

Zhenya and Rebekah's Dance Biography

Zhenya Klyukin began ballroom dancing at the age of six in Russia. He studied both the International Latin and Standard dance forms. He loved competing as much as he could, which was just about every weekend. With hard work, a dramatic presence on the floor, and great musicality (which he gained from attending music school for seven years) he began winning competitions and quickly became the Regional Champion in Standard and Latin. On his summer break from college Zhenya traveled to America for the summer and met Rebekah Ives. She was a new dancer eager to learn everything she could. After seeing his amazing technique, she knew that she needed to receive additional training. After Zhenya returned to Russia she began traveling every other weekend to receive training from the two-time U.S. National 10-dance U.S. champions and four time North American 10-dance champions. Zhenya returned to America to continue his education and they were able to dance together again. After dancing for many years at "A Time to Dance," Rebekah took over ownership of the studio and together Zhenya and Rebekah strive to encourage others to start or carry on with their dance journey.

