

Texas International Folk Dancers present their 57th annual

TEXAS CAMP

featuring

**Steve & Susan
Kotansky**
*Hungarian and
Romanian Dances*

**Bob
Leibman**
*Macedonian
Dances*

**and
Guest Musicians**

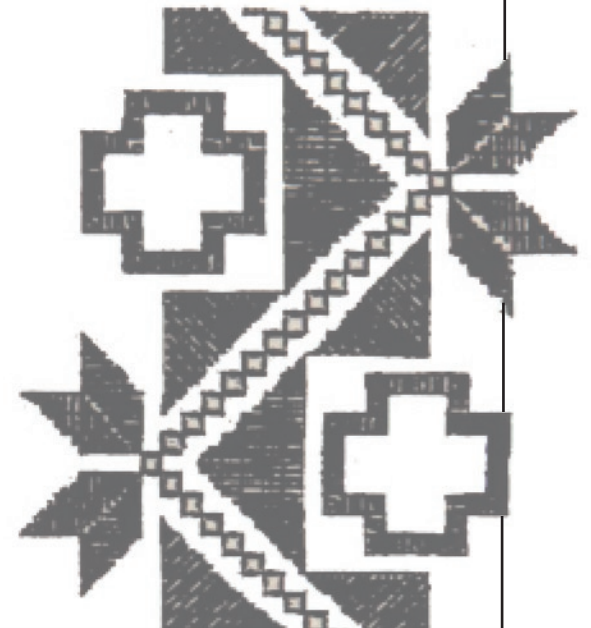
Kalin Kirilov, Mark Levy & Carol Silverman
"Trio Slavej"

Jerry Kisslinger
Percussion

**Thanksgiving Weekend
November 25-28, 2004**

Greene Family Camp • Bruceville, Texas

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<http://www.tifd.org> or tifd@austin.rr.com



INSTRUCTORS

Widely known as a versatile dancer and a fantastic teacher, **Steve Kotansky** is admired as much for his infectious energy and enthusiasm as for his knowledge. He and his wife Suzy will join us this year. Steve has studied in Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Greece and the former Yugoslavia. He spent over seven years working with ethnic communities in Munich, traveling to the Balkans and other Eastern European countries to teach, perform and research and living in Bucovina to study folklore. He also has performed and choreographed for dance ensembles as well as taught at major camps throughout North America and Europe.

Bob Leibman spent a considerable amount of time in villages in Macedonia and East Serbia, studying wedding customs and dance. Most of his folk dance teaching is of the dances he learned from villagers. The Macedonian "weddings" Bob put on at early West Coast Balkan camps (and that he will stage at this year's Texas Camp!) are the stuff of legend and their spirit is echoed in the parade processions still done each year at EEFC Balkan Camps. This will be a rare and fun opportunity to get a feel for the village customs of which folk dances are an integral part.

MUSIC

Mark Levy, Carol Silverman and Kalin Kirilov--known as Trio Slavej ("nightingale")--will add their professional musical skills to this year's Texas Camp. The trio will accompany Bob Leibman's Macedonian dance classes, teach, and perform at evening parties. Trio Slavej, based at the University of Oregon, plays Balkan village styles on traditional instruments as well as contemporary styles such as "wedding music." The ensemble's range encompasses music from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, and Romania, and from the Roma (Gypsies) of those regions. The members of Trio Slavej each have successful solo musical careers, and a distinguished record of teaching Balkan culture and music both to novices and advanced performers.

Jerry Kisslinger has played tapan/dauli and other drums for folk dance and ethnic communities throughout the United States since the early 1970s. A specialist in Macedonian dance rhythms, Jerry is a founding member of Zlatne Uste Balkan Brass Band, and currently performs with Zlatne Uste, the Macedonian band Turli Tava, Beth Cohen and Demetri Tashie, and with other Macedonian, Klezmer and Greek ensembles. He has also performed with the Yuri Yunakov Orchestra, Akshambelah, and the Balkanizers, and has been honored to learn from master musicians in the United States and Europe.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Cuisine

This year we are pleased to offer healthful gourmet meals prepared by creative professional chef Jason Walker, who has cooked to rave reviews at many dance camps including Buffalo Gap Scandi camp.

Music Workshops

For the first time at Texas Camp there will be special sessions dedicated solely to instruction on melodic and percussive instruments, to be conducted by Trio Slavej and Jerry Kisslinger. Musicians of all persuasions and skill levels are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn how to play the melodies and rhythms of Macedonia and neighboring countries. Best of all—this activity does not conflict with Camp Band, Camp Contra Band or singing classes.

Ethnic performance opportunities!

Bob Leibman will lead a re-enactment of parts of a late-1960s wedding from Peshtani (southwest Macedonia) and needs volunteers to fill major roles. (A description of the wedding and the different roles is posted at www.tifd.org.) If you would like to play a role, please contact Bob at bleibman@austin.rr.com.

We need singers too: several women in each "family" will sing some ritual songs. If you would like to be one of the singers and can practice the songs prior to camp, please contact Joane Rylander at TIFDJPR@aol.com.

Those Wonderful Floors!

We install custom-built resilient floors over the existing concrete for increased safety and comfort. We need help setting our wood floor up the weekend before camp and storing it away after camp ends. Please volunteer! See back page for contact information.

Balkan Bazaar

Suze and Richie return with a van of irresistible folk music, instruments, jewelry, clothing, and assorted goodies from the Balkans and beyond!

Silent Auction & Book/Recording Sale

Fundraising proceeds from a Silent Auction and Book/Tape/CD/Video sale will contribute to reducing Texas Camp operational expenses. Bring your donated items with a minimum fair market value of \$10 for the Silent Auction—costumes, jewelry, special clothes, services etc. See registration form for details.

THEME PARTIES

Animania—If you secretly channel Wile E. or Daffy, or yearn to be Sailor Moon or Superman, tonight's your chance: come as your favorite animated character.

Macedonian Wedding—Gaidas wail, tapans play and the procession begins. Bust out the rakia and song and dance because there's a wedding tonight!

Gypsy Caravan—From India to Europe the road's a long one but colorful. Come join the kumpania and latcho self drom with us...

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Goal: Happy, dancing parents and happy, busy kids. *The Plan:*

- * Infants & Toddlers 0-3—Parents, we will help you form a co-op to share childcare duties in Munchkin Land, a cozy spot just for tots.
- * Kids 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12—On Friday and Saturday, experienced camp counselors will supervise safe, fun activities during most adult dance sessions and part of each evening party.
- * Teenagers 13-16— You're welcome in all our dance classes and activities. Try it, you'll like it!

CAMP BANDS

This year, we invite musicians to join the Camp Band (all instruments) and/or the Camp Contra Band (contra-friendly instruments). If you are interested in performing with either group, please mark your registration form accordingly. We will send you sheet music for this year's tunes. Practice tapes will be provided (upon request) to aid in learning the tunes. Please make plans now to attend the pre-Camp rehearsal on October 23 in Austin, as rehearsals at Camp will be for review. Several **spotlight sets** will be available during evening parties for groups that wish to play or sing. If you are interested in performing, contact Don Weeda at dweeda@mail.utexas.edu.

BOBBI GILLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP

TIFD offers full scholarships in honor of Bobbi Gillotti. Only full-time campers are eligible. An application form is available on the TIFD website (www.tifd.org). The application deadline is October 1. Notice of results will be sent to all applicants by October 20.

VIDEOTAPES

TIFD produces both VHS tapes and DVDs of the teachers performing the dances taught at camp. Discount copies are available by prepaid order; **prices are higher if ordered at camp**. Your video will arrive by mail after camp. Tapes are for review purposes only; no duplication or resale.

HOUSING

Most campers are housed in duplex dorms that share a large central bathroom. Each side has eight bunk beds. Private cabins and rooms are also available. All housing has central air and heat. Private housing is

available for full-time campers only. Assignments are first come, first served, based on the date applications are received by the registrar.

Private cabins with shared bath: each holds up to four people and is furnished with twin and/or bunk beds. Families (adult with one or more children age 16 or younger) have priority ONLY UNTIL OCTOBER 11. There is no additional charge for families. For non-families, there is an extra fee of \$60 per cabin.

Private rooms with private baths: small motel-type rooms that hold a maximum of two people each, furnished with twin beds. Additional fee of \$80 per room.

Couples dorms: for couples, with several couples assigned to each side.

Family dorms: for families of at least five people; two families may be assigned to a side.

If we cannot fulfill your housing request, the extra housing fee will be refunded.

WHAT TO BRING

Pack your own linens (sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, etc) and clothing for any conceivable weather (25-85°F, sun/rain/ice). For further suggestions please visit our website, www.tifd.org.

IMPORTANT RULES

- *Greene Family Camp is a non-smoking facility. Smoking is prohibited anywhere within the Camp.*
- *No pets are allowed anywhere within the Camp at any time.*
- *A confirmed reservation is required to attend any part of Camp, i.e., no visitors and no drop-ins.*

REGISTRATION

Space is limited, so apply early! Applications without full payment will not be accepted. A late fee of \$25 is required with applications postmarked after November 1. Applications postmarked after November 8 will not be accepted. We do not accept applications by phone or e-mail.

Applications postmarked by November 1 will receive prompt confirmation by e-mail or U.S. mail. Applications postmarked between November 2 and November 8 will be confirmed by phone. If you do not receive confirmation by November 15, call the registrar immediately to find out if your application has been received.

Reservation cancellation requests must be submitted by mail. Requests postmarked by November 1 will receive a full refund. Requests postmarked between November 2 and November 8 will not receive a refund unless the vacated reservation can be filled from our waiting list, in which case the request will receive a full refund minus a \$25 administrative fee. All refunds will be mailed after camp.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

GETTING THERE

You will receive a map to Greene Family Camp with your confirmation. You may also visit the camp's website at www.greene.org. If you fly into Austin, Houston or Dallas/Fort Worth no later than noon on Thursday, we may be able to arrange a ride to camp for you. Please mark your registration form accordingly.

OPENING DAY HIGHLIGHTS – THURSDAY

11 am–1:30 pm Registration & TIFD sales
1-1:15 pm..... Opening Ceremony & Grand March
1:15-2:30 pm.....Bob's Dance Class
2:30-3:15 pm..... Steve's Dance Class
3:15-4:45 pm... Camp Band Rehearsal, Singing class
4:55-5:15Joint band/singing rehearsal
5:30-6 pm..... Macedonian Wedding, part 1
6 pm. Thanksgiving Dinner
8 pm. Party: Animania!

Please note that Camp will provide no meals to campers prior to Thursday dinner.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 1Bobbi Gillotti Scholarship deadline
October 11 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 25-28 TEXAS CAMP!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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