



## Lets SAMBA from the Beginning!!!

Dancing has always played an important part of my life, simply because this was inspired by my Mother who loves to dance and is a great dancer – you cannot be child of Winsome and have two left feet! It's just unheard of! In my family dancing represents a meeting of minds and bonding in a loving way - totally ingrained in Lisa and I. When we get together we love to belt out all genres and DANCE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

So why Samba and Sergio Mendez – well he has taken the song MAS QUE NADA, which is like a Brazilian National Anthem from 1963 and remixed it and continues to sing it for over five decades, later with different stanzas, lilt, remixes and not to mention a parade of talented artists (Black Eye Peas being one of my favourites), but the passion and love for this song continues to remain dear and sacred to him. As it represents a time of change yet a beauty that should always be preserved.

How many of us have such a love and passion for something so sacred, that for decades they assiduously work hard to pass on the torch and preserve the beauty of “The Art” with the hope that it will outlive them and be passed on from one generation to the next.

Sergio inspires me because throughout the years he has made magic with several artists and stretches himself beyond his own boundaries and his album TIMELESS represents the epitome of his talent as the MAESTRO - His fusion of reggae music and dancehall in this album is truly genius! He truly continues to Samba!!!!

To be relevant in this world today one always has to be a student for life and learn to be open minded to new ideologies and philosophies. Exposure only sharpens and broadens our skills and a true student of life knows how to listen and measure against their own value systems and ethos. What is not in fitting with our value system we can SAMBA!!! **STAY AND MAKE SOMETHING BEAUTIFULLY AMAZING.**

Whatever our station in life is, how do you want to be remembered? What is your SAMBA? Where is your vision? What is your epitaph? How will you pass on the torch and will you MAKE SOMETHING BEAUTIFULLY AMAZING.

Like Sergio let's always be reminded of what is the best in us and fight assiduously to preserve it, instead of the coarseness and degradation that consistently impales our society.

Long Live the MAESTRO who continues to teach me that with each twist and curveball life throws you continue to SAMBA! And thanks to my Mother who always taught Lisa and I, the beauty that life has to offer coupled with the genes and the agility to **SAMBA!**