



West Coast Swing Dance Club



Ruth "Ruthie" Gilbert

BIO:

I Love to DJ. Initially, my musical swing dance roots started at South Side Imperial Dance Club where I became their Audio Director and introduced some of the newer music to mix in with the traditional standards in Imperial swing dancing. That is where I was able to implement a rotating DJ schedule utilizing new "DJ Teams". This is where Cory Johnson and I teamed up and brought our own style to the Imperial World. Some of our DJ's who teamed up were Lauren McMillan and Colleen Freeman, Ross Behrens and Mike Cook, John Openlander and John Eichelberger and Laura Plummer and Gayle Larson.

There was a core group of people teaching West Coast Swing; Dawn DeGrushe, Maria Blackwell and Mike Bicklein, and they were working to add this different style of swing to the St. Louis Dance Community where Imperial Swing has been firmly entrenched for several decades. Once Sports Cafe had an official "West Coast Night" it was only a matter of time before West Coast Swing dancing showed to be a strong fresh influence in the St. Louis Swing Dance Community, bringing in younger generations of dancers along with those who have already been dancing Imperial Swing.

West Coast Swing was being taught on a regular basis at Sports Café by Dawn & Mike as well as at JP's Corner by Matt Auclair. Cory and I were in the "West Coast Swing DJ" rotation on Thursday nights at Sports Cafe. When interest continued to grow and the St. Louis Rebels were formed in 2006, I became the Audio Director and still hold that position. I schedule a staff of awesome WCS DJ's for our weekly Rebels dances.

Jeanne DeGeyter hired me as an event DJ which led to the start of my Professional DJ alter ego "Ruthie". From there, I am honored to have been hired DJ staff at quite a few competition events every year. Some of the events at which I have been hired to DJ are; America's Classic in Houston, Tulsa Fall Fling, Tulsa Spring Swing, Grand Prix Of Swing, Wisconsin Dance Challenge, Swing Dance America, Swing City Chicago, Spotlight Dance NYE, Nashville Dance Challenge, Swingapalooza, Jason and Sophy's Swingin' Dance Party and of course Meet Me in St. Louis. I Love to DJ!

Ruthie ;)

Stl Rebels DJ Ruth "Ruthie" Gilbert Top 10 List & Favorites – November 2011	
<u>Top 10 List</u>	<u>Favorite Blues Swing Song</u>
Stay Up by Issa	Cause I Love You by Mike Morgan
So In Love (ft Anthony Hamilton) by Jill Scott	<u>Favorite Funky/HipHop Swing Song</u>
Sleep All Day (live) by Jason Mraz	Beautiful by Britney
Stop And Stare by One Republic	<u>Favorite Oldies Swing Song (pre-2000)</u>
Set Fire To The Rain by Adele	Let's Get It On by Marvin Gaye
What You Do To Me by Charlie Wilson	<u>Favorite New Release Swing Song</u>
In The Dark by Dev	Set Fire To The Rain by Adele
(Drop Dead) Beautiful by Britney Spears	<u>Favorite All-Time Swing Song</u>
Coming Up by Lupe Fiasco Ft MDMA	All Rise by Blue
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