

New Mexico



Folk Dance Camp 2022

*A Weekend Workshop
of International Folk Dance*

with guest leaders

JAAP LEEGWATER
and Accompanist Jan Wollring

Bulgarian Folk Dances

JOE GRAZIOSI

Greek Folk Dances

July 28-31

THE SOUTHWEST'S PREMIER FOLK DANCE CAMP INCLUDES:

Daily workshops with renowned guest dance leaders Joe Graziosi and Jaap Leegwater • full-day children's program • optional extra dance and music sessions • themed costume parties • tuition scholarships • first-timer discounts • and much more!

NEW MEXICO TECH

This year we will be hosted on the campus of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, or New Mexico Tech for short. It is a university in Socorro, NM, which features a spacious gym for dancing, modern dorms and dining facilities, and a swimming pool. Best of all, the campus is just one hour from Albuquerque, New Mexico's largest city and home to its only international airport.

ACCOMODATIONS AND AMENITIES

Dancing and nightly parties are in the gym, a spacious light-filled facility with a suspended wooden floor. Food is professionally catered with a variety of options at every meal, including vegetarian. Housing is in double or single-occupancy rooms with twin beds, in modernized dorms with excellent cooling; the campus also features free WiFi, communal lounges, and a swimming pool.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of work scholarships are available, and in exchange for your help around camp your tuition is reduced by half. If you want to be part of the team that helps camp run smoothly, we'd love to consider you! Please visit our website or contact us for full details and an application.

SOMETHING NEW

Special Dance Teaching Sessions

This year we are placing an emphasis on couple dancing in our special sessions. Some of our excellent New Mexico dance teachers will teach classic dances everyone can enjoy.

Live Music

A number of surprise musicians will grace camp with their skill, knowledge and enthusiasm. Details will be posted in the main gym during classes.

OUR WONDERFUL WORKSHOP LEADERS

JOE GRAZIOSI

Joe Kaloyanides Graziosi, of Greek and Italian ancestry, grew up in the Boston area and graduated with a degree in History from Brandeis University in Waltham, MA. With a mania for Greek music and dance from an early age, Joe has done extensive research on regional dance in Greece and among Greek communities in the U.S.



He has taught throughout the world for community groups and at major folk dance camps, including the Balkan Music and Dance Workshops since 1982. He was a co-founder of New York's Greek American Folklore Society (GAFS) along with its director, Paul Ginis, where he taught throughout the decade of the 80s. Joe has taught and introduced people to Greek dance in Taiwan, Canada, Brazil, Switzerland, Germany, the Netherlands and England and has taught regularly in Japan since 1990. He is, along with Ahmet Luleci, co-founder of the annual World Music & Dance Camp, now in Iroquois Springs, NY.

JAAP LEEGWATER

Jaap Leegwater is known by many folk dancers worldwide for his fun teachings and dances like Karamfil, Dobrudžanska Pandela and Mâri Marijko. He started his dance career in his native country, The Netherlands, where he earned degrees in both education and international folk dance.



Fascinated with the irregular Balkan rhythms and drawn to the expressiveness of its movements, Jaap specialized in Bulgarian dance and choreography. In 1969, he was one of the first non-Bulgarians invited to study at the State Choreographer's Schools in Sofia and Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

ACCOMPANIST JAN WOLLRING

Specializing in Bulgarian folk music Jan studies with several master accordionists in Plovdiv and Dobrich, Bulgaria. Jan's artistic endeavours include: musical director of Zarowe Children's Dance Ensemble, musician with Trediki, Trio Kusmet and Wii-Muzikanti, the vocal trio Pauni and performing concerts with many Bulgarian musicians.



POLLY TAPIA FERBER

Polly Tapia Ferber is a percussionist specializing in music from the Balkans, the Middle East, and Spanish Andalusia. Spanning nearly five decades in education, performance, and as a recording artist,

she has developed an accessible and enjoyable approach to playing and producing rhythm. Polly's



"Rhythm and Drumming for Folk Dancers" focuses on how to hear rhythm, count it, and play it. The doumbek drum is ideal for this, but any drum or surface will do.

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Scandinavian Couples Dance Leaders

Rick Wallace and Carolyn Mills have been attending Scandinavian dance workshops around the US and Sweden since 1987. They established, led and taught a Scandi dance group in their home for Los Alamos, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque, NM dancers from 1989 to 2002.



Noralyn and Dave Parsons have enjoyed Scandi dancing for decades. They have studied (at August Camps and other camps) with world-class instructors such as Tommi and Eva Englund, Roo Lester, and Ingvar and Sally Sodal. They teach regularly in Albuquerque, NM.



PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!

Cap off fun-filled days of dance workshops with a party! Each night features an exciting theme and programs filled with both requests and newly-taught dances, plus fresh fruit and homemade treats to keep up your energy.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Children of all ages are welcome at camp, and tuition for those aged 4-12 includes a lively children's program geared toward future folk dancers. A dedicated coordinator organizes daily activities to engage the interest of every child, leaving you free to enjoy the daytime dance sessions. Or, children are welcome to join in some full-camp activities with director's approval.

SCHEDULE AND MORE

Full camp begins on Thursday with lunch followed by dance sessions, and ends after lunch on Sunday; the weekend option begins after lunch on Friday. Main registration takes place Thursday, 10 AM - noon.

YES! I WANT TO COME!

Ready to join us? We're so ready for you! Online registration is available at swifdi.org/register-here (where you can also find a printable form). Feel free to contact the registrar, Mirinisa at nmaugustcamp@gmail.com with any questions. PROOF OF COVID VACCINE IS MANDATORY!

SPECIAL THANKS to the 2022 Camp Committee: Linda Knight, Scott Lowry, John Dickinson, Mirinisa Stewart-Tengco, Sharon Flory, Ed Clark, Karen Bunch, Harlan Van Camp and Betsy Lombardi.



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