

# 12th Annual City Lights Ball

March 8-9  
San Jose Civic Auditorium

Fans of Dancing With the Stars Can See Top Drawer Ballroom Dance Competition in San Jose

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**WHO:** National finalists from California, Victor Fung and Anna Mikhed who have appeared on Dancing with the Stars, will perform along with nationwide ballroom dancers participating in Juniors, Pro/Am, Professional and Amateur dance categories. San Jose dancer Anna Trebunskaya who appeared on Dancing with the Stars will also perform with Pavlo Barsuk.

The City Lights Ball is organized and presented by two-time World and European Champion dancer Glenn Weiss and Barbara Gore, both of Menlo Park. Weiss, who provided ballroom choreography for the Fox show "So You Think You Can Dance", is also an International dance judge and has trained many champion competitors from the Bay Area and around the world. Gore, who spent 22 years in business development in the software and Internet services arenas dances as an amateur in the Pro/Am division with former Amateur US Standard Champion, Andrea Faraci, from San Jose.

**WHAT:** Ballroom dancing is one of the fastest growing spectator sports and entertainment events. Guests will see live competition in Latin, Rhythm, Smooth and International Standard dance styles. In addition to watching world class performances in competition and shows, attendees can participate in general dancing, compete in a "Jack and Jill" dance competition and receive information on key elements of ballroom dancing.

**WHEN:** Saturday and Sunday March 8 and 9 with two shows daily: 8 am to 4 p.m. and evening shows starting at 6:30 p.m ending around 11 p.m.

**WHERE:** San Jose Civic Auditorium, San Jose, 135 West San Carlos Street, San Jose, CA 95113

**DETAILS:** The two evenings will be completely different. The competition on Saturday evening will host Amateur Standard, Professional Smooth and Professional Latin. A local couple from San Francisco, US Finalists in Latin Dance Vaidotas Skimelis and Jurga Pupelyte, will compete. Dancing with the Stars Anna Trebunskaya from San Jose will be competing with Pavlo Barsuk, her local, professional Latin Partner. Saturday evening's show includes former World Professional Showdance Champion Max Kozhevnikov and his new partner, former World Latin Finalist Beata. On Sunday evening, the competition will include US finalists Anna Mikhed and Victor Fung, from Los Angeles, who performed on

Dancing with the Stars. In addition, a local San Jose couple, former US International Amateur Standard Champions Erica Ridgeway and Andrea Faraci, will debut in their new, professional status. Sunday evening, there will also be a professional show dance, where professional dancers of all categories have the chance to compete with their creative routines.

Daytime competitions will cover juniors, professionals dancing with amateurs, formation teams and solo performances in various dances levels and categories. A more specific schedule is available on the website [www.citylightsball.com](http://www.citylightsball.com)

Ticket prices range from \$30 for daytime show general admission to \$45 for table seats for the evening performances. Purchase from the web site [www.citylightsball.com](http://www.citylightsball.com) or by calling the ticket office 650-223-4950. Tickets will also be sold at the door day and night.

**PHOTO AND VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES:** Glenn Weiss and Barbara Gore, as well as other local dancers, are available for pre-event on-camera dance appearances. Event filming for evening is welcome. Free press entry. Photos, B-roll available.

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