

Amateur Dance Contest on September 10

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at 10:00 to 10:30 pm. There will be six dance categories: Cha-cha, Rumba, Tango, Waltz, Swing, and Samba. We have invited well known and prestigious judges to grace our event.

Winners will receive cash prizes, trophies, and dance scholarships. This is an "Amateur-Beginner" dance contest.

Participants who have

NOT competed in the international level are eligible to join the contest. However, participants can choose their own professional dance partners.

Participants should be able to dance to the judges choice or to our selected choice of music.

Each participant are allowed to compete up to 3 different dance categories. There will be one winner for

each dance categories and there will be one overall winner.

Tickets are now available for \$35.00 each. This fund raising event will benefit the Ayala Foundation for their G.I.L.A.S. project and other projects of the SFVFACC. For further information and to participate on this event, please call Mary Ann at (818) 984-9675 or by email to momega@mednet.ucla.edu

World Champ Ruby Karen Joins Judges

The Philippines has a new face in the world of dance.

Ruby Karen is the present World Title Holder for salsa, ballet and acro-gymnastics.

Not just that, Ruby is also the recipient of Marilou Popera Memorial Foundation Award given at the "Celebrity Chronicle's Celebration '05."

Currently, she also teaches professional dancers. "I feel happy when people go to me and say 'they want to be like me.'"

Ruby revealed that it all started when people started asking if she offered lessons. That was when she started to teach informal classes.

She met her first salsa partner, Alex de Silva, through teaching. "What happened was he saw me doing acro-gymnastics and was very impressed with the tricks that I performed," she said. And the rest, as they all say, was history.

From that faithful day, she and her equally world renowned salsaero partner, went on to win the 2005 Mayan World Championship. Now they have traveled the globe to perform for various salsa



congresses.

Being a passionate teacher, she also loves to see new talent.

In fact, Ruby has been invited to judge an amateur ballroom contest organized by the SFVFACC to be held on September 10 at the Glendale Civic Auditorium.

Cheryl Burke in 'Dancing w



Fil-Am Cheryl Burke will be back for the new season of ABC's surprise-hit show, "Dancing with the Stars," which begins on Sept. 12.

Drew Lachey and Cheryl were last season's champions. Cheryl's choreography of her competition numbers with the former 98 Degrees performer and younger brother of Nick Lachey was a big factor in the duo's triumph.

In fact, the Fil-Am professional dancer attended the recent 2006 Emmy Awards because she was nominated twice in the choreography category for the numbers she created and danced with Drew, "Save a Horse, Ride a

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Rosie Campos is currently recognized as a competing professional and pro-am teacher by The National