



Tango king Gianluca to launch Marriage Week



Italian opera star Gianluca Paganelli believes that Tango is the answer in bringing people closer together and could be the glue needed for a happy marriage. The dance is arguably one of the most passionate of dances. Key to it is the physical intimacy which one has to adopt to make the dance powerful, dramatic and engaging. It builds trust, respect and heightens emotion. Gianluca has been researching the dance in preparation for his album 'Tango', which set for release on May 16th.

Terry Prendergast, Chief Executive of Marriage Care, a national marriage support charity and one of the sponsors of Marriage Week, says:

“Most relationships are a “dance” of one kind or another and problems occur when the *dancers* become separated. Intimacy in long-term relationships is vital and maintaining this through action is part of that process. Having come across Gianluca we thought his idea of using the Tango to restore connections was an excellent one and we will be incorporating this into our suggestions for couples to try”

The launch of Marriage Week takes place at the Houses of Parliament on 8th February. Marriage Week will be incorporating Gianluca's passionate ideas and use it with their own message of “Eat Talk Play”. Gianluca will address the audience and do a short talk on the power of the Tango Dance.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Marriage Care – is a national charity, working in the relationship support field for over 60 years, in partnership with central Government and other peer organisations. What is unique about Marriage Care is that its services are provided by a large group of unpaid professionals, delivering relationship education and preparation for adults, and relationship counselling.

[Marriage Week UK](#) (formerly National Marriage Week) celebrates the diversity and vibrancy of marriage as the basis for family life in the UK. It is timed to include Valentine's Day (7th –14th Feb 2011) and has been held every year since 1997.

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