

SNOPA!

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*The Annual Twin Cities, MN
International Folkdance Weekend
"Annie Get Your Gaida"
February 18-19-20, 2005*

*Register early... beds go quickly!
Price increases \$10 after Feb. 1, '05.*

What's SNOPA?

It's 'Opa!' In The Snow—a value-packed annual getaway for banishing midwinter blues, with:

- * Dance workshops with 4 teachers from the Greater Midwest (to be announced);
- * Dance parties; Saturday again features **Orkestar Bez Ime** live (details below);
- * Joan Amsterdam's International Bazaar (we hope);
- * AND Balkan singing, music jamming, socializing, winter fun, and general silliness! *Yeeehah!*

Which Way to the Ranch?

It's at Totino Grace Renewal Center in Fridley, MN (a near-NE suburb of Minneapolis), a quiet retreat facility with easy winter access. Sleeping quarters are private (twin beds) and pleasant, with shared bathroom space. A tunnel connects to the high school's 2 wood-floor dance spaces; no need to venture outside.

Should I Git Along 'n Register?

Yeah, pardner! The teachers will present exciting and challenging dances of intermediate to advanced difficulty. If you have some folkdance experience and enjoy a challenge, you'll find *SNOPA* rewarding! With repeat sessions and reviews you can solidify a few favorites. Or, sample it all, from lower-impact to hot-shot. Get to know your fellow dancers better. And, the singing . . . the parties . . . the cattle drives . . . !!

Children are welcome if registered as participants. (Parents must supervise their children's behavior. No youth activities are planned.)

Strike Up The Band

Orkestar Bez Ime ("band without a name") is the Twin Cities' hot new ethnic dance band. OBI features Ethnic Dance Theatre members and alums Katrina Munding, Dee Langley, Colleen Bertsch, Tim Wahl and Natalie Nowytski. OBI's dance gigs include Door

County Folk Festival, Madison Folk Ball, Tapestry's Fall Workshops, and last year's *SNOPA!*

The Roundup

FRIDAY

5pm -- Registration begins (building opens 4pm)
7pm -- potluck (**NOTE: Kitchen is not available for our use; there is a microwave in the Dining Hall.)
8pm -- Dance party begins

SATURDAY

8:15am -- Breakfast
9am -- Warmups
9:15am -- General dance session
10:15am -- Individual workshops begin (1 set of 2 Sat. morning, then noon lunch break, then 2 sets of 2 Sat. afternoon. Last set of 2 is Sunday morning. During weekend, each teacher has one repeat session, duplicating the content of their first session.)
4-5pm -- Free time
5-6pm -- Group singing, Dining Hall
5:30-6:30pm -- Social hour, Dining Hall
6:30pm -- Dinner
7:45pm -- Gala Parade to gym
8pm -- Dance party, until the dogies come home.

SUNDAY

8:45am -- Breakfast
9:30am -- Warmups
9:45am -- Individual workshops (last set of 2)
11am -- Reviews
1pm -- Lunch and farewells.

Are Boots 'n Spurs Allowed?

Both normal and ethnic clothing are welcome at the parties; or costume-ize on the theme "*Annie Get Your Gaida*." Dream up a float or contingent for the Parade to the Dance on Saturday (must fit through doorways and traverse some stairs).

Also bring:

- * dance shoes that don't mark wood floors
- * shampoo, bubble bath, rubber ducky, etc.
- * favorite tapes/cds for the parties
- * snacks for parties; drums/instruments; drinking mug or water bottle; saddle
- * alarm clock, flashlight; bridles, spurs
- * skis/skates/winter gear/ammunition
- * if you're early: food for the informal potluck during Friday setup
- * if you can: extra pillows, sleeping bags, air mattresses etc for the "power napping corner"
- * Beds have pillows, linens & blankets; towels are furnished for everyone.

No drugs, alcohol or smoking permitted (except for wine provided during the Saturday Social Hour).

And It's Still a Great Deal...

Full registration for 2005 includes 2 nights lodging (unless staying offsite), 3 meals Saturday & 2 Sunday, workshops, social hour and both dance parties, syllabus, and Sunday reviews. (Or, stay offsite for a discount on full registration.) **Saturday Only** registration includes 3 meals, Saturday workshops, social hour and dance party, and syllabus.

*** Some work-scholarship money is available to defray registration fees. ***

Beds are assigned on a first-paid basis. **Mail the registration form, with check payable to SNOPA**, to: Nairy Digris, 1703 Skillman Ave W, Roseville MN 55113.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Bed space is limited; register early!

Price goes up \$10 after Feb. 1, 2004

E-mail is for inquiries only.

!!! NO E-MAIL REGISTRATION OR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE!!!

Visit <http://www.snopa.org> on the Web for info, contacts, and logo design.

Questions?

General info and registration: Nairy Digris or Terry McGibbon, 651/639-9346 (hyebar@qwest.net)

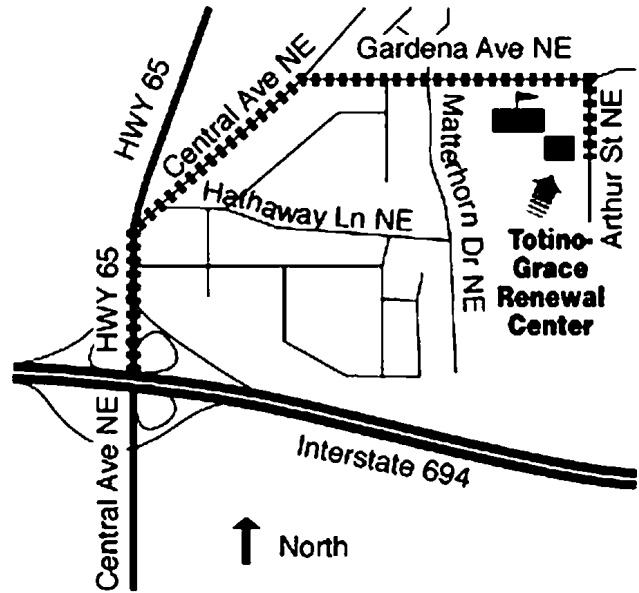
Scholarship info or airport pickup: Katrina Munding, 612/788-6124 (folkclarinet@yahoo.com)

SNOPA is a nonprofit effort and is NOT a Tapestry function. Volunteers make it run. Thanks for your help during the weekend!

Directions

Take I-694 to HWY 65/CENTRAL AVE. (a few miles E of the Mississippi River), and go NORTH. At the traffic light (1/4 mile) BEAR RIGHT ON OLD CENTRAL AVE., paralleling Hwy 65. From Old Central, take the NEXT RIGHT ONTO GARDENA AVE. NE. Driving east on Gardena, you'll see Totino Grace H.S. on your right (after Matterhorn Drive). Take a RIGHT ON ARTHUR ST. NE (the next intersection). The FIRST RIGHT IS THE DRIVEWAY leading to the Renewal Center. Signs should be up. Emergency telephone is 763-572-2566 (no message machine).

Maps to the site are also on the web at <http://www.snopa.org>



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Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Prov _____ ZIP/Postal code _____ Country _____

Tel. (H) _____ (W) _____

E-mail _____

- Rooming with _____ or: no roomie preference
- Please DON'T publish my address/phone/email on Attendees List.
- Gotta have vegetarian meals
 (**If you have food allergies, see menu on the web a week before event; or inquire)
- Want syllabus (FREE): quantity _____

FULL WEEKEND: Bed, onsite (may be rollaway) @ \$140 = \$ _____
 In case all beds are taken, I/we would be willing to sleep on floor (you'd be notified in time to bring sleeping bag/pad/pillow; \$20 refund would be given at event)

FULL WEEKEND: I/we plan to sleep off-site @ \$120 = \$ _____

SATURDAY ONLY (3 meals, workshops, party) @ \$80 = \$ _____

Senior discount (65+): @ \$15/weekend, \$10/Sat. Only = (\$ - _____)

Children's discount (12 & under) @ \$15/weekend, \$10/Sat. Only = (\$ - _____)

Late fee: add \$10 each after Feb 1 = \$ _____

****BASIC REGISTRATION TOTAL ***** = \$ _____

Practice tape (\$10), or... Practice CD (\$12) = \$ _____

T-shirts ("Texas orange" – kind of a burnt pumpkin, with 2-color design by Mary Seim; design on the web in January at <http://www.snopa.org>). Sorry, 100% cotton only this year. Circle size(s):

NOTE: Our deadline for ordering t-shirts from the printer is Feb. 5. (We will order a few extras.) If your order is later, we can't guarantee you'll get a shirt.

short-sleeve cotton (S — M — L — XL — XXL) _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

long-sleeve cotton (S — M — L — XL — XXL) _____ x \$12 = \$ _____

****EXTRAS TOTAL ***** = \$ _____

****TOTAL FOR WEEKEND ***** = \$ _____

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