

Texas International Folk Dancers present their
72nd Texas Folk Dance Camp

November 28 - December 1, 2019 (Thanksgiving Weekend)
Greene Family Camp • Bruceville, Texas

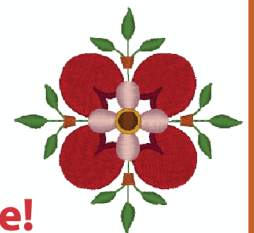
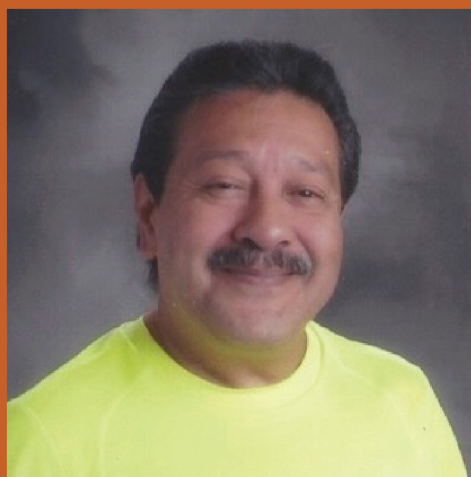


Tineke van Geel and **Maurits van Geel** are a dynamic couple who teach international dance. Tineke has worked as a teacher of International Dance since 1975 with close ties to Armenia, the country of her dance specialization. She attended classes at the Choreographic School and at the Pedagogical Institute in Yerevan and received an award from the Armenian Ministry of Culture for being an ambassador promoting Armenian dance and culture. Tineke is known as an outstanding professional teacher and has taught dance workshops on various continents. Maurits has been active as a dance teacher, lecturer and choreographer since 1975. From

1988 to 2011 he worked at the International Dance Theater, of which 15 years were as artistic director. He directed 47 productions based on field research, often in collaboration with local ethnomusicologists. He regularly made research journeys around the world, traveled in various countries that were part of the Silk Road, and did extensive research on two dance productions about the Roma.



Andy Taylor-Blenis and **Ricardo (Ricky) César Gaitán Muñoz** have paired up to teach the dances of the renowned Nelda Guerrero Drury. Andy graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with a BFA in dance and is the daughter of the co-founders of the Folk Arts Center of New England. She teaches international dance through the Folk Arts Center, Revels Inc., and Mass Movement. In addition, she has taught at Harvard, Emerson, Boston University, Boston Conservatory, and the Jeannette Neill Dance Studio. Andy is currently director of the Mladost Folk Ensemble, a group she founded in 2006, and has danced for 19 years with the Prometheus Dance Company and also dances with the RSCDS Demonstration Team and Wheaton College Dance Group. Andy is a frequent teacher at the San Antonio Folk Dance Festival. Ricky at age 5 began his dance training at the Instituto Cultural Mexicano. At 13 he was a soloist with the Ballet Esplendor de México. In 1973 he joined the San Antonio College Folk Dancers and under the direction of Professor Nelda Guerrero Drury performed throughout the United States and Mexico. From 1977 to 1994 he was associated with the Nacional Aztlán de México in Mexico City as a member, soloist, and dance captain. Ricky is currently director of Ballet Folklórico Alegría at the James Bonham Academy of the San Antonio Independent School District.



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Camp Band

Under the leadership of **Don Weeda**, the Texas Camp Band is a musical marvel. Don plays accordion with many ensembles, and his folk music career spans over 20 years as a performer, recording artist, and workshop conductor at festivals and camps all over North America.

All musicians attending camp, including vocalists and self-motivated young folk, are invited to join the Camp Band for daily rehearsals and performances. If you plan to play or sing please mark your registration form accordingly. Sheet music and lyrics for this year's tunes will be provided electronically through a secured web site. Band members should download and print out their parts and lyrics before rehearsals. Pre- and post-camp communications from the music staff will be handled using the email list txfdmusic@utlists.utexas.edu. There will be a precamp band rehearsal in Austin on Sat. Oct. 26th and AIFD performance on Nov. 8 (both optional).

Call and/or write Don at don.weeda@austin.utexas.edu to be added or removed from the email list.

Singing

Shirley Johnson returns as our singing teacher. She is well known in Austin as a singer, accordionist and recording artist. Everyone is welcome to attend Shirley's popular classes. Read Shirley's full bio at tiff.org

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.

Steve Bing, Donna Bing and David Porter are the **Laughing Lizards Band** (www.laughinglizardsband.com). They have been playing Appalachian, Old-Time, Texas Swing, and Cajun tunes at festivals, bars, and dance halls since 2008. Read their full bio at tiff.org

The **Homegrown Contra Band** is taking a break from Contra tunes but will delight us with an international dance set.

You'll Be Floored!

For your increased safety and comfort, we'll install our famous custom-built wooden dance floor in the Main Hall. We need help setting it up before camp and storing it away afterward. Please volunteer! See back page for how.

Shopping

Balkan Bazaar is a pop-up folk shop full of beautiful and intriguing things to wear, collect, listen to, decorate with, give as gifts, and enjoy. From opaco to pillows, there's something for everyone, and you won't find this eclectic and exciting collection of goods anywhere else! For a preview, visit www.balkanbazaar.com.

Cuisine

Our kitchen strives to accommodate individual food allergies and dietary preferences but cannot meet all needs. Please provide details on your registration form and we will contact you to help you plan for camp.

Camp Delights

Bruceville Roadhouse

Club and couple dancing from everywhere: Texas two-step, zydeco, swing, hambo and more. Grab a a partner, snag a cold drink, and join our boot-scootin' bunch for a honky-tonk good time!

Contra Dance

Long lines and hands four for a grand time dancing to jigs and reels by **Laughing Lizards**.

Balkan Blowout

After a brief hiatus, this popular delight is back. Pravo on!

Evening Parties

Fly Me To The Moon...

Commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing with a stellar camp party. Come as an astronaut, an alien, a heavenly body... The sky's the limit for creative costumes.



Journey To Armenia

It takes good friends, spirited dancing, and good food to get in the mood. Show off your best Balkan attire and we'll see you there.

Mexican Fiesta!!!

Put on some south of the border color and join us for some dancing and fun that would make a Mexican proud. Vamos a la fiesta y bailamos. ¡Olé!



Kids' Club [age 3-16]

Children 16 and under are FREE with parent or guardian, so make Texas Camp a family affair! Kids can make friends and have a blast in Kids' Club. Young campers will roam the camp grounds, and experienced counselors will engage them in games and crafts. For extra fun, our teaching staff and Children's Dance and Music Coordinator will offer chances to learn age appropriate dance and music. Awesome!



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 tiff.org/downloads/gillottischolarship.pdf, and must be received by October 1. Applicants will receive notice of results by October 20. After receiving notice, each scholarship awardee must then submit a camp registration form by our deadline.

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

Please register online at tiff.org/camp-registration, or via U.S. mail. We do not accept phone or e-mail registrations. All registrations must include full payment, and a late fee of \$25 must accompany those postmarked after November 1. Registrations postmarked after November 8 are not accepted.

All registrations are confirmed promptly by e-mail, or by U.S. Mail if no e-mail address is provided. If you do not receive confirmation within two weeks of submitting your form, please contact the registrar.

Important facts about registration cancellation: The \$15 TIFD membership charge included in your registration fee is non-refundable. We do not accept cancellation requests via phone -- please submit via e-mail or U.S. Mail. If received by October 31, we will send you a full refund, minus the membership fee. Late cancellations received November 1-8 will not receive a refund unless we can fill your vacated slot from our waiting list. If we can, you will receive a refund minus \$25 (\$15 TIFD membership plus \$10 handling fee). All refunds will be mailed after camp.

Housing

All housing has central air and heat.

Dorms: 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: houses up to four people; twin and/or bunk beds with shared bath.

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 house 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 registrations are received by the registrar. If we cannot fulfill your housing request, we will refund the extra fee after camp.

Dance Review DVDs

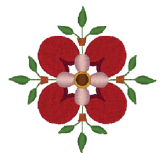
TIFD produces DVDs of the teachers demonstrating the dances taught at camp, for review purposes only. Duplication and resale are prohibited. You must attend camp to be eligible to purchase a DVD. Pre-order with registration for the best deal; orders during camp are priced higher. All DVDs will be mailed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

What to Bring

Linens: pack your own -- sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, etc. -- or obtain them at camp for a fee. **Essentials:** toiletries, medications, shoes and clothing for any conceivable weather (25-85 degrees F, sun/rain/ice). **Also nice:** clothes hangers, umbrella, flashlight, shower shoes, extra dance shoes, belt, party costumes, paper fan, ear plugs, bedside rug, night light. **For dorm dwellers:** a sheet to hang for bunk privacy.

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. TIFD is now proud to have a Code of Conduct! For full details please visit: tiff.org/code-of-conduct



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 campchairs19@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

11:30am - 2pm	Registration and TIFD Sales
1:00 pm	Howdy Dances
1:30 pm	Opening Ceremony
1:45 pm	Kids' Club Meet the Counselors
2:00 pm	Armenian Dance Class
3:10 pm	Mexican Dance Class
4:25 pm	Singing with Shirley
4:25pm	Camp Band Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner*
7:45 pm	<i>Fly Me To The Moon Party</i>

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 28	TEXAS CAMP starts!

The 2019 TIFD Camp T-shirt!

Be sure and get one!



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

Contact Information

Registrar	Sara Talbot registrar@tifd.org
General Camp Information	campchairs19@tifd.org
Volunteer to help with floors	John Alexander 512-453-4463, neanderthal@mail.utexas.edu
Housing	Wendy Erickson 512-501-9455, samperic84@gmail.com
Camp Band	Don Weeda 512-407-9678, don.weeda@austin.utexas.edu
Kids' Club	Connie Perez 512-820-8558
Greene Family Camp	254-859-5411, www.greene.urjcamp.org

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