

Texas International Folk Dancers Present the 69th Annual

Texas Camp

November 24 -27, 2016 (Thanksgiving Weekend) Greene Family Camp · Bruceville, Texas

Turkish Dancing

Ahmet Lüleci is an accomplished choreographer, dance teacher and performer as well as an award-winning researcher of Anatolian culture. In 2002 Ahmet was presented with the Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts & Humanities by the Assembly of Turkish American Associations.



Since arriving in North America in 1985, he has taught many workshops and camps throughout the United States (including at the EEFC's Balkan Camps), as well as in Canada, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Holland, England, Switzerland, Brazil, Argentina, Germany, Norway, Italy and Australia. He has set innumerable suites of dances for the stage working with dance organizations around the world.



In 2004, his choreography was awarded the gold medal at the Hong Kong Open dance competition (performed by Budlet Dance Company) and in 2005 and 2006 he won first prize at an ethnic dance competition in Germany. Here in the U.S., he has been the winner

of Crash Art's "Dance Straight Up! 2004 and 2006", "Ten's the Limit 2005" and Boston Dance Umbrella's "Boston Moves 2001" awards for choreography.

He is the founder/artistic director of Boston based group The Collage Dance Ensemble, which allows him to further his goal of making folk dance and music accessible to a wider audience. He is also the founder and co-director of a well-known Balkan dance camp called "World Camp" based in New York, USA.



Scandinavian Couple Dancing

Roo Lester teaches many different kinds of Scandinavian dance but has focused especially on what she calls the turning dances of Norway and Sweden. Whenever possible she teaches with her husband **Larry Harding**. Roo and Larry's hallmarks include clear, positive teaching that incorporates background information, styling, and technique, and the ability to present the basic concepts of Scandinavian dance to dancers in a fun and lighthearted manner.

Since 1983 Roo has traveled extensively in Scandinavia studying dance and participating in dance and music events. She has been the American coordinator for several dance and music camps in Scandinavia. Today she is recognized as one of the foremost exponents of Scandinavian dance in the US.



Currently Roo is a director of Scandia Camp Mendocino, teaches the famous 'Scandinavian Dance Basics' class at Nordic Fiddles and Feet on the East Coast and is a consultant for Scandinavian events at Folklore Village in Dodgeville, WI.

Scandinavian Fiddling

Loretta Kelley has been performing on, teaching and writing about the Hardanger fiddle (hardingfele) for more than 25 years. She has appeared on Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion and American Radio Company, and National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" and "Performance Today." She is a regular teacher at the Nordic Fiddles and Feet Scandinavian music and dance camp and at the Annual Workshops of the Hardanger Fiddle Association of America, as well as at innumerable local workshops throughout the US. She has made over 25 study trips to Norway and has placed highly in many fiddle competitions there. Her playing has been featured in an hour-long radio program on Norwegian radio. Her recording with Andrea Hoag and Charlie Pilzer, "Hambo in the Snow," was nominated for a GRAMMY award in the Best Traditional World Music Album category. Loretta is currently the president of the Hardanger Fiddle Association of America (www.hfaa.org).

Added Attractions

Registration

Camp Band

Under the leadership of the dedicated **Don Weeda**, the Texas Camp Band is a camp favorite. Don's career in folk music spans more than 35 years. He's been a performer, recording artist, and workshop conductor at festivals and camps all over North America, and plays accordion with many ensembles.

All musicians attending camp are invited to join the Camp Band for daily performances and rehearsals. If you plan to play, please mark your registration form accordingly. Sheet music for this year's tunes will be provided for you. Please check the www.tifd.org website for the schedule of the pre-camp band rehearsal.



Singing Classes

Bring your voice and make some songs come to life! Class will be led again by Shirley Johnson, who has been immersed in international folk music throughout her life, and has studied various Balkan singing styles. In addition, she is classically trained, has sung in choirs, and performed at Carnegie Hall, Disney World, and the Vatican.

Returning to the Main Hall Facilities

We'll have our wonderful dance floor as usual this year. The custom-built wooden dance floor will be installed for increased safety and comfort, and we need help setting it up before camp and storing it away after camp ends. **Please volunteer!** See back page for contact information.

Balkan Bazaar

We are delighted to have **Suze and Richie** bringing us their Balkan Bazaar once again this year! Set up in the main hall, they'll reveal a mountain of folk-friendly treasures for you to peruse and purchase, including music, dance clothing, folk costumes, textiles, jewelry, and footwear. For a preview, see their website, www.balkanbazaar.com.



Mmmmm...
A smörgåsbord of baklava....

International Cuisine

The traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served, and other tasty meals reflecting our ethnic themes. Eating well is always a priority at Texas Camp, and various diets can be accommodated by noting such on your registration form.

Musical Guests

Slavadillo Quartet will spice up our evening parties, specializing in "mostly Balkan" vocal and instrumental music, with a focus on Bulgaria and Macedonia.

The Homegrown Contra Band is composed of longtime Texas Campers who give some local flavor to our contra dance sessions. They love making music for friends and, when possible, adding an international twist to traditional contra tunes.

Camp Delights

Bruceville Roadhouse Club and couple dancing from everywhere: Texas Two-step, zydeco, swing, hambo, and more. Grab a beer from the cooler and enjoy this paradoxically intimate yet high energy party.

Hungarian Táncház

Get your Hungarian dance fix! Come find a partner for Hungarian couple dancing.

Contra Dance

Long lines and hands four for contras to wonderful live music.

Balkan Blowout

Your favorite Balkan line dances – scratch that itch you've been feeling all year.

Evening Parties

THURSDAY NIGHT: Into the Woods
"Once upon a time, in a far-off kingdom, there lay a small village, at the edge of the woods..." To join this night of revelry in the hamlet of Bruceville, transform yourself into your dearest wish, your direst fear, your deepest dream. It's fairy tale time!

TURKISH NIGHT: Magic Carpet Ride

Let the magic carpet sweep you away! Whirl from the Aegean to the Black to the Mediterranean Sea, zoom through the Grand Bazaar, soar through legend and history. You'll find a thousand and one party inspirations in that fabled land where Europe touches Asia: Turkey!

SCANDINAVIAN NIGHT: Northern Lights

Beneath the shimmering Northern Lights, how can you help but feel the pols? In your swirling skirt or embroidered shirt, get your best Scandi glow on as you head west of the moon and east of the sun, to the fjords and fiddles and feasts and fun.



Kids' Club (age 3-16) (a.k.a. Family Support Program)

Children 16 and under are FREE with parent or guardian; so, this year make Texas Camp a family affair! While parents participate in workshops or evening parties, kids age 3 and up can be part of Kids' Club, where our experienced staff of counselors create a magical experience for our younger generation. Whether at the "Clubhouse" for arts and crafts or leading a scavenger hunt, the Kids' Club staff will help facilitate games, activities, and projects to engage and delight our younger campers, while they form friendships that last. Special this year, we have a Children's Music and Dance Coordinator on staff, who will ensure that members of Kids' Club have the opportunity to learn age-appropriate and fun Turkish, Scandinavian, and other international folk dances.

Scholarships Available — Don't Let Money Keep You From Texas Camp!

In memory of Ms. **Bobbi Gillotti**, TIFD offers full or half scholarships to full-time campers in financial need, regardless of age. Application forms are available online at tifd.org/downloads/gillottischolarship.pdf, and must be received by October 1; applicants will receive notice of results by October 20, so that a camp registration form can then be submitted.

Reduced Rate For Non-Dancers

A non-dancer is a camper with physical challenges which prevent dancing, or a camper's family member who does not participate in camp activities (classes, etc.). This rate is not available to part-time campers, scholarship recipients, or anyone receiving a staff discount.

Registration

Registration can be submitted via the mail, or online at tifd.org/camp-registration. All applications must include full payment. A late fee of \$25 per person must accompany applications postmarked after November 1. Applications postmarked after November 8 will not be accepted. We do not accept applications by phone or e-mail. All registrations are confirmed promptly, by e-mail if available. Registrants without an email address will receive a mailed confirmation. Please wait one to two weeks for mail delivery, as different areas have different mail speeds. If you do not receive confirmation within two weeks of application, please call or e-mail the registrar by November 22.

Register by Nov. 1!

Cancellation requests must be submitted by mail or e-mail. Those received by October 31 will receive a full refund. Cancellation requests received November 1-8 will receive a refund only if we can fill the vacated slot from our waiting list; we will retain a \$25 handling fee. **All refunds will be mailed after camp.**



Housing

All housing has central air and heat. Most campers are housed in duplex dorms that share a large central bathroom; each side has seven bunk beds. Private cabins and rooms are also available, for full-time campers only. **Private cabins with shared bath:** each houses up to four people; twin and/or bunk beds.

Families (one or more adults with one or more children age 16 or younger) have priority **ONLY UNTIL OCTOBER 15**. There is no extra charge for families. For non-families, there is an extra fee of \$60 per cabin. **Private rooms with private bath:** each houses a maximum of two people; twin beds. There is an extra fee of \$90 per room for double occupancy, \$60 per room for single occupancy. Assignments are first come, first served, based on the date applications are received by the registrar. If we cannot fulfill your housing request, we will refund the extra fee after camp.

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.

What To Bring

Pack your own linens (sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, etc., or obtain them for a fee), toiletries, and clothing for any conceivable weather (25-85°F, sun/rain/ice). Also nice: umbrella, flashlight, shower shoes, extra dance shoes, belt, costumes for the parties, clothes hangers, paper fan, ear plugs. For dorm dwellers: a sheet to hang for bunk privacy.



Silent Auction

For this year's fundraising Silent Auction, please see tifd.org for details. See back page for contact information.

Important Rules

Smoking is prohibited anywhere within the Greene Family Camp grounds.

A confirmed **reservation is required** to attend any part of camp; no visitors or drop-ins.

No pets allowed anywhere within Greene Family Camp at any time.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Getting There

For directions to Greene Family Camp, see tifd.org/texas-camp/more-information. If you fly into Austin, Houston or Dallas/Fort Worth no later than Thursday noon, we may be able to arrange a ride for you; please e-mail campchairs16@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

11am-2pm Registration and TIFD sales
1:00 pm Howdy Dances
2:00 pm Opening Ceremony
2:00 pm Kids' Club Meet the Counselors
2:15 pm Turkish Dance class
3:20 pm Scandinavian Dance class
4:25 pm Band rehearsal
4:30 pm Singing class
6:00 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 8 Absolute last day to register!
November 24 TEXAS CAMP starts!

Contact Information

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