

# SNOPA!



## The Roaring Twentieth!

February 17-18-19, 2006  
Twin Cities, Minnesota

### What's That Sound!!!!?

... It's **SNOPA!** (Snowy 'Opa!'), the annual Twin Cities, MN International Folk Dance Winter Weekend, roaring into its 20th year and featuring:

- Workshops with dances, and eight teachers, from **SNOPAs** past;
- Dance parties: Friday's with Orkestar Bez Ime, Saturday's with tapes and more;
- **SNOPA!** rituals and history on DVD;
- AND Balkan singing, music jamming, socializing and togetherness, winter fun, and general off-the-wall **SNOPA**-ness! Ajde!

### All Jazzed Up...

Eight past teachers will present exciting dances of intermediate to advanced difficulty, all gems from past **SNOPAs**. If you have some folk dance experience and enjoy a challenge, you'll find **SNOPA!** rewarding! (Updates on the teachers at <http://www.snopa.org>)

**Friday's** dance party will feature **Orkestar Bez Ime**, the hot Twin Cities ethnic dance band, with Katrina Mundinger, Dee Langley, Colleen Bertsch, and Tim Wahl (sadly, Natalie Nowytski will be AWOL). Saturday's party will be recorded music, with impromptu live music and lots of **SNOPA!**-type shenanigans.

### Rollin' Into The Good Times...

SNOPA! is 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 wood-floor dance space.

### Schedule

#### FRIDAY: Let the Roar Begin!

6:30pm - Registration (building opens at 4pm) and potluck (NOTE: Kitchen not available; the Dining Hall has a microwave.)

8pm - Live dance party with OBI

#### SATURDAY: Pearls from the Past

8:15am - Breakfast

9am - Warmups

9:15am - *Dance, Dance, Dance*: 8 teachers reviving 20 years of favorites! We'll be dancing as one group this year, with each teacher presenting a favorite dance or two from a SNOPA! past.

-Return of SNOPA: *Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves*

-Son of SNOPA: *Alien Resurrection*

12am - Lunch

1pm - Warmups

1:15pm - *More Dance, Dance, Dance*:

-*Bride of SNOPA: Fairy Tales Do Come True*

-*The House of SNOPA: Move Over, Audrey!*

4pm - Open session

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 and 20's/20th visions

#### SUNDAY: The Morning After

8:45am - Breakfast

9:45am - Warmups

10-12:30am - *Reviews: Including the Kitchen Sink*

12:30am - Lunch, then farewells.

### Choices, Choices...

*Glamour, glitz, aliens, folk oddities, gaidas... gadzooks!*

This year's theme is: "The Roaring 20th." Use your 20's-20th vision: the elegant 20s, flappers and pearls, boas, Scarface and Ness, create your own dis-Guys and Dolls! Or revive a favorite costume from a past theme: *tropical SNOrkelPA, Gypsies at the Oasis, Aliens, Valentines, El Nino Rules, Carnivale, Circus 2000: Send in the Clowns, 2001: A Folk Oddity, Pravo the Yellow Brick Road, Once Upon a SNOPA, Little Shope of Horos, Annie get your Gaida*, or, in the words of a teenage passer-by last year, "What is

THAT!?" You decide! Both everyday and ethnic clothing also are welcome at the parties. Feel free to dream up a float or contingent for the Parade to the Dance on Saturday (must fit through doorways and traverse stairs).

Totino furnishes pillows, linens, blankets and towels. You might want to bring:

- dance shoes that won't mark wood floors (soft-shoe spats?)
- shampoo, bubble bath, rubber ducky, etc. (bathtub gin not recommended)
- favorite tapes/CDs for the parties
- snacks for parties; drums/instruments; drinking mug or water bottle
- alarm clock, flashlight, Junior G-Man badge
- skis/skates/winter gear/violin case
- food for Friday's informal potluck
- if you're able: extra pillows, sleeping bags for the "power napping corner"

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

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

### And It's Still a Great Deal...

- **Full registration** gets you 2 nights lodging, 3 meals Saturday & 2 Sunday, workshops, social hour and both dance parties, syllabus, and Sunday reviews. (Or, stay offsite at a discounted price.)
- **Saturday Only** registration gets you 3 meals, Saturday workshops, social hour and dance party, and syllabus.
- **Special Package** gets you Saturday activities from 4pm till close, including open dancing, group sing, social hour, dinner, and dance party.
- **Party only:** register for either or both dance parties.

A DVD of past **SNOPA!** rituals, silliness, and historical photos is available for purchase.

### \*\* Ask us about work scholarship discounts!

Beds are assigned on a first-paid basis. Mail the registration form, with check payable to SNO PA, to: Terry McGibbon, 1703 Skillman Ave W, Roseville MN 55113.

### \*\* PLEASE PRE-REGISTER.

Bed space is limited; register early! The price goes up \$10 after Feb. 1, 2006 (except for Party-Only). E-mail is for

inquiries only. NO E-MAIL REGISTRATION OR RESERVATIONS!

Visit <http://www.snopa.org> on the Web for info, teacher updates, contacts, and more.

### Questions?

Questions, scholarship info, registration: Terry McGibbon, 651/639-9346 (hyebar@qwest.net)  
To arrange airport pickup: Jim Kiehne, 612/377-8037 (kiehngaph@sihope.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. Look for signs. Emergency telephone is 763-572-2566 (no message machine).



## 20th Anniversary SNOPA! Registration Form • February 17-18-19, 2006

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.

Vegetarian meals (!! Please alert us ahead of time about food allergies!!)

I would like a FREE syllabus: quantity \_\_\_\_\_

FULL WEEKEND: Bed, onsite @ \$140 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

SATURDAY ONLY (entire day's activities, 3 meals) @ \$80 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL PKG (Sat. 4pm to close, includes dinner) @ \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PARTY-ONLY:  Friday (@ \$15)  Saturday (@ \$10) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Discounts (weekend = \$15, Sat.-only = \$10):

Senior (65+),  Child (12 & under) = (\$ - \_\_\_\_\_)

Late fee: \$10/person after Feb. 1 (except Party-Only) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Practice CDs @ \$12  SNOPA History DVDs @ \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirts: short-sleeve cotton only (violet; see it in color at <http://www.snopa.org>) Circle size(s).

(NOTE: Printer deadline is Feb. 4; if you register later, you may not get a shirt.) New this year is a choice of Ladies' style, with scoop neck and more tailored fit for women.

Ladies' fit, with scoop neck: S M L XL 2XL @ \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Unisex (our normal shirt style): S M L XL 2XL 3XL @ \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FOR WEEKEND** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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