



# Specialized Wedding Dance Lessons

*Preparing you and your partner for your First Dance*

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding!

This is your big day. We know how important it is and how much planning goes on. Planning dance lessons is just as important as the thought and care you took when selecting your venue, dress designer and photographer. A well-planned opening dance can add that something special to your wedding day and give you and your guests a wonderful lasting impression.

## **Things to consider.**

**Start early.** We know how hectic your schedule becomes a few weeks before your wedding, so it's best to start the lessons earlier than later. A good time frame for the private lessons is to start about 7-8 weeks before your wedding day.

**Join group classes.** If time and budget allow, I would highly recommend joining one of my popular 7-week beginner 'Survival' dance courses. Lessons take place every Monday from 7-8pm at Kelvin Grove in Newlands. This is a great way to get introduced to a variety of social dances, which you are likely to use at weddings and parties for years to come. These classes may spark an idea for a song or dance style that you both really enjoy and may want to use as your opening dance. It's also a nice stress release for you as a couple away from hectic work and wedding planning schedules. Other benefits include keeping fit, having fun and becoming more comfortable dancing in public. Contact me to find out more about our group classes.

**Private lessons.** As you get closer to your big day, I recommend you schedule a few private lessons with us to work on your First dance. A good number of lessons to aim for is 5, any more than that is a bonus. If time is really a pressure, we also have a 3 lesson package. Private wedding dance lessons are available from Monday – Friday at our Rondebosch venue, St Paul's Church Hall.

**Dress.** Another important consideration is the design of your dress. If you know in advance it

helps to tell us a bit about the dress, like how full the skirt is and how long the train is. Shoes. It is advisable to practice in shoes with a similar heel height to what you will be wearing on the night.

**Choosing a song.** It is important to choose a song that you both like and feel reflects your personalities and feelings for each other. It's a good idea to choose something with a steady, regular beat. There are endless possibilities, and we get new requests all the time. Another idea is to combine more than one song together. We can also arrange to have your music edited to suit your needs. The average wedding dance is 2min– 2min30s.

## *Wedding Dance Packages*

### **Standard Wedding Dance Package – R3750 per couple**

(\*lessons valid for 7 weeks from start date)

Includes 5 x 45-minute private wedding dance lessons, including choreography and help with song selection. This is the average number of lessons to prepare a short opening dance to your chosen song. Any additional lessons over and above this package can be booked and will be charged at R750 per couple per lesson.

### **Basic Wedding Dance Package – R2400 per couple**

(\*lessons valid for 4 weeks from start date) Includes 3 x 45-minute private wedding dance lessons, including a few basic steps with easy variations to your chosen song and help with a simple entry and exit.

**Song editing:** R400

Private lessons take place at St Paul's Church Hall, Church Street, Rondebosch.

To book please contact John Hamman on:

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(\*please indicate your day / time slot preference and song choice if you have one)

Good luck with the rest of your wedding plans!

John