



# Temple Squares

**A square dance club** for gays and lesbians and their friends

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## Square Dancing in the Gay Community

*Although square dancing has been a classic part of American folk culture for many years, it wasn't until the late 1970s that organized gay and lesbian square dance clubs appeared in gay communities across the United States. These early beginnings have given rise to a network of over 65 clubs worldwide who are members of the IAGSDC (International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs).*

*"Gay square dancing has*

*given me years of exercise, pleasure, joy and opportunities to develop many lasting and cherished friendships. It is one of the most wholesome, inclusive, supportive activities available within our community."*

*Newcomers are always welcome, with clubs offering beginner lessons on a regular basis. Once you have learned the basics, you can literally square dance all over the world, at both gay and straight square dance clubs. The commands are the same, regardless of the national-*

*ity or orientation of the club. Club events feature callers from around the world, both gay and straight. If you like to travel, you'll love "Fly-in" weekends. These are square dance weekends hosted year round by member clubs. You'll have a weekend of fun, food, sightseeing, and, of course, dancing. To top it all off, the IAGSDC's annual convention is held each year in a different city and typically draws over 1,000 dancers for a long weekend of forgetting all else except hav-*

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**Temple Squares Members 2012**



### Club Contact Information

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### Photo Credits

Ross Crawshaw-Lopton

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

Greg K. Paiz—June 8



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ing a good time.

While it is true that gay square dancing has its origins in traditional square dancing, there are some basic differences between dancing in the gay community and the straight community. Gay square dance clubs tend to be more high energy, there is usually a very relaxed dress code, and you most definitely do not need to come as a couple. Dancers can learn either the lead or

follow position, whichever is most comfortable, or it is not uncommon to learn both parts, so the dancer can step into any square and dance. Although it is not necessary to come as a couple, couples are certainly welcome. IAGSDC square dance clubs are open to all square dancers regardless of age, race, gender, religion, ethnic background, or sexual orientation.

Check out your local club at [www.temple-squares.org](http://www.temple-squares.org).

## Utah's only Square Dance Club for the GLBT Community and their friends

- *Square Dance ABC for beginners—the 4th Saturday each month, 7:00 to 9:00pm.*
- *No Experience a Plus! Come Check us Out!*
- *Open to EVERYONE. Singles Welcome.*
- *Eclectic Mix of Popular Music in addition to traditional Country / Western.*
- *Casual Attire. Low impact Exercise!*
- *Weekly Classes beginning in the Fall*

Columbus Community Center

2531 South 500 East, South Salt Lake UT 84106





## Dancing with Temple Squares

Temple Squares is a Modern Western Square Dance club, founded in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2008. At our events, we dance to live callers who follow the Mainstream and Plus programs, as outlined by Callerlab. As a diverse, inclusive club, one of our primary purposes is to provide a comfortable and welcoming environment for GLBT dancers. However, we do not discriminate—everyone is welcome!

The club offers members and guests a smoke-free, alcohol-free dance space, as well as the opportunity to dance outside of gender-defined roles. If your club doesn't practice all-position dancing, and you're a male who wants to dance the right side or a female who wants to dance on the left, you are welcome at Temple Squares!

"GLBT square dancing is chock full of high energy," said Ross Lopton, a Caller for Temple Squares. This is not your grandma's square dancing! If memories of square dancing take you back to grade school, you really need to come see how different it is now. We host monthly intro nights, known as Square Dance ABC, for

those interested in learning to dance.

As a member club of the *International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs* (IAGSDC) and our local association, the *Associated Square Dance Clubs of Utah*, we seek to support the GLBT community and create sharing relationships with all square dance clubs.

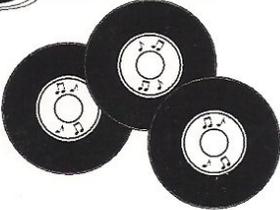
Square dancing is a highly social activity, one of the few where gay men, lesbians, straight people, and all the other groups that are a part of the GLBT community join hands (literally) to dance. The first night of lessons is often the first time many dancers meet people who are about to become lifelong friends.

What do you need to come and dance with us? Comfortable shoes and a good attitude! You don't need a partner and the dress is casual and comfortable.

Check our website, for more information and calendar of events.

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## Ride Em' Cowboy

Join us at our *PRIDE* booth on

*Saturday, June 2*

or

*Sunday June 3*

and have your

*personalized rodeo*

*picture taken,*

*courtesy of*

*Temple Squares.*





# Calendar of Events

## JUNE

2 Saturday

**PRIDE Booth 3:00—8:00pm**  
where: Washington Square  
Salt Lake City, UT

3 Sunday

**PRIDE Parade 8:30—12:00pm**  
where: Start at 400 E 300 S  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Caller(s): Ross Crawshaw-Lopton

3 Sunday

**PRIDE Booth 11:00-7:00pm**  
where: Washington Square  
Salt Lake City, UT

3 Sunday

**Tri Valley Meeting 5:00-7:00pm**  
where: American Heritage Mobile Home Park  
3040 Homecrest Street  
West Valley City

5 Tuesday

**Mainstream & Plus 7:00-9:00pm**  
where: Columbus Community Center  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Caller(s): Ross Crawshaw-Lopton  
& Lynn Sawyer  
club: Temple Squares

12 Tuesday

**Mainstream & Plus 7:00-9:00pm**  
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## JUNE 29 thru JULY 2



## JULY

1 Sunday

**Tri Valley Meeting 5:00-7:00pm**  
where: American Heritage Mobile Home Park  
3040 Homecrest Street  
West Valley City

10 Tuesday

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**TEMPLE SQUARE WILL BE DARK**

**ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

July 3, 2012 (*Independence Day*)

July 24, 2012 (*Pioneer Day*)