



CULTURALLY SPEAKING

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MESSAGE FROM NANCY PEARLMAN



How exciting to have Earth Cultures' website as a new component to our informational services. This newsletter is a nice addition to our "Compendium Newsletter" which will be sent to all donors. The projects of Educational Communications continue to expand since our founding in 1958. We are thrilled to be providing cultural programs and dance performances to the schools, private parties, retirement homes, long-term care facilities, and ethnic festivals. Our team of performers are experts in many different styles of dance and music. As an anthropologist, I am glad that we have developed these opportunities.

*Nancy Pearlman, Executive Director
Educational Communications*

THE GEOGRAPHY OF DANCE

Take a map of Europe and start at the southern end of the Adriatic Sea by drawing a line north from Montenegro along the border between Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina and continuing north across Croatia to reach Slovenia. Then turn east along Hungary. When you reach Romania, drop south to meet the Danube River and then continue east along the southern borders of Slovenia and Carpathian Mountains. Leave the Carpathians when they turn north and continue east to the Danube delta and the Black Sea. We have now divided Europe into two parts. In the northwest half, couple dances predominate among folk dances with only a few scattered remnants of line or circle dances. But in the southeast half, the typical folk dance is in line or circle form and the few couple dances are usually recent importations from western Europe. Why this sharp differentiation between couple and line dances? Well, that's another article.

contributed by Joseph Abbate

INTERSECTION REUNION AND TRIBUTE TO OUR FRIEND, ATHAN KARRAS

Athan Karras was a well-known authority on, and performer and teacher of Greek folk dance. He died peacefully in Tarzana, California, on February 12, 2010, of complications from coronary bypass surgery. A reunion and memorial in his honor will be held on October 23, 2010. Information about this event can be found at:

www.theintersectionreunion.com

More information about Athan can be found at

www.phantomranch.net/folkdanc/teachers/karras_a.htm

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FYI: There is a musical form in Mexico called the

Corrido. The Corrido tells a story about love, banditry, politics, revolution or daily life. The songs are in 3/4 (waltz) time or 2/4, danced as a polka or a one-step.

contributed by Preston Ashbourne

Bowers Museum

www.bowers.org

Sunday, October 3

Target First Free Sunday
"Italian Family Festival"

12pm to 3:30pm

2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana, CA

Kabile Traditional Bulgarian Band

Tuesday, October 12, 7:30pm

Throop Memorial Hall

300 S. Los Robles, Pasadena, CA

No charge, donations accepted.

626-797-5157 for more information

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Shoes in Estonia