

# Stanford International Dancers

## October November & December 2017 Newsletter

### Schedule

#### October

- 6 All Requests
- 13 **CLOSED** - Church function
- 20 Lew Smith & Melissa Miller  
- Macedonian & Bulgarian
- 27 **Kabile** - Live Bulgarian music  
- **Halloween Party**  
- **Special Event**

#### November

- 3 Kaela Fine - Bulgarian &  
Romanian
- 10 **CLOSED** - Church function
- 17 All Requests
- 24 **CLOSED** - Kolo Festival

#### December

- 1 **Bill Cope & Friends**  
- Live Balkan music (All Saints)
- 8 **CLOSED** - Church function
- 15 **Elena Dimitrova** - Bulgarian  
dance workshop (All Saints)
- 22 All Requests
- 29 **CLOSED** - Winter vacation

**Lew Smith** started folk dancing in 1966 and led folk dancing at UCSB in the late '60's and at SJSU in the early '70's. Lew is also a member of the Balkan band Svirači.

**Melissa Miller** (aka Ghanima Gaditana) has been folkdancing since childhood, and teaches and performs belly dance in the Bay Area and beyond. She also performs regularly with the band Svirači.

**Kabile**, based in Thracian Bulgaria, was one of the country's premier wedding bands for almost twenty years, and is currently on tour in the U.S. The members, all master performers on their respective instruments, are: Dzhenko Andreev (gajda), Ivan Handzhiev (accordion, vocals), Nikolay Doktorov (kaval), Nikolai Kolev (gadulka), and Donka Koleva (vocals). For more complete biographical information, see <http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2017/10/22/kabile-1>.

**Kaela Fine** has been a folk dancer since 1980 when she joined Marilyn Smith's class through the Santa Rosa Junior College. Since then she has enjoyed taking many dance classes in Sonoma County as well as dancing and teaching regularly with Stanford Folk Dancers.

**Bill Cope & Friends** is a group of talented local musicians playing mostly Balkan music, along with some Greek and international "oldies" tunes. The band members are: Bill Cope (accordion, lauto, gajda), Barbara Deutsch (clarinet, soprano saxophone, fluiet), Michele Simon (tupan, doumbek, vocals), and Susan Worland (violin).

**Elena Dimitrova** is a professional choreographer and performer of Bulgarian folk dances from Plovdiv, Bulgaria. She has been a member of Folklore Ensemble Trakia for 20 years where she has mentored and taught new dancers as well as performing. She also has considerable experience as a teacher and choreographer at many school dance groups throughout Bulgaria. This will be Elena's third U.S. west coast tour.

Our main dance venue is **Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Avenue, Menlo Park**, Friday evenings from **7:30 to 10:00**. We are located 1 block north of Alameda de las Pulgas at the corner of Avy Avenue. Teaching runs from 7:45 to 8:30, followed by request dancing until 10:00.

Our secondary venue is **All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley Street, Palo Alto** (downtown), Friday evenings from **8:00 to 11:00**. We will be meeting there only on **December 1st and 15th**.

Suggested admission is \$5, \$12 on live music nights, and \$15 for special events and workshops, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Students are half price and children are free. Call Owen at 650-966-1775 for information.

For an online version of this schedule, which will be kept updated with any late changes, see: <http://stanfordfolkdance.com>