Jorgensen  
Sarwat Kaluby  
Eugene Katsevman  
John Kimmins  
David Kloss  
Stephen Knight  
Elena Kryuchkova  
Debbie Kusumi  
Maria Manusova  
Diana McDonald  
Gary McDonald  
Steve McFerran  
Susan McFerran  
Larinda McRaven  
Tony Meredith  
Anna Mikhed  
Kimberley Mitchell  
Irek Mleczko  
Roman Mrykin

Anastasia Muravyeva  
Marianne Nicole  
David Nyemchek  
Carlos Pabon  
Natalie Paramonov  
Meryem Pearson  
Alexandra Perzhu  
Andrew Phillips  
Igor Pilipenchuk  
Bob Powers  
Toni Redpath  
Ray Rivers  
Jonathan Roberts  
Kirsti Roslender  
Dan Rutherford  
Anna Shahbazyan  
Yuriy Simakov  
Edward Simon  
Heather Smith  
Bill Sparks  
Marzena Stachura  
Aigar Stolcers  
Inessa Strelnikova  
Rozana Sweeney  
Terry Sweeney  
Taliat Tarsinov  
Vibeka Toft  
Yolanda Vargas  
Bree Watson

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## Scutineers:

Amanda Ashcraft  
Cindy Bruce  
Sam Gordon  
Kenneth Kuo  
Bonnie MacKenzie  
Sherry Strehlow



## MCs:

Nancy Brown  
John DePalma  
Paul Hermanson  
Tad Joy  
Daniel Tackett



## Music Coordinators:

David Innis  
Brent Mills  
Rick Popp  
Keith Todd



## Competition Registrar:

Marielle Pabon

## Final summary American Smooth

No.	Result
198 Tuft/Tuft	2
303 Barabash/Rudenco	5
398 Zhyvkvov/Zhyvkvov	4
399 Burlo/Usan	6
444 Novikov/Novikova	3
461 Malkhasyan/Detkina	1

## Pro heat 4A: Smooth Show Dance

No.	Result
198 Tuft/Tuft	1
303 Barabash/Rudenco	3
398 Zhyvkvov/Zhyvkvov	4
399 Burlo/Usan	6
444 Novikov/Novikova	5
461 Malkhasyan/Detkina	2

## Final summary Professional International Ballroom

No.	Result
117 Ursache/Bakhtiarova	1
229 Gaetano/Morelli	4
274 Dobrovolskyi/Malovana	2
318 Mikushov/Mikushov	5
383 Sterban/Cletova	3
902 Malov/Bohachova	6

## Pro heat 2A: Ballroom Show Dance

No.	Result
117 Ursache/Bakhtiarova	1
229 Gaetano/Morelli	2
274 Dobrovolskyi/Malovana	6 Penalize1
318 Mikushov/Mikushov	4
383 Sterban/Cletova	3
902 Malov/Bohachova	5

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## Pro heat 1: Professional American Rhythm

No.	Result
189 Jensen/Jensen	5
208 Escolme/Sigvaldadottir	2
217 Arietta/Briones	1
381 Nikishkin/Shvets-Nikishkin	3
458 Kudashev/Sokolova	4
460 Ubillus/Lareto	6

## Pro heat 1A: Rhythm Show Dance

No.	Result
189 Jensen/Jensen	3Penalize1
208 Escolme/Sigvaldadottir	1
217 Arietta/Briones	2Penalize1
381 Nikishkin/Shvets-Nikishkin	6
458 Kudashev/Sokolova	4
460 Ubillus/Lareto	5

## Pro heat 6: Professional American Rhythm Rising Star

No.	Result
151 Benarao/Melencio	2
184 Nyemchek, Jr/Dilay	3
268 Voinarovskiy/Voinarovska	5
372 Zegarra/Zegarra	1
418 Fulvi/Criscione	4
908 Iakushev/Iakusheva	6

## Pro heat 5: Professional International Latin

No.	Result
101 Livshitz/Keselman	2
179 Besyedin/Besyedin	5
311 Kazlouski/Dzneladze	1
441 Firestein/Mtchedlidze	6
486 Tarasov/Nolan	4
496 Favilla/Maidiuk	3

## Pro heat 5A: Latin Show Dance

No.	06	Result
101 Livshitz/Keselman		1
179 Besyedin/Besyedin		2
311 Kazlouski/Dzneladze		3Penalize1
441 Firestein/Mtchedlidze		6
486 Tarasov/Nolan		5
496 Favilla/Maidiuk		4Penalize1

## Pro heat 3: Professional Cabaret-Solo Exhibition

No.	Result
162 Sargsyan/Palmgren	3
183 Pohl/Freilich	1
249 Kantin/Card	2

# North American Imperial Star Ball



## North American Imperial Star Ball

USA - Oak Brook (IL)

Wednesday, 13 November 2024

3500 Midwest Rd, Oak Brook, IL  
60523

(773) 217-0102

Organizer:

Katasha Demidova

Judges/Officials

Chairperson

Cassandra Schneider

## Judges

Martin Cawston

Daria Chyslova

Chuck Danza

Saori DeSouza



Rufus Dustin

Igor Fylymonchyk

David Hamilton

Kristina Ilo

Rauno Ilo

Colin James

Donald Johnson

Tatiana Kazakova

Stephen Knight

Gary McDonald

Larinda McRaven

Dan Messenger

Jean-Francois Messier

Kimberley Mitchell

Irek Mleczko

Marianne Nicole

Igor Pilipenchuk

Polina Pilipenchuk

Yuri Simakov

Sam Sodano

Aigars Stolcers

Inessa Strelnikova

Natalie Schulz

Amanda Ashcraft

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MC

Jamey McCaskill

MC



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## Upcoming Events

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Orlando, FL

Kings Ball

Dec 04-Dec 08, 2024

East Rutherford, NJ

Houston Star Ball

Dec 07-Dec 07, 2024

Albuquerque, NM

The Winter Solstice Dancesport Challenge

Dec 07-Dec 07, 2024

Fort Wayne, IN

Holiday Dance Classic Championships

Dec 10-Dec 15, 2024

Las Vegas, NV

City's Dancesport Challenge

Dec 21-Dec 21, 2024

Tarrytown, NY

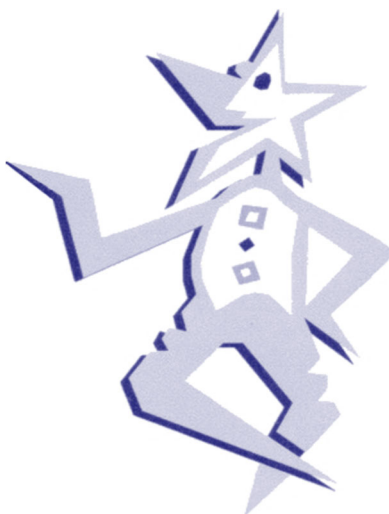
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Dec 28-Dec 31, 2024

Rockville, MD



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Melanie Champ-Heroux

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Music Director

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Music Director

Open Professional Ballroom (W,T,VW,F,Q) Wednesday, 13 November 2024

Final

- 1 Radu Sterban & Ksenia Cletova USA
- 2 Maksym Savvitskyi & Polina Riabovil USA
- 3 Igor Mikushov & Valeria Mikushov (aka Belozeroval) USA
- 4 Dan Malov & Anna Bohachova USA
- 5 Samuel Hacke & Katarina Hermanova USA
- 6 Mirko Spano & Pamela Romano USA

Professional Rising Star Ballroom (W,T,VW,F,Q) Wednesday, 13 November 2024

Final

- 1 Jakub Sawicki & Dagmara Milek Poland
- 2 Ion Postolachi & Diana Postolachi USA
- 3 Mikhail Chernavin & Maria Hartopeanu USA
- 4 Jonathan Liu & Aleksandra Basko USA
- 5 Nikita Korsakov & Lyubov Astashina Russia

Open Professional Latin (CC,S,R,PD,J) Wednesday, 13 November 2024

Final

- 1 Andrei Kazlouski & Nino Dzneladze USA
- 2 Manuel Favilla & Nataliya Maidiuk USA
- 3 Mishiko Bregvadze & Alina Khoroshevtseva USA
- 4 Kelvin Ong & Mariya Kozobrod Malaysia
- 5 Aleksandr Ivanov & Vitalina Bunina Russia
- 6 Daniel Hustiu & Ariel Xu England

Professional Rising Star Latin (CC,S,R,PD,J) Wednesday, 13 November 2024

Final

- 1 Aleksandr Ivanov & Vitalina Bunina Russia
- 2 Nazar Zakharchenko & Anastasiia Rozdabara USA
- 3 Ramon Martinez Campos & Jenna Caskie USA





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