



Astro Notes

Official newsletter of *Houston, We Have a Promenade*

IAGSDC Convention 38 • Houston, Texas • July 2-4, 2021

*** OFFICIAL BRIEFING UPDATE ***

Changed Items: Registration, First Timer Discount, Hotel and Airport Information, Museums.

*** END BRIEFING UPDATE ***

From the Chair

I had a great time at the “Home Edition” virtual *Take A Peak!* 2020 Convention. Thank you, Denver! (Oh, that lovely blue suitcase...)

We’re well aware of the continuing concerns about whether it will be possible to dance in Houston next July. Honestly, we don’t know yet. Like everyone else, we’re waiting to see if there will be a vaccine for COVID-19 soon. We’re also monitoring the situation in Houston on a daily basis.

Bluntly, if it’s not safe to dance together in Houston, we will cancel the convention before placing our community at risk.

We’re hoping, of course, that it will be safe to dance together again by next July...but we’re building contingency plans just in case. Unfortunately, a lot of this is going to need to be finalized based on data we don’t have yet.

Meanwhile, we’re continuing to plan for the on-site, in-person convention, and working on a few surprises. Our own Little Miss Sunshine, Allan Hurst, will keep everyone updated on our progress. (As if I could shut him up - there’s a reason his “Heads” name translates as “Bubbles”.)



Registration

With over a year to go, we’re at 283 paid registrations as of 7/15/2020.

Book your convention registration online at <https://www.iagsdc.org>, under **Events / List Events**. You’ll need an IAGSDC website account to register.

See our website at www.houprom.com for detailed registration instructions!

Fun Badge Tour

We still have about 80 spaces open for the Fun Badge Tour at US\$50.00 each! Register on the IAGSDC website, at <https://www.iagsdc.org>, under **Events / List Events!**

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First Timer Discount!

Remember, we're honoring first-timer discounts approved by Take A Peak 2020!

Our registration folks should have already reached to y'all who qualified for Denver to confirm the discount and discuss payment details! *If Houston will be your first time attending an IAGSDC convention, you are entitled to a lower rate, which is subsidized by [All Join Hands](#).* (Thank you, AJH!)



The First Time Attendee rate is US\$175.00.

Details can be found at <https://houprom.com/registration/>

Rates

Dancer: US\$200.00 (through 12/31/2020), or US\$225.00 (from 1/1/2021 onwards)

New Dancer or First Convention: US\$175.00 (through 6/25/2021)

Non-Dancer: US\$100.00

Mission Apparel

Well...we *thought* we had a vendor for merchandise, but COVID-19 delays have made it necessary to seek out other arrangements. *We know you want polo shirts, t-shirts, and hats, and we're doing our best to get 'em for you!*

Volunteer!

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Allan Hurst, at volunteers@houprom.com to ask how you can assist Mission Control with our fabulous event!

Hotel Block is Open

Our hotel block at the Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown is open! Our group code is "G-IAGC", and the hotel's phone number is 1-713-654-1234. If you prefer to book online, use this link:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/HOURH/G-IAGC>

Note: *GCA Caller School attendees have a separate room block.* Please contact Darren Gallina from the GCA directly at darrengallina@gmail.com to obtain that link..

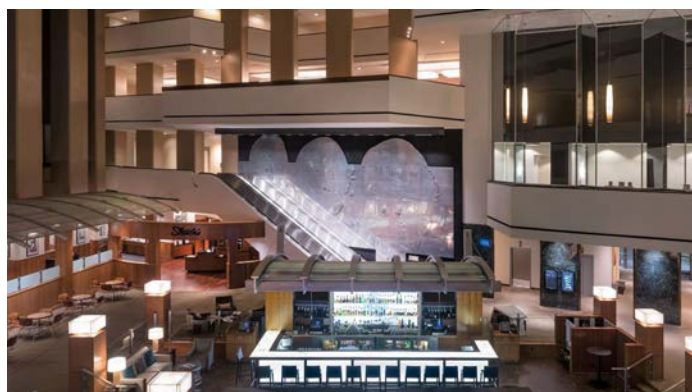
Standard Rate: \$129/night (for up to four guests sharing). This rate is available from 6/29/2021 through 7/8/2021.

This includes **free wi-fi in guest rooms**.

Hyatt Regency Houston offers valet and self-parking for all guests.

Valet Parking: 0-10 hours = \$25 + tax, 10-20 hours = \$40 + tax, Overnight = \$40/Night + Tax

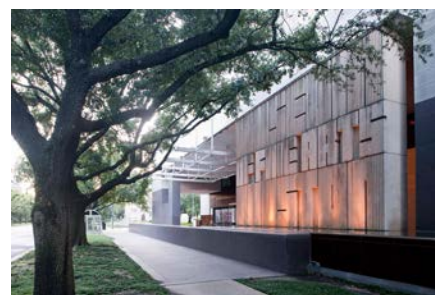
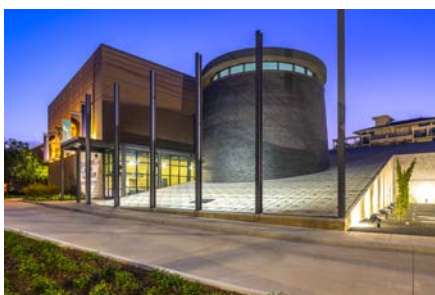
Self-Parking: The parking garage is connected to the hotel and doesn't offer in/out privileges. \$20/daily.



Museums!

The Houston Museum District (<http://houmuse.org/>) features 19 museums in 4 walkable zones, with something for everyone:

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| Asia Society Texas Center | Houston Center for Contemporary Craft | Moody Center for the Arts |
| Buffalo Soldiers National Museum | Houston Center for Photography | Rothko Chapel – Temporarily Closed |
| Children’s Museum Houston | Houston Museum of Natural Science | The Health Museum |
| Contemporary Arts Museum Houston | Houston Zoo | The Jung Center |
| Czech Center Museum Houston | Lawndale Art Center | The Menil Collection |
| DiverseWorks | Houston Museum of African American Culture | The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston |
| Holocaust Museum Houston | | |



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Mission Name: Houston, We Have a Promenade

Mission Dates: 2 July 2021 – 4 July 2021

Spacecraft: Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown

Launching Pad: 1200 Louisiana Street, Houston, TX 77002

Scope of Mission: Trail-In Dance, three days of top-flight square dancing from Mainstream through C4, Honky Tonk Queen Contest, Banquet, Brunch, Specialty Tips, Fun Badge Tour, Pre- and Post-Convention Tours.

Mission Commander: Rick (“Dicktator”) Hawes

Registration & Finance: Gordon (“Clochette Maternel”) Macaw

Sound & Callers: Seth (“La Petite Bete”) Levine

Hotel & Travel: John (“La Reine du Voyage”) Faulds

Communications & Volunteers: Allan (“Écume”) Hurst

*** END BRIEFING REVIEW ***