



Bulgarian Folk Music & Dance Seminar

Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

July 18-24, 2018

(Wednesday through Tuesday)



The Seminar is especially designed for non-Bulgarians (or Bulgarians interested in connecting with their “roots” through music and dance) who want a more in-depth opportunity to learn traditional instruments, singing styles and dance than is normally possible for groups or individuals traveling to Bulgaria. This unique and enjoyable program blends the skills of professional teachers with the authenticity of villagers from various parts of Bulgaria. The dance program, in particular, features different groups of musicians and dancers from many regions in Bulgaria teaching dances from their own villages. This different educational approach brings the village presenters to you, the student, rather than having you travel to the village.

INSTRUMENT CLASSES

*Instrument Program Coordinator: Prof. Lyuben Dossev, Ph.D.,
Seminar Director for the Music Academy*

Gaida, Kaval, Gudulka, Tambura, Tupan, Accordion, Clarinet & Violin

Instrument classes for both traditional and modern instruments will be taught by musicians from the Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts (Bulgaria's highest level of learning for folk music) and members of Ensemble Trakiya. No prior experience is necessary for traditional instruments, and the classes are adjusted to the level of the students.

An izvorno (bitov) orchestra class will also be offered.

TRADITIONAL BULGARIAN FOLK SINGING

Singing classes will be presented by professional singers who have been involved with the Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts. They will be teaching a variety of singing styles from the different regions of Bulgaria. One day of classes will be taught by women singers from Nedelino village, from the eastern Rhodopi Mountains.

A choral singing class will also be taught.

TRADITIONAL BULGARIAN FOLK DANCE

Dance Program Coordinator: Iliana Bozhanova

Village instructors will present dances from the major folklore regions of Bulgaria: Rhodopi Mountains, Shopluk (west central Bulgaria), Northwest Bulgaria, Pirin (southwest Bulgaria), Thrace (south central Bulgaria) and Dobrudzha (northeast Bulgaria). No prior Bulgarian dance experience is needed.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Fees: Full-time and daily rates for adults, children and students are available on the [Seminar website](#).

Early registration deadline: June 15, 2018

For more information

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