



CHICAGO AREA FOLK DANCE SCENE 2008-2009

This directory is offered to the public by the Folk Dance Council of Chicago, an organization which promotes and supports folk and ethnic dance in the greater Chicago area. Newcomers are welcomed at most groups. In some cases fees are waived for first-timers. The most recent confirmation date on information is given at the end of each listing. While we try to keep this up to date, **it is advisable to call to verify times and locations of all events.**

SUNDAY

BARN DANCE: 2nd Sun of the month (Sept-June), 6:30 pm; and 3rd Sun of the month (Nov-Apr), 2pm; Chicago Barn Dance Co, varied bands and callers; Kuhn Village Barn at Fermilab, between Warrenville and Batavia; \$6 adults, \$3 teens & seniors(65), under 12 free. Co-sponsored by the Fermilab Folk Club and the Fox Valley Folklore Society. Info: Juel Ulven 630-897-3655, Lynn Garren 630-840-2061, juelu@aol.com, garren@fnal.gov; www.fnal.gov/orgs/folkclub; www.foxvalleyfolk.com; www.chicagobarndance.com (8/08)

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING AT FERMILAB: once a month on Sunday (usually 1st Sunday Oct-May; 4th Sunday June-Sept), 2-5 pm, Kuhn Village Barn at Fermilab, between Warrenville and Batavia; donation. Planned dates - Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 23, Dec 11, '08, Jan. 11, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5 '09. No partner necessary. All dances taught. Live music when possible; musicians interested in playing with "Old Fezziwig's Band", please contact organizers. Info: Mady Newfield 630-584-0825, folkdance@fnal.gov; www.fnal.gov/orgs/folkclub/folkdance.html (8/08)

LOCH MICHIGAN SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS: 6-8:30 pm; Bethany United Church of Christ, 4245 N Paulina, Chicago, (1 block S of Montrose, & 1 block W of Ashland). Classes and social dancing, no partner required. RSCDS Chicago Branch class. Donation. Sept-May. Info: Noel Chavez 708-848-9218, nchavez@uic.edu. Chicago Branch Web site: <http://rscds-chicago.org> (8/08)

SCANDINAVIAN TURNING DANCE CLASSES: 6--9 pm; St. Luke Presbyterian Church, 3910 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove; \$6/class. Basics 6 pm, intermediate class follows. Evenings include a snack break, live music, and social dancing. No previous experience or partner necessary. Hard soled shoes strongly encouraged. Generally meets Sept - May. **Call to check exact schedule.** Taught by Roo Lester. Info: Roo Lester 630-985-7192, DancingRoo@aol.com; <http://members.aol.com/DancingRoo> (8/08)

MONDAY

CHICAGO BARN DANCE CO: 8-11pm; beginner teaching 7:30pm; Bethany United Church of Christ or Portage Park Center for the Arts in Chicago, or S.P.A.C.E. in Evanston; \$6. Live music. Info: 847-329-9173; info@ChicagoBarnDance.com; www.chicagobarndance.com (8/08)

EVANSTON MONDAY NIGHT FOLKDANCERS: 7:30-10:30pm; Lake St Church, Lake St and Chicago Ave, Evanston; \$5. Info: Georgine Paris Lowe 773-774-5194; Jim Rust 847-492-9393; Frank Wilhelm 773-274-2190, xopo@aol.com, jss208@comcast.net (8/08)

TUESDAY

HYDE PARK FOLK DANCERS: 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays of the month 8-10:15pm; Quaker House, 5615 S Woodlawn; \$4 /\$3 full time students and seniors over 70. Call to make sure class is meeting. Info: Mike Grethen 773-241-5834, mike.grethen@onebox.com (8/08)

MORRIS OLD TIME DANCES: 4th Tues of the month (2nd Tues in Nov and Dec), 7-9:30pm, Peace Lutheran Church, 101 Candlelight Lane (dances in hall on lower level), Morris; \$6 suggested donation for adults (children free). Beginners welcome. Live music. Info: 815-922-2865, diane@dianeippel.com; <http://www.dianeippel.com/OldTimeDance.html>; visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MorrisOldTimeDance> and join the group to receive regular email reminders (8/08)

SILK & THISTLE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:30-10pm; Kuhn Village Barn at Fermilab; donation. Summer A/C location: Ramsey Auditorium in Fermilab Wilson Hall High Rise. RSCDS Chicago Branch class. Taught by Doug Jensen. Beginners always welcome. Info: Doug Jensen 630-232-9089h, 630-840-8194w, Mady Newfield 630-584-0825, folkdance@fnal.gov; www.fnal.gov/orgs/folkclub/folkdance.html (8/08)

WEDNESDAY

BUFFALO GROVE ISRAELI FOLK DANCE GROUP: 7-10pm; Congregation Beth Am, 225 N McHenry Road (just N of shopping center at NE corner of Route 83 and Lake-Cook, use E entrance), Buffalo Grove; \$5/first time free. Led by Jim Rust. Info: Beth Am 847-459-1677 or Jim Rust 847-492-9393, MJimRust@aol.com (8/08)

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING IN EVANSTON: Mostly every other Wednesday, 8-10 pm; St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1509 Ridge Ave, Evanston; \$5. Live music when available. Info: Tom Senior 847-433-8704, ecdchicago@yahoo.com; <http://home.comcast.net/~evanstonecd/site/> (8/08)

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING (and some American): 8-10:15 pm; Weber Fitness Center, 9300 Weber Park Place (corner Church Street and Gross Point Rd), Skokie; \$5. Newcomers and children welcome. Snacks provided. Warmups and reviews 8 pm, teaching 8:20; requests 8:45. Sponsored by the Skokie Park District. Info: Dit Olshan 847-966-6888, Dit321@aol.com (8/08)

OAK PARK FOLK DANCING: 7:30-10:30pm; Harvard Congregational Church, 1045 S Kenilworth Av, Oak Park; \$6/\$4 age 12 and under/first time free. Info: Edie Spear 847-674-6308, edancemore@comcast.net (8/08)

THURSDAY

AFTERNOON FOLK DANCING: 12-2pm (exc JCC holidays); Bernard Horwich JCC, 3003 W Touhy, Chicago; A/C; \$5. Taught by Edie Spear. Info: Edie Spear 847-674-6308, edancemore@comcast.net (8/08)

FERMILAB INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING: 7:30-10pm; Kuhn Village Barn at Fermilab (just N of Batavia Rd on the Fermilab site, near Rt. 59 in Warrenville; enter lab at either gate, ID ready); donation. Summer A/C location: Ramsey Auditorium in Fermilab Wilson Hall High Rise. Beginners & children welcome. Teaching and children's dances early, request dancing later. Info: Mady Newfield 630-584-0825, Doug Jensen 630-840-8194, folkdance@fnal.gov; www.fnal.gov/orgs/folkclub/folkdance.html (8/08)

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY HILLEL ISRAELI FOLK DANCING: beg 7:30-8:15pm, led by Penny Brichta; general 8:15-9, led by Phil Moss; requests 9-11:30; usually Parkes Hall, 1870 Sheridan Rd (on SE corner of Chicago Ave. and Sheridan), Evanston; \$6. Check for occasional alternate locations. "Nostalgia/Classics" parties on the last Thursday of the month. Annual Pre-Chagigah party with the Chagigah staff Oct 23 at Temple Judea Mitzpah at 8610 Niles Center Road in Skokie Info: Phil Moss 847-274-1809, philip_b_moss@hotmail.com; Penny Brichta 847-256-4379, pjbrichta@hotmail.com (8/08)

RAVENSWOOD MORRIS DANCERS: Most Thurs, 7-9 pm; Hamlin Park Fieldhouse, 3035 N Hoyne, Chicago. Beginners welcome. Call/email to verify meeting. Info: Lowell Kempf 773-381-0867, klumpzilla@yahoo.com; <http://www.ravenswoodmorris.org> (8/08)

SOUTH SUBURBAN INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS: 7:45-10pm; 1st Presbyterian Church, 900 Thomas St (Western and 207th), Chicago Heights; \$3. Call to verify meeting. Info: Jill Carlson 708-748-5108, angelaajillcarlson@hotmail.com (8/08)

FRIDAY

ARGONNE FOLK DANCE CLUB: 8-10:30pm; St Paul's United Church of Christ, 5739 Dunham Road (corner of Dunham & Jefferson), Downers Grove; \$3. Info: Linda Schub & Jay Wightman 630-393-6565, lindaandjay@comcast.net. There is now a blog for the group at <http://argonneifd.blogspot.com> (8/08)

CAJUN DANCES: 1st Fri of the month, 8-11pm; Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N Knox, at Wilson & Knox, Chicago; \$8; (Oct-May). Music by Midway Ramblers Cajun Band; dance instruction around 8:45 pm, no partner needed, casual dress; free parking in lot; pub on premises. Info: 630-833-3515, info@midwayramblers.com, www.midwayramblers.com (8/08)

ETHNIC DANCE CHICAGO: 8-midnight; Chicago Latvian Community Center, 4146 N Elston Ave, Chicago - SW corner of Elston (NW Diag) & Hamlin (3800W); LAST Fridays ONLY: Portage Park Center for the Arts, 3914 N Menard, Chicago - SW corner of Menard (5800W) and Dakin (3950N) [new last-Fri location in 2009 TBA]; \$5/\$4 students/\$3 under 12. Party the last Fri of month, bring food, drinks. Special event with live Bulgarian and Armenian music Sept 19, '08, 8 p.m., Latvian Community Center, \$12. Info: Paul Collins 773-463-2288, info@ethnicedance.net; www.ethnicedance.net (8/08)

EVANSTON SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS: 7:30-9:30pm, Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave, Winnetka; \$5; (Sept-June). Info: Frances Gillan 847-564-2459, sackrag@aol.com (8/08)

DANCING AROUND THE WORLD (FOR SENIORS): Beg-int 9:15-10:30am, adv 10:35am-12pm; in fall, spring, and summer sessions. Northshore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd, Northfield. Taught by Gertrude Hirsch Lewis. Info: 847-784-6000 or 847-784-6030 (8/08)

WOODSTOCK FOLK DANCERS: 3rd Fri of the month, evening, Congregational Unitarian Church, 221 Dean St, Woodstock. Gentle international folk dancing. No experience needed; no charge. Call for times. Info: Betty Appleton 847-961-5253, slappleton@sbcglobal.net (8/08)

SATURDAY

CONTRA DANCE AT U OF C: 7:30 pm, 1st Saturday, most months; Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E 59th St, Hyde Park or, occasionally, Shoreland Hall, 5454 South Shore Drive, Chicago; \$6/\$3 students; (Oct - June). Live music. Info: 773-702-9793, chicagodanceweekend@gmail.com; <http://fac.uchicago.edu/> (8/08)

OTHER ONGOING

AFRICAN DANCE: Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago, 6800 S Wentworth Ave, #3E96, Chicago, 60621. Performances and classes. Info: 773-602-1135, afRICANDANCECLASSINFO@muntu.com; www.muntu.com (8/08)

BALKANSKE IGRE performing group offers instruction (open to the public) in Bulgarian singing and Balkan dance; some Sundays 2-3pm; Hamlin Park Field House, 3035 N Hoyne, Chicago. Info: John Kuo 773-324-1247, balkanske_igre@yahoo.com. (8/08)

CAJUN:

Midway Ramblers: see Friday Cajun dances above or www.midwayramblers.com (8/08)

Chicago Cajun Aces: check web page for special events and locations they are playing at <http://home.earthlink.net/~cterra440/> or contact 708-361-2321, cajunconnx@earthlink.net (8/07)

CAPOEIRA ANGOLA: Quilombo Cultural Center, 1757 N Kimball, Chicago. Classes in Capoeira Angola & Middle Eastern Belly Dance, most evenings & Saturdays. Adults \$15/class or \$95 /month; belly dance \$50 for 5 classes. Info: 773-227-8879, info@quilombocenter.org; www.quilombocenter.org. (8/07)

FLAMENCO:

Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, in-residence at Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N St Louis Av, Chicago 60625; classes for adults and children, Tuesday evenings, taught by First Dancers of the professional company; Dame Libby Komaiko, founder and artistic director. Info: 773-442-5930, ensemble-espanol@neiu.edu; www.neiu.edu/~eespanol (8/08)

Flamenco Arts Center, 3755 N Western Ave, Chicago. Flamenco, Spanish Classical, Hula, and Go-Go dancing and drum circle classes held weekly. Info (including pricing and schedule): www.flamencoartscenter.com; 773-868-4130, kathi_best@flamencoartscenter.com (8/07)

Flamenco Chicago, 2914 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Five levels of classes, from fundamentals through advanced intermediate, with performance opportunities ranging from twice-annual student showcases through apprenticeship with professional company. All classes taught by artistic director Rosetta Magdalen. Info: rosetta@flamencochicago.com; www.flamencochicago.com. (8/08)

Flamenco Triana, taught by Michelle Nascimento "La Caoba." Classes for children and adults, beginner to advanced; Mon, Tues, & Sat, at Vero Dance Studio, 3433 W. Peterson (at Kimball), Chicago 60659. Info: 773-704-5371, nascimento@mailcity.com; www.flamencotriana.com (8/07)

GREEK FOLK DANCING:

Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society, 606 Greendale Road, Glenview, IL 60025; classes for adults and youth. Info: 847-657-0958, orpheus@ohfs.org; www.ohfs.org (8/08)

Apollo Dance Troupe, performing group, practice in Aurora. Info: Gregory Kontos 630-585-5637, gkontos@comcast.net; or Ellena Vranas 630-718-1022, horevo60@comcast.net; http://www.stathanasios.org/apollo_dance_troupe.html (8/08)

INDIANAPOLIS CONTRA DANCES: Tues 8-10pm (beginner lessons 7:40) at the Athenaeum, 401 East Michigan Street, at the intersection of Michigan St, New Jersey St and Massachusetts Ave, Indianapolis. Also occasional Sat nights and other special events. Gypsy Moon Ball is Oct 25-26, '08. Info: Fiona Solkowski 317-373-3631; fsolkowski@tnc.org; <http://www.indycontra.org> (8/08)

IRISH:

Irish American Heritage Ctr, 4626 N Knox, Chicago. Ceili Fri evenings; info: John O'Grady 773-282-7035 ext 10. Set dancing, Tues evenings; fees Step Dancing, various groups and schools; check www.irishamhc.com (8/08)

Trinity Dance Academy, Classes in many locations including Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison and Appleton, WI areas. Info: 773-529-4822; info@trinitydance.com; www.trinity-dancers.com. (8/08)

Geraldine Foy, Foy School of Traditional Irish Dance, TCRG, 773-777-3069, 312-720-3069; gfoy@foyirishdancers.com; www.foyirishdancers.com. Classes for children & adults, available for performances (Chicago, Batavia, Des Moines, IA). (8/08)

Barbara McNulty TCRG, McNulty Irish Dancers; Chicago suburban locations plus Rockford, Bloomington and Dubuque. Classes for youth 3 yrs and older and adult; 847-698-4434; McNultyDancers@aol.com; www.mcnultyirishdancers.com (8/08)

Mullane Healy O'Brien Irish Dance Academy. Classes in Elmhurst, Edison Park, Gaelic Park, Orland Park, and Davenport, IA. Info: 773-775-9807; info@mullanehealyobrien.com; www.mullanehealyobrien.com (8/08)

LEIKARRINGEN HEIMHUG Norwegian performing group, Wed. 7:30pm; Des Plaines Methodist Church, 666 Graceland, Des Plaines. Info: Barbra Kronborg-Mogil, 847-823-7596; kronborg@comcast.net; Karl Pearson, 847-692-6616; karlp57@aol.com (8/08)

MEXICAN DANCE:

Ballet Folklorico Huehucocoytl, 1700 Spartan Dr, Elgin, IL 60123. Children and adults. Info: 847-612-8300, www.bfh.org (8/08)

Mexican Dance Ensemble, 1038 S Oakley Blvd, Chicago IL 60612. Mexican Traditional Dance (Known as Mexican Folklorico). Classes and Performance. Director: Samuel Cortez. Info: 312-259-9838; sam@mdechicago.org; www.mdechicago.com (8/08)

NEAR EAST DANCE AND BELLY DANCING:

Jasmin Jahal School of Dance, at 4037 N Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago. Classes evenings and weekends. Also in the suburbs at Golf Maine Park District, Niles Info: 773-777-4037; JasminJahal@hotmail.com; www.BestBellyDanceChicago.com (8/08)

Roxanne's Academy of Dance and Pilates, 2211 S. Eola Rd, Suite B, Aurora. Classes in Middle Eastern dance and belly dance, also performing troupe and private lessons. Info: 630-375-6330, information@roxfit.com, www.roxfit.com (8/08)

NORDIC FOLK DANCERS OF CHICAGO Performing group practice Thurs. 7:30-9:30pm, Norwood Park Field House, 5801 N Natoma, Chicago. Info: Linda Westergren-Muhr 773-685-8851, lwestergrenmuhr@earthlink.net (8/07)

OLD TIME DANCE PARTIES, 7 p.m., occasional Saturdays (next on Nov 15, '08), Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St, Downers Grove, \$4. Info: 630-964-0305 or 630-889-9121; <http://www.plankroad.org/Calendar.html> (8/08)

OLD TOWN SCHOOL OF FOLK MUSIC DANCE CLASSES: 4544 N Lincoln Ave and 909 W Armitage, Chicago: 773-728-6000; www.oldtownschool.org. Year-round, in 8-week sessions. Current offerings include: Aztec Ceremonial, Bhangra, Brazilian Dance, Breakdancing, Capoeira, Caribbean Dance, Flamenco, Hawaiian Hula, Hip-Hop/Funk/House, Irish Step, Latin, Mexican Folkloric, Middle Eastern Belly Dance, Old-Time Clogging, Percussive, Rueda de Casino, Tahitian, Togo, West African Dance, Zumba (8/08)

ROUND DANCE -- meets 2nd Sunday every month, 2 -4:30pm at Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 West Central (at Wilke), Arlington Heights. Info: Howard and Anna Hoffman 847-891-2383, hofdance@aol.com (8/07)

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND DANCING:

Thistle & Heather Highland Dancers of Greater Chicagoland; classes in Glen Ellyn and North Riverside, taught by Nancy Strolle, 630-963-7021, thhd@comcast.net (8/08)

Gillan School of Highland Dancing and Cas Dannsa performing group, in Gurnee, 847-244-4944, Casdannsa1@aol.com (8/07)

SERBIAN FOLK DANCING: Sloboda Serbian Adult Folklore Group, performing group, practices Tuesday nights 8-10 pm; 5782 N Elston Ave (1 block north of Central), Chicago 60646. Info: Nikola Krcadinac 630-290-2813 or 630-789-4496, krcadinac@yahoo.com; www.slobodafolk.org/ and www.snd-us.com/folklore/ (8/08)

SQUARE DANCE: Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers 847-437-5270; www.squaredancechicago.com (8/07)

TAMBOULA ETHNIC DANCE COMPANY: Haitian, Afro-Haitian and Caribbean folk dances and traditional music. Instruction, workshops, lecture/demonstrations, concerts, residency program. Info: 773-517-0195; tamboula@comcast.net; www.tambouethnic.com (8/07)

FOLK DANCE CD'S, TAPES, BOOKS, ETHNIC CLOTHING, ETC: Joan Amsterdam, International Folk Rhythms, Ltd., P.O. Box 1402, Northbrook, IL 60065; 847-564-2880; joan@folkrythms.com (8/08)

LOCAL YEARLY EVENTS

CHAGIGAH ISRAELI FOLK DANCE CAMP at Olin-Sang-Ruby Institute, Oconomowoc, WI, October 24 -26, 2008, featuring Ofer Alfasi, Shmulik Gov-ari, Rafi Ziv. Info: www.osrui.org, or Phil Moss 847-274-1809, philip_b_moss@hotmail.com (8/08)

CHICAGO SPRING FESTIVAL, March 20-22, 2009, 44th Anniversary Edition, International House at the University of Chicago, 1414 E 59th St, Chicago, IL 60637. Workshops, culture sessions, parties, and concert featuring the dance and music of the Balkans, Eastern Europe, and Turkey. Featured artists and teachers include Atanas Kolarovski (Macedonian dances), Ahmet Luleci (Turkish dances), Nina Kavardjikova (Bulgarian dances), Jim Stoyanoff (clarinet) and friends, Ljupco Milenkovski (Macedonian kaval and gajda), Orchestra "Izgreve" and more. Modest cost residential rooms in I-House an elevator ride away from all festival events. Co-sponsored by International House, the Center for Eastern European & Russian/Eurasian Studies at the University of Chicago, and the Ensemble Balkanske Igre.

Info: 773-324-1247, balkanske_igre@yahoo.com, Balkanske Igre, PO Box 1157, Chicago 60690 (8/08)

REGIONAL "JUNE CAMP", a workshop weekend co-sponsored by the Folk Dance Council of Chicago and nearby Wisconsin groups, will be held June 5-7, 2009 and feature Cristian Florescu and Sonia Dion teaching dances of Romania, at Beloit College, in Beloit, WI. Info: Mady Newfield 630-584-0825, Doug Jensen 630-840-8194, folkdance@fnal.gov; or Michael Kuharski 608-241-3655, mk@mailbag.com; <http://junecampifd.googlepages.com>. (8/08)

DOOR COUNTY FOLK FESTIVAL - July 8-12, 2009, in Sister Bay and Ephraim, WI. Watch website for details: www.dcff.net. Info: Paul Collins 773-463-2288, info@dcff.net (8/08)

FOLK BALL FESTIVAL in Madison, WI, January 23-25, 2009. Info: Michael Kuharski 608-241-3655, mk@mailbag.com. Website: <http://plantpath.wisc.edu/~tdd/folkball.htm> (8/08)

FOLK DANCE CAMP in Oconomowoc, WI October 10-12, 2008. Local teachers. Beginners and experienced dancers welcome. Sponsored by Lake Geneva Folk Dancers. Info: Jill Carlson 708-748-5108; angelajillcarlson@hotmail.com (8/08)

FOLKLORE VILLAGE FARM in Dodgeville, WI hosts weekend workshops and festivals in many kinds of dance. Info at (608) 924-4000, www.folklorevillage.org (8/08)

FDCC WEB SITE ON THE INTERNET: <http://members.aol.com/fdccpub/>

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