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Social Dance Cultures and Alma Del Tango present

## **All About Tango**

A student production and fundraiser

Conceived and directed by Debbie Goodwin

**When:** Saturday, April 30 at 7 pm

**Where:** Bay West Ballroom, 1133 East Francisco Blvd., San Rafael

**What:** Tango – the dynamic and evocative style of dance that’s sweeping the Bay Area – will be performed by 23 members of the Marin Argentine tango community. **"All About Tango,"** an evening of dance, music and culture, features improvised social dances, choreographed couples dances and a number choreographed just for women, entitled “Seductive Shoes.” The evening includes:

7 pm Introductory class

8 pm Performance

9 pm Milonga (Tango social dancing)

Proceeds will benefit Social Dance Cultures, a non-profit dedicated to encouraging and supporting dance as a means of developing community.

**Ticket Information:** Tickets are \$25 in advance and may be ordered from [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/140618](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/140618) or call 800-838-3006. \$30 at the door. Milonga tickets only, \$10 after 9:30.

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- **For more information** about Social Dance Cultures and Alma del Tango visit [www. socialdancecultures.org](http://www.socialdancecultures.org) and [almadeltango.com](http://almadeltango.com)

### **Conceived and directed by Social Dance Cultures’ Debbie Goodwin**

An accomplished tango dancer/choreographer and teacher living in Marin, Ms. Goodwin has immersed herself in Argentine tango culture for the past 15 years. “All About Tango” is rooted in her ethnological research of tango communities, the topic of her master’s project in dance from CSU Sacramento.

“This is a tango performance conceived to take you beyond entertainment and to inspire you to dance. I, along with the dedicated cast, intend to share with our audience the enriching experience tango plays in forming community, heartfelt connections and artistic expression,” says Goodwin.

### **The Silent Language of Tango**

Tango brings couples together in perfect unison and is infused with an unspoken code of conduct. Its silent language is layered with authentic customs and courtesies from Buenos Aires that add depth and surprises to this dramatic art form. Known for its smoldering mood, tango’s precise footwork and deep, emotional bonds have captured the world’s imagination and given rise to a subculture. Argentine tango is danced in every major city around the world. Enthusiasts from the

Bay Area to Montreal, Zurich, Seattle, Amsterdam and Tokyo, to name a few, emulate not only the dance, but also the customs, dress, code of behavior and language of Buenos Aires's tango culture.

### **The Cast of "All About Tango"**

A diverse group of "tangueros" (tango enthusiasts) will transform San Rafael's Bay West Ballroom into an Argentine-style milonga on April 30. The cast includes 6 men and 16 women ranging in age from 26 to 73 who reside in Marin, Sonoma and the East Bay.

"In this electronic age of texting and tweeting, tango helps me maintain that human connection, that touch that we seem to be moving away from in our daily lives," says cast member Dottye Rinefort.

### **About Social Dance Cultures**

Social Dance Cultures is a non-profit 501(c3) organization, currently focused on endeavors related specifically to Argentine tango. SDC is the umbrella organization for Alma del Tango, its educational outreach program. Alma Del Tango's Debbie Goodwin and John Campbell bring dance classes, lecture demonstrations and performances to the Marin community. For more information: **[www.socialdancecultures.org](http://www.socialdancecultures.org) and [www.almadeltango.com](http://www.almadeltango.com)**

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