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## **Louisiana DanceSport to host 2008 Gumbo of Ballroom Weekend**

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Event to feature South Central Regional Championships of USA Dance and the Louisiana Challenge Pro-Am Competition

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BATON ROUGE (June 3, 2008) – The 2008 Gumbo of Ballroom Weekend will once again take place June 6-8, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Select in Baton Rouge, LA. The Gumbo of Ballroom event is organized by Louisiana DanceSport and hosted by the Louisiana Gumbo Chapter 5031 of USA Dance with the support of Saturday Night Ballroom. The 2007 edition of this prestigious event drew 285 dancers from 22 states and continues to be one of the premier dance competitions in the South.

Louisiana DanceSport was established in order to promote ballroom dancing and to provide opportunities for amateur competitors to participate in both amateur and pro-am competitions at a reasonable cost. In partnership with the Louisiana Gumbo Chapter 5031 of USA Dance and Saturday Night Ballroom, the board of directors of Louisiana DanceSport is dedicated to the expansion of ballroom as a sport, as a hobby and as a means of socializing with friends. The intention of Louisiana DanceSport is to serve the state of Louisiana from Shreveport to Lake Charles, Monroe to Slidell, and all points in between in order to bring together dancers who share a passion for ballroom dancing and to foster the education of young people in an

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activity that will last throughout their lives. *The vision and hope of Louisiana DanceSport is to eventually see ballroom practiced as a sport within our local schools.*

Additional information about the 2008 Gumbo of Ballroom weekend can be found at [www.gumboofballroom.org](http://www.gumboofballroom.org). For more information about the Louisiana Gumbo Chapter 5031 and their organization please visit [www.usadancegumbo.org](http://www.usadancegumbo.org). Saturday Night Ballroom can be found at [www.saturdaynightballroom.org](http://www.saturdaynightballroom.org).

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