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The Scene



Peninsula residents will have the opportunity to learn the authentic Argentine tango – which differs from ballroom tango – now that Portal a Tango Dance Entertainment has started offering classes at Ocean Park Hall. A series of dance sessions began this week. For more, visit www.portalatango.com

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Argentine tango

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It first appeared in the dance halls and brothels of Buenos Aires around 1880 – and it wasn't even considered socially acceptable in Argentina until after it became a craze in Europe just before the First World War.

But authentic Argentine tango – a distinctly different dance from the ballroom tango – has lost none of its passionate mystery and beauty. It's also hotter than ever – thanks to exposure on such top-rated television shows as *Dancing With The Stars*.

Now Portal a Tango Dance Entertainment offers White Rock residents the chance to learn to dance Argentine tango with a series of beginner and intermediate lessons starting Jan. 25 at Ocean Park Hall, 1577 128 St.

Owned and operated by husband and wife team Bobbi and Patricia Lusic, Portal a Tango "works to promote Argentine tango as a healthy means for individual expression, improving quality of life and experiencing joy through music and dance."

For more information, call 778-773-9904 or visit www.portalatango.com