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Argentine Tango – Dancer, Teacher, DJ, Musician, Performer

In 2001 and as a classically trained guitarist, Grisha Nisnevich encountered the passionate music of Argentine tango that has since become an integral part of his repertoire - not only as a musician, but also as a tango dancer, teacher, and DJ. Tango first captured Grisha's imagination as an incredibly complex genre of music that is intensely polyphonic in its formation (contains simultaneous, independent melodies.) It became a creative exploration of endless possibilities and intricate interpretations of music through movement. He has studied with Argentine master teachers including Pablo Pugliese and Julio Balmaceda and Corina de la Rosa.

As an accomplished Argentine tango instructor and musician, Grisha focuses on the essence of human movement and the anatomy of the human body, resulting in an intense attunement of technique and musicality. This enables his students to improve their skills to advanced levels of dance very quickly. He pays close attention to technique, rhythm, and musicality, translating melodies into movement and dance. In addition, he provides lectures and teaches classes on "Tango's Polyphonic Structure" and "The Structure of Tango Music" which describe and explain the differences among various tango orchestras.

The depth and breadth of Grisha's knowledge of tango music has made him a sought after teacher, DJ, performer and lecturer for worldwide tango festivals, events and milongas (dances). At times, he may be asked to perform several or all of these tasks at a single tango event. His travels and experiences have taken him to destinations throughout North America and Europe, Poland, Greece, Colombia, Russia, Latvia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Canada, Argentina, and the Caribbean Islands. His tango partners include international and well-known tango dancers such as Daniela Arcuri, Lorita Travaglia, and Teresa Anne Volgenau. Recent and notable competitions with his partners in Salon and/or Stage tango include: *2nd place winners* in the 2018 Mountain States Tango Challenge and the ATUSA Championship (Argentine Tango USA); *finalists* the 2017 ATUSA Championship; *finalists* in the 2016 Manila Tango Competition; and *winners* in the 2016 Mountain States Tango Championship.

Grisha as a DJ

Grisha has over 12 years of DJ experience for Tango Colorado events in Denver and for a wide variety of tango festivals, events, milongas and marathons throughout the world, as previously mentioned. Some recent DJing events include the Seattle Tango Magic Festival, the Toronto Tango Experience, the BOSthón Marathon, the Utah Mountain Tango Retreat, and the International Vail Dance Festival.

Considered romantic in style, Grisha's DJing focuses on the "Golden Age" with some delicious flavors added from 1930. Grisha combines well-established, traditional tandas with an occasional "surprise" one. He enjoys educating dancers with his playlists and frequently adds at least one live guitar tanda for dancers to enjoy while he DJs.

It is not unusual for events to ask Grisha to DJ at "Alternative" milongas because his taste and musical expertise can create an exciting and unique playlist with "real and danceable" tandas. Some examples might be from milongas campera, European tangos, electronic tangos and milongas, music by Piazzolla and tango orchestras rarely played during traditional milongas.