**UK ARGENTINE TANGO PRESS RELEASE**

Covid 19 and the re-opening of Dance Studios – an update for the UK Argentine Tango Community.

Behind the scenes, we have set up a group of UK Tango Schools, teachers and organisers to share thoughts and to try and understand how we can start to re-open our tango activities in the UK - with your absolute safety in mind, and of course within government guidelines. We’d like to share our thoughts with you.

**Group Classes**

Social distancing remains a prerequisite for classes. Some schools may choose to slowly reopen classes in the next month, with pre-booked, fixed partner couples or solo technique classes as long as social distancing requirements can be met along with all other required Covid safe measures. Open group classes where couples rotate are not possible for now.

**Milongas**

We believe that until the need for social distancing is removed, it is not possible re-start milongas and keep them Covid 19 safe. We will, of course, keep the situation under review.

Private lessons may be offered by some schools with appropriate social distancing and hygiene measures.

For many of us, online classes will continue for some time to come. The tango community is being badly hit by the Covid crisis. In this context, we really count on our community to continue to support teachers where possibly by joining some of the varied online classes on offer.

We all look forward to the time we can embrace safely on the dancefloor.

**Dante Culcuy**

On behalf of UK Tango Professionals and Organisers