



Texas International Folk Dancers
Present the 64th Annual

TEXAS CAMP

Thanksgiving Weekend

November 24-27, 2011

Greene Family Camp • Bruceville, Texas

Featuring
Dances of Romania
with
Cristian Florescu and
Sonia Dion

Cristian and Sonia will present expert classes in Romanian line and couple dances, plus a fascinating culture session and an international folk dance class for kids. With their friendly, participatory style, Cristian and Sonia win fans everywhere. Since launching his career in his native Romania in 1982, Cristian has become a prominent dance performer, teacher and choreographer. In more than 20 years as a professional dancer, Sonia has toured worldwide and developed new productions for Canada's oldest folk dance ensemble. Both contribute to dance education in Sonia's native Québec, where they make their home. For more information on these dynamic teachers, visit them at www.soniacristian.net.

CAMP BAND & CHORUS

Under the longtime guidance of the dedicated **Don Weeda**, the Texas Camp Band continues its impressive growth in skill and verve. During a 35-year career in folk music, Don has been a performer, recording artist, and workshop conductor at festivals and camps all over North America. He plays accordion with many ensembles, including *1001 Nights Orchestra*, *Annoying Instruments Orchestra*, *Ojala* and *Slavadillo*, which he directs.

The delightful **Shirley Johnson** returns to direct the Texas Camp Chorus in finest folk style. An accordionist and singer since the age of 10, Shirley learned Balkan music techniques at the East European Folklife Center, directed the women's group *Djevojke*, played with



the *Holzacker* Oktoberfest band, and sang in choral presentations at the Vatican and Carnegie Hall. Check www.vjeverica.com for upcoming appearances.

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

Our popular chef, **Laura LaGue**, is joining us again, to work her tasty magic for hungry dancers. Currently on staff at Sweetish Hill Bakery in Austin, Laura trained at the Culinary Institute of America in New York. She will serve a traditional Thanksgiving feast, delectable ethnic meals, nutritious snacks and tempting desserts and cookies. There will also be cookies. Did we mention the cookies?

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

MUSICAL GUESTS

For at least a decade, **Slavadillo Quartet** has specialized in “mostly Balkan” vocal and instrumental music, with a focus on Bulgaria and Macedonia. A favorite feature of our evening parties, Slavadillo also appears regularly on campus at the University of Texas at Austin, where the ensemble has deep roots.

The **Homegrown Contra Band** is composed of longtime Texas Campers who came together to give some local flavor to our contra dance sessions, then went on to play for other contra and IFD events. They love making music for friends and, when possible, adding an international twist to traditional contra tunes.

The Houston-based duo known as **Steve & Donna** is tuning up again to play Cajun and Zydeco tunes for our dancing pleasure. Mr. and Mrs. Bing will get you goin’, cher, an’ dat’s a fact!

HOW BAZAAR!

Every year, **Balkan Bazaar** brings us a mountain of folk-friendly treasures. Music, dance clothing, folk costumes, textiles, jewelry, footwear – somehow, it all unfolds from Suze and Richie’s Tardis-like van. For a preview, see their new website, www.balkanbazaar.com.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS & SINGERS

We invite all musicians attending camp to join the **Camp Band** for daily performances and rehearsals. This year, the band will concentrate on IFD standards and favorites. If you plan to play, please mark your registration form accordingly. We’ll provide you with sheet music for this year’s tunes. Please make plans now to attend the pre-camp rehearsal in Austin on Saturday, October 29.

We invite all voices attending camp to join the **Camp Chorus** for daily singing classes. No experience? No problem! All you need is enthusiasm to have a lot of fun with folk song. Participants will learn several tunes to perform in a short program before dinner on Saturday.

THAT WONDERFUL FLOOR!

We install a custom-built wooden dance floor for increased safety and comfort. We need help setting it up before camp and storing it away after camp ends. Please volunteer! See back page for contact information.

NEW! REWIND SESSIONS

Expert local teachers will reprise some Texas Camp favorites, refreshing them for longtime fans and introducing them to new ones. On the menu in this inaugural run are Kopačka and Bourrée Pastourelle.

AFTERNOON DELIGHTS

Howdy Dances – Live music for folk dances, a contra or two; dance through your greetings to friends old and new.

NEW! Alternative Hour – Alternative versions of familiar tunes, familiar dances to alternative tunes. Come teach your old dogs new tricks!

Extended **Bruceville Roadhouse** – 50% more honky-tonk! Club and couple dancing from everywhere: Texas Two-step, Cajun waltz, Macarena, swing, hambo, mambo and more. Also peanuts and beer. Woot!

EVENING PARTIES

Thursday – The Wild West: Yeehaw! Buff up your spurs, fluff up your petticoats and high-tail it to the saloon for a hoedown.

Friday – Romanian Holiday Get a belt hold on your neighbor, it’s party time in Romania!

Saturday – It’s a Small World: An International Bash As many different folk costumes as possible, people. Lederhosen, kimono, gaucho pants, flamenco skirt. That loincloth from Borneo? Now’s the time.

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

We provide supervised activities for kids ages three and up, so parents can enjoy dance sessions and parties. Sports, games, crafts, s’mores by the camp fire, a piñata, movies and more. Parents of children under three, we will help you contact each other before camp so you can compare needs, consider options and pool resources.

DANCE REVIEW DVDS

TIFD produces DVDs of the teachers dancing the dances taught at camp, for review purposes only. Duplication and resale are prohibited. You must attend camp to be eligible to purchase a DVD. Pre-order with registration for the best deal; orders during camp are priced higher. All DVDs will be mailed after camp.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

GETTING THERE – For directions to Greene Family Camp, visit www.greene.urjcamps.org. If you fly into Austin, Houston or Dallas/Fort Worth no later than Thursday noon, we might be able to arrange a ride for you; please e-mail us at campchairs11@tifd.org. The Waco Eagle/Streak Shuttle has van service between DFW airport and Waco hotels; make reservations through Waco Eagle/Streak Shuttle.

OPENING DAY HIGHLIGHTS – THURSDAY

- 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Registration & TIFD sales
- 1:00 pm Howdy Dances
- 2:00 pm Opening Ceremony
- 2:30 pm Romanian Dance Class
- 4:15 Singing Class
- 5:15 Band rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner***

*****Please note: we do not provide any meals to campers prior to Thursday dinner.**

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 1 Deadline for all scholarship applications
- October 15 Deadline for “family priority” private housing requests
- November 1 Deadline for regular registration (\$25 late fee after this date)
- November 10 Absolute last day to register!
- November 24-27 TEXAS CAMP!

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Volunteer to help with floors. John Alexander, 512-453-4463; neanderthal@mail.utexas.edu
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