

Texas International Folk Dancers present a free virtual event:

73rd TEXAS FOLK DANCE CAMP

November 26 – 29, 2020

Thanksgiving Weekend

Four days of International Folk Dancing and Music

Hosted in cooperation with [Kolofest!](#)

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Joe Graziosi

Greek dancing ~ culture corner

Don Weeda

camp band ~ live music

Shirley Johnson

singing class ~ live music

***Plus: nightly theme parties, chat rooms,
and music and singing jams***

Zoom links coming in November

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SCHEDULE

Note: All dance classes will be 1 hour. Start times are approximate and subject to change.

THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
12:00	Arrive at camp, meet & greet rooms	10:00	Warm-ups
1:00	Howdy Dances, Opening Ceremonies	10:30	Greek dance class #2
2:00	Greek dance class #1	12:00	Lunchtime chat rooms open
3:30	Singing class	1:00	Camp band jam
4:30	<i>break for dinner</i>	3:00	Greek dance class #3
7:30	Party: 2020, A Cyberspace Oddity	4:00	Singing class
		5:00	<i>break for dinner</i>
		7:30	Party: Balkan Blowout
SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
10:00	Warm-ups	11:00	Dance review
10:30	Greek dance class #4		
12:00	Lunchtime chat rooms open		
1:00	Sing-a-long		
2:00	Greek culture corner		
3:00	Camp band jam		
4:30	<i>break for dinner</i>		
7:30	Party: Greek Taverna		

PARTY SCHEDULES

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CHAT ROOMS

Chat rooms will be open during lunch and the evening parties. Zoom over to the Staff Lounge, Party Tables, or Pet's Porch to chat face-to-face in small groups.

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STAFF BIOS

Joseph Kaloyanides Graziosi was exposed at an early age to Greek music and dance through both family contacts and participation in Greek American social and cultural events. Joe began his formal pursuit of the study, documentation and promulgation of traditional Greek dance in 1975 during a semester-abroad program in Athens where he worked with the noted folklorist, Ted Petrides. Since then he has done extensive independent research in folk music and dance in Greece, the former Greek areas of the Anatolian Peninsula, and the Greek American communities in New England and New York. In 1982, under the sponsorship of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Ethnic Folk Arts Center, he directed the Greek Music Tour, composed of highly esteemed practitioners of traditional music from both Greece and the immigrant community in the States. Since 1984, he has taught traditional folk and urban dances of the Greek peoples throughout the U.S. and Canada, including at major dance camps, weekend seminars and retreats for both professional and amateur dance troupes as well as for community and church groups and folk dance organizations. He has also taught Greek dances in Japan, Taiwan and Europe.

Joe taught Greek dances and culture at Texas Camp in 1988, 1995, 2001, and 2014 and returns virtually this year to delight folk dancers once again.

Don Weeda is a master accordionist and well versed in many musical styles. He plays with many ensembles, and his folk music career spans over 30 years as a performer, recording artist, and workshop conductor at festivals and camps all over North America. For many years Don has led the Texas Camp band and has provided much delightful live music for camp parties and other events.

Shirley Johnson grew up singing, dancing, and playing the accordion. She sang with the Duke University Chorale, performing at Carnegie Hall in NYC and at Disney World. From 1992 to 1994 in Rome, Italy, she sang with the "Coro Misto" of "L'Accademia della Filarmonica," performing throughout Rome. She has performed with various bands around Austin, and has been a popular singing teacher at numerous Texas Camps.

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PARTY THEMES

Texas Camp is known for its nightly theme parties. We love to dress up in both traditional folk costumes and silly theme garb and decorate our dance hall for the occasion. Even though we are all dancing in our own living rooms, we can still get into the spirit with imaginative costumes and by decorating our dance spaces.

Thursday - 2020: A Cyberspace Oddity

Get ready to network on the virtual dance floor. Whether you're into sci fi or computer sci, the costume choices are as limitless as (cyber)space itself! Decoration choices range from computer cable modern to stars in the night sky. We'll start the evening with a costume parade, so don't forget to dress up!

Friday - Balkan Blowout

Ajde! Don your favorite Balkan costume and be prepared to dance the night away to pravos, horos, kolos and rãčenitsas, as well as other international folk dance favorites. Hang colorful Balkan aprons, opanci or Balkan maps on the wall to decorate your space and transport you to the Balkans.

Saturday - Greek Taverna

Dim the room, hang your twinkle lights and break out the ouzo. Wear a Greek costume or your basic black night club wear. Opa!

AFTER PARTIES

Need more dancing? Zoom on over to [Kolofest](#), happening on the west coast. Links to their event will also appear on our website. Joe is also one of their featured teachers, so you can be sure to get in lots of Greek dancing.

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TEASER EVENTS

We are planning several pre-camp events to get you in the mood. All are open to registrants only! So far, we have planned:

How to Optimize Your Zoom Experience – Nov. 14

In these trying times we are all learning to be more computer literate, but Zoom can still be a scary place. We will walk through the 'ins & outs" of how to make Zoom work for you, on your device.

Floor Party – Nov. 21

Traditionally we transport and assemble our beautiful wooden dance floor the weekend before camp. Our volunteer staff arrives at camp the night before Thanksgiving to make final camp preparations, and several of us stay up late to sweep, wax, and buff our floor. Then we celebrate in the middle of the floor with snacks, drink, music, conversation and sometimes even a little dancing.

This year we are inviting all registered campers to join us! Floor czars John Alexander and Mike Revesz will host the festivities including a short video of our floor setup.

MEMBERS ONLY PARTY DEC. 5TH

There will be a party on Dec. 5 for TIFD members only. Pursuant to our charter, we will have a short annual meeting and elect our new board members. But then we get to party! Our short dance program will include a review of all dances taught at camp. [Renew](#) your TIFD membership now to take advantage of these members-only benefits!

CAMP BAND

Sadly, we can't meet and play in person this year. But we will have a pre-camp band session on Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. There will also be two band sessions during camp. All band meetings will be led by our illustrious maestro Don Weeda. To receive your invitation for the pre-camp sessions, email Don at don.weeda@austin.utexas.edu.

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PARTY DANCE REQUESTS

Have requests for what you would like to dance at the parties? Email your requests to board@tiffd.org with the subject line [Requests](#). Requests received by Nov. 10 get priority!

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Help! We need lots of volunteers! We need a few "on screen" personalities and lots of behind the scenes tech assistants. We will teach you how to do it! To volunteer, email board@tiffd.org with the subject line [Volunteer](#).

We will conduct training sessions for our volunteers over Zoom on Oct. 29 and Nov. 8. Those dates don't work? We can schedule a private session for you.

T-SHIRTS

If you live in Austin or Houston you will be able to pick up your shirts from a designated location (someone's driveway!). All other shirts will be mailed. Orders must be made by Nov. 1 to ensure delivery before camp. [Order here!](#)

VIDEOS

A review session video may be purchased by registrants who are TIFD members. [Order here!](#)

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MEMBERSHIP

TIFD annual membership runs from Thanksgiving to Thanksgiving and is normally included in our camp fees. But there are no fees this year! Please renew your membership separately from camp registration. If you are not a member, please consider becoming one. [Renew here!](#)

DONATIONS

Texas Camp 2020 is totally free, and we encourage all to attend. We welcome your donations of any amount. Donations can be made at registration.

REGISTRATION

Registration coming soon! You will see options to register for Texas Camp and Kolofest, and donate to either event. After you register we will send you the Zoom links. [Here](#) you can renew your TIFD membership and purchase t-shirts and review videos.

You don't have to register to attend camp, but we hope you will! Not only will it help us plan, but you will also receive bonus material! Supplemental information will be emailed to all registrants, and only registrants will have access to pre-camp teaser events and be eligible to purchase the dance review video. If you chose not to register, you will find Zoom links on tifd.org shortly before the event begins.