

# Anya Kwan

~ A Professional Ballroom and Latin Dance Coach ~

~ Cleveland, Ohio ~

## Professional Summary:

An accomplished and dedicated Ballroom and Latin dance coach and choreographer with over 20 years of experience in coaching, teaching, and competing in major championships. Originally from Moscow, Russia, Anya fell in love with DanceSport at the young age of 7 and has been pursuing her passion ever since. She has trained and competed in International and American styles and has achieved great success in both.

### Education and Training:

- Extensive training in Ballroom and Latin dance styles from renowned coaches and trainers in Russia, Europe, and the US
- Participated in numerous DanceSport competitions across the nation, placing in several major championships
- Certified as a professional Ballroom and Latin dance coach by the National Dance Council of America

## Professional Experience:

### Competitive Ballroom and Latin Dance Coach (2002 - current)

- Co-founded a ballroom dance studio with her husband Gordon Kwan and established it as one of the most popular dance studios in the region
- Trained and coached a large number of students, including amateurs and professionals, in various Ballroom and Latin dance styles
- Participated in Pro-Am competitions with her students and achieved great success

## Current and Past Projects and Collaborations

Anya Kwan has collaborated with several major events and festivals, sharing her talent and passion for dance with a wider audience. Some of her notable collaborations include:

- Tri-C Jazz Festival: Anya has been a regular choreographer and coach at the Tri-C Jazz Festival, one of the largest music festivals in Ohio. Her youth ballroom dance team has performed alongside renowned musicians annually.
- Renee Jones Empowerment Center Annual Gala: Anya has been a featured coach at the Renee Jones Empowerment Center Annual Gala, an event aimed at raising awareness and funds for victims of human trafficking.
- Dancing with the Stars Cleveland: Anya and Gordon have been featured professionals in a popular ballroom dance event for several years in a row.
- Down Syndrome Foundation: Anya Kwan collaborated with the Down Syndrome Foundation to provide inclusive ballroom dance training for individuals with

Down syndrome, promoting the physical and cognitive benefits of dance. Her work is recognized for empowering students to pursue their passions and achieve their goals, promoting inclusivity and accessibility in the dance community.

- Anya is a featured choreographer for a Burlesque show in Cleveland House of Blues

*Anya's collaborations with these and other events and festivals demonstrate her versatility as a dancer and her commitment to promoting dance as a form of artistic expression and cultural exchange.*

#### Anya Kwan's Competitive Youth Program:

Anya Kwan's competitive youth program is highly regarded in Northeast Ohio as one of the very few programs that offer high-level training for young Ballroom and Latin dancers. Under Anya's expert coaching, many young athletes have achieved significant success in regional and national competitions.

Anya's competitive youth program is dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing environment where young dancers can develop their skills, build confidence, and achieve their goals. Her coaching approach is tailored to each student's individual needs and goals and emphasizes technique, musicality, and performance quality.

Many of Anya's competitive youth program students have traveled nationally to participate in competitions and have achieved recognition for their performances at local events.

*Anya's commitment to nurturing young talent and promoting dance as a healthy and fulfilling activity has earned her a loyal following in the Northeast Ohio dance community.*

#### Personal Information:

Anya Kwan lives in Westlake, Ohio with her husband - who is also a Cleveland firefighter of 30+ years - and their three sons. Her family shares her passion for dancing and is often invited to perform at special events. Anya's boundless enthusiasm and passion for dance inspire her students to learn and love dancing and to experience the joy and health benefits that come with it.

#### References:

Available upon request.