



Texas International Folk Dancers present their 59th annual

TEXAS CAMP

featuring

Lee Otterholt

*Balkan
Dances*

Richard Powers

*Vintage
Dances*

with

Joane Rylander

Singing

The Homegrown Contra Band

and

The TIFD Camp Band

Live Music

Cuisine by Laura LaGue

Thanksgiving Weekend

November 23-26, 2006

Greene Family Camp • Bruceville, Texas

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INSTRUCTORS

Lee Otterholt, born in the US of Norwegian-American parents, has lived and worked most of his life in Norway as a professional dancer, dance teacher and choreographer. Lee's teaching emphasizes style: dancing well, not just "getting the steps." Whenever he can, he also tries to bring improvisation, self-expression and spontaneity back into the folk-dancing traditions where these elements are a central part of the tradition. And he never loses sight of the fact that we recreational folk dancers dance because it is fun, and because these dances mean something to us – just as they were fun and meant something to the village dancers before us!

Richard Powers is one of the world's foremost experts in American social dance, noted for his choreographies for dozens of stage productions and films, and his workshops in Paris, Rome, Prague, London, Venice, Geneva, St. Petersburg and Tokyo as well as across the U.S. and Canada. He has been researching and reconstructing historic social dances for twenty-five years and is currently a full-time instructor at Stanford's Dance Division.

MUSIC

Joane Rylander has taught International Singing at Texas Camp several times since the early 1990's. She has studied classical voice and various styles of Balkan singing. (Ask her about her recent attempts to learn Hawaiian and Tahitian vocal styles.) Joane directs the "Balkan Voices" of

Austin, and sings with "Je Ne Sais Quoi," a women's trio. She plays mandolin in "Austin Mandolin Orchestra" and "Home Grown Contra Band," and sings and plays ukulele in the group "Hui O Kalola."

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Cuisine

This year we're fortunate to have a local chef. Laura LaGue trained at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. She has many years of experience cooking for large groups, from hotel banquets to folk music festivals. Currently she works at Sweetish Hill Bakery in Austin and is in charge of coordinating and producing lunch for 200 students at a nearby private school. (Cooking for folk dancers should be nothing compared to that, right?)

Music Workshops

Joane Rylander will lead campers in Balkan singing each day. There will be a performance at the Saturday night party, of some of the songs learned in the class. Best of all, this activity does not conflict with Camp Band.

Those Wonderful Floors!

We install custom-built resilient floors over the existing concrete for increased safety and comfort. We need help setting up our wood floor 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 their 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.

Afternoon Delights

Balkan Blowout — Your chance to do all those dances. Line, circles, and more.

Bruceville Roadhouse — All your favorite couple-dance classics from everywhere and everywhen...

Hungarian Táncház — It's a Texas Camp tradition. Join our friendly local enthusiasts for a lively Hungarian dance party, Texas-style.

Contra — Grab a partner and form a long line for live music and contra.

T'ai Chi Warm-up Sessions

Stretch, relax and help prevent injuries with these gentle and beautiful movements led by Georgia Horn.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFO!

This year we have added a special "non dancer" registration rate! TIFD defines "non-dancer" as someone who is physically challenged to the extent that they cannot dance or a family member of a camper who has no interest in participating in the events at camp. Please note that this price is not available to anyone on a scholarship

THEME PARTIES

Thursday—Green Madness! Imagination has no bounds — it means whatever you want it to mean.

Vintage—Trot, strut, or sway your way to Paris in the Jazz Age! The 1920's, with a renewed love in dancing and dancers from all nationalities, were converging in Paris.

Balkan—The many different rhythms are calling you to the village party. Dress up in your village best (many countries to pick from: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, the European part of Turkey, Romania, Moldova, and Slovenia) and come join the fun!

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The goal for the Family Support Program is to provide a fun and safe environment for the children during the day and portions of the evening to allow the parents enjoyment of their sessions and parties. Events currently planned include the ice cream and movie socials, arts and crafts projects, and indoor and outdoor events.

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 in Austin on Saturday, November 4. 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 half 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 15. Notice of results will be sent to all applicants by October 30.

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 13. 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). Be sure to bring a **belt** for the Balkan dances! 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 per person is required with applications postmarked after November 1. Applications postmarked after November 9 will not be accepted. We do not accept applications by phone or email.

Applications will receive confirmation by email (if available, U.S. mail or phone otherwise). If you do not receive confirmation within two weeks (or by November 9), call or email the registrar to find out if your application has been received.

Reservation cancellation requests must be submitted by mail or email. Requests dated by November 1 will receive a full refund. Requests dated between November 1 and November 9 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 might be able to arrange a ride to camp for you. Please contact: Georgia Horn, 281-242-0598, georgiahorn@alltel.net by October 15th.

OPENING DAY HIGHLIGHTS – THURSDAY

11:00 am	Registration & TIFD sales
1:00 pm	Howdy Dances/Live Music
1:45 pm	Howdy Contra
2:00 pm	Opening Ceremony
2:15 pm	Balkan Dance Class
3:00 pm	Vintage Dance Class
4:00 pm	Singing class
5:15 pm	Band rehearsal
6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner
8:30 pm	Thursday Night Party

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

IMPORTANT DATES

October 13	Deadline for "family priority" private housing requests
October 15	Bobbi Gillotti Scholarship deadline
November 1	Deadline for regular registration (\$25 late fee after this date)
November 9	Absolute last day to register!
November 23-26	TEXAS CAMP!

CONTACT INFORMATION

To Volunteer to Help with Floors..... John Alexander
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