

CHICAGO AREA FOLK DANCE SCENE

2010-2011

This printable directory is prepared with the hope that all those interested in participating in traditional dancing can find types that suit their abilities, locations and schedules, and that group leaders can make this list available dancers who might be seeking additional types of dancing to try. The groups in the day by day listings welcome newcomers. In some cases fees are waived for first-timers. The "other ongoing" list is a mix of classes and performance groups. The most recent date when information was confirmed is given at the end of each listing. The editor cannot guarantee that the listing is up to date, so it is advisable to call or email 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 (8/10)

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING AT FERMILAB: once a month on Sunday, 2-5 pm, Kuhn Village Barn at Fermilab, between Warrenville and Batavia; donation. No partner necessary. All dances taught. Live music generally every other by "Old Fezziwig's Band. Info: Mady Newfield 630-584-0825, folkdance@fnal.gov; www.fnal.gov/orgs/folkdance/english/ (8/10)

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> (8/10)

SCANDINAVIAN TURNING DANCE CLASSES: 6-~9 pm; St Luke Presbyterian Church, 3910 Highland Ave, Downers Grove; \$6/class. Basics 6pm, intermediate class follows. Evening includes classes, live music, a snack break, and social dancing. No previous experience or partner required. 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 (8/10)

MONDAY

CHICAGO BARN DANCE CO: 8-11pm; beginner teaching 7:30pm; Bethany United Church of Christ or Abbey Pub in Chicago, or S.P.A.C.E in Evanston; \$7. Live music. Info: 847-329-9173, 312-405-9173; info@ChicagoBarnDance.com; www.chicagobarndance.com (8/10)

EVANSTON MONDAY NIGHT FOLKDANCERS: 7:30-10:30pm; Lake St Church, Lake St and Chicago Ave, Evanston; \$5. Regional Pot Luck Saturday, November 13; Out of the Woodwork Party, December 20, 2010. Info: emnfdancers@gmail.com; www.EvanstonFolkDance.org; or Frank Wilhelm 773-274-2190 (8/10)

IRISH SET DANCING: 7:30 pm; Gaelic Park, 6119 W 147th St, Oak Forest;\$3. Info: John Carmody 708-598-5313 or 708-687-9323. (9/09)

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, mcgrethen@gmail.com (8/09)

IRISH CEILI DANCING: 7pm; Gaelic Park, 6119 W 147th St, Oak Forest;\$2. Info: Mary Carmody 708-424-3035 or 708-687-9323 (9/09)

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 (8/09)

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/scottishdance/ (8/10)

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. Led by Jim Rust. Info: Beth Am 847-459-1677 or Jim Rust 847-492-9393, MJimRust@aol.com (8/10)

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING IN EVANSTON: Every other week, 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/> (8/10)

FOLKDANCING IN SKOKIE: 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 (8/09)

ISLA PACIFICA: 8:15 pm; 4057 N. Damen Ave, Chicago. South Pacific styles, including Polynesian, Tahitian, Samoan, guamian, and Hawaiian, Hula Auana (modern Hula) and Hula Kahiko (ancient Hula). Also performing group. Info: islapacifika@gmail.com, www.islapacifika.com (8/09)

OAK PARK/RIVER FOREST FOLK DANCERS: 7:30-10:30pm; Christ Episcopal Church, 515 Franklin, River Forest; \$6/\$4 age 12 and under/first time free. Info: Edie Spear 224-723-5054, edancemore@comcast.net (8/10)

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 224-723-5054, edancemore@comcast.net (8/10)

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/folkdance/ (8/10)

NORDIC FOLK DANCERS OF CHICAGO Thurs. 7:30-9:30pm; Norwood Park Field House, 5801 N Natoma, Chicago; open practice of performing group. Info: Linda Westergren-Muhr 773-685-8851, lwestergrenmuhr@earthlink.net (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 Chicago Ave just S of Sheridan), Evanston; \$6. Check for occasional alternate locations (e.g. at Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road in Skokie from 9-3 through 9-17-09) "Nostalgia/Classics" parties on the last Thursday of the month. Annual Pre-Chagigah party with the Chagigah staff Oct 23 at Temple Judea Mitzpah (see above). Info: Phil Moss 847-274-1809, philip_b_moss@hotmail.com; Penny Brichta 847-256-4379, pjbrichta@hotmail.com. Join Chicago NU Hillel Israeli Folk Dancing on Facebook for regular updates. (8/09)

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, angela.jillcarlson@hotmail.com (8/10)

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 a blog for the group at <http://argonneifd.blogspot.com> (8/10)

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 (8/09)

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 at 9 p.m.: S.P.A.C.E. Academy Center for the Arts, 3433 W Peterson (6000N) W of Kimball (3400W), Chicago, \$5/\$4 students/\$3 under 12. Party the last Fri of month, bring food, drinks. Info: Paul Collins 773-463-2288, info@ethnicedance.net; www.ethnicedance.net (8/09)

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 (8/09)

DANCING AROUND THE WORLD (FOR SENIORS): 10:45am-12pm; in 10-week sessions. Northshore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd, Northfield. \$72 members/\$86 non-members. Taught by Gertrude Hirsch Lewis. Info: 847-784-6030, www.nssc.org (9/09)

IRISH CEILI AND SET DANCING: 7:30 pm instruction, 8-11 pm dance, live music 1st Fri of the month; Fifth Province, Irish American Heritage Ctr, 4626 N Knox, Chicago; \$10 on 1st Fri, \$5 others. Info: 773-262-7035, <http://irish-american.org/> (8/09)

WOODSTOCK FOLK DANCERS: 3rd Fri of the month, evening, Congregational Unitarian Church, 221 Dean St, Woodstock. Gentle 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, Classes Thurs 6:30-7:30pm, Anderson Park, 3748 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago. Info: Barbara Maxon 773-241-6084, africandanceclassinfo@muntu.com. Also performance: 773-602-1135, www.muntu.com (8/09)

-- Rumble Arts Center, 3413 W North Ave, Chicago; African drum and dance, Sundays 2:30-4pm, \$10/class. Info: 773-278-4441; rumblearts@gmail.com. www.rumblearts.com (9/09)

BALKANSKE IGRE performing group offers instruction (open to the public) in Bulgarian singing and Balkan dance; Sundays 2-3pm; Hamlin Park Field House, 3035 N Hoyne, Chicago. Info: John Kuo 773-324-1247, balkanske_igre@yahoo.com. (8/09)

CAJUN:

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

CAPOEIRA ANGOLA: Quilombo Cultural Center, 1757 N Kimball, Chicago. Classes for all ages. Info: 773-227-8879, info@quilombocenter.org; www.quilombocenter.org. (8/09)

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 (8/09)

-- Flamenco Arts Center, 3755 N Western Ave, Chicago. Flamenco, Spanish Classical, Hula and Go-Go dancing classes held weekly. Info (including pricing and schedule): www.flamencoartscenter.com; 773-868-4130, kathi_best@flamencoartscenter.com (8/09)

-- Flamenco Chicago, 2914 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Five levels of classes, from fundamentals through advanced intermediate, with performance opportunities ranging student showcases through community performance, and occasional professional possibilities. All classes taught by artistic director Rosetta Magdalen. Info: rosetta@flamencochicago.com; www.flamencochicago.com. (8/10)

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 (8/09)

-- 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 (8/09)

-- Neolea Hellenic Dancers, Chicago south suburbs. Info: Patty Jouras, 815-464-1055, neolea@comcast.net (8/09)

INDIANAPOLIS CONTRA DANCES: Tuesday 8-10pm (beginner lessons 7:40) at Earth House (Lockerbie United Methodist Church), 237 N. East St., on the corner of E. New York St. in downtown Indianapolis, IN. Also occasional Saturday nights and other special events. Gypsy Moon Ball is Oct 31-Nov. 1, '09. Info: Ken Gall 317-488 - 7751, e-mail: indycontra@gmail.com; www.indycontra.org (8/09)

IRISH:

-- Trinity Academy of Irish Dance, 2936 N. Southport Ave., 3rd floor, Chicago, IL 60657 Info: 877-326-2328, 773-529-4822; info@trinitydance.com; www.trinity-dancers.com. (8/10)

-- 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; traditional, competitive and ceili classes. Locations: Arlington Heights, Aurora, Chicago, Crystal Lake, Downers Grove, Glen Ellyn, Libertyville, Naperville, Niles, Oak Park, Villa Park, also Rockford and Bloomington, IL, and Twin Lakes, WI. Classes for youth 3 yrs and older and adult, with special boys-only classes at some locations; 224-639-8644, e-mail: McNultyDancers@aol.com; www.mcnultyirishdancers.com (8/10)

-- 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; (8/09)

LEIKARRINGEN HEIMHUG Norwegian performing group, Wed. 7:30pm; Heritage Room of Norwood Crossing, 6016 N. Nina, Chicago, 60631. Info: Barbra Kronborg-Mogil, 847-823-7596; kronborg@comcast.net; Karl Pearson, 847-692-6616; karlp57@aol.com (8/10)

MEXICAN DANCE:

-- Ballet Folklorico Huehucocoyotl, 1700 Spartan Dr, Elgin, IL 60123. Children and adults. Info: 847-612-8300, www.bfh.org (8/09)

-- Mexican Dance Ensemble, 1241 S. Oak Park Ave, Berwyn, IL 60402. Mexican Traditional Dance (known as Mexican Folklorico). Classes and performance. Classes: adults M,W,F 8-10pm, children M, F 7-8pm. Director: Samuel Cortez. Info: 312-259-9838; sam@mdechicago.org; www.mdechicago.com (8/10)

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 (8/09)
- 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 (8/09)
- Rumble Arts Center, 3413 W North Ave, Chicago; Belly dance with Zahra Gamal, Tues. 6:30-7:30pm, \$10/class. Info: 773.278.4441; rumblearts@gmail.com. www.rumblearts.com (9/09)

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: Brazilian Dance, Breakdancing, Capoeira, Caribbean Dance, Flamenco, Hawaiian Hula, Indian Dance, Irish Step, Latin, Mexican Folkloric, Middle Eastern Belly Dance, Old-Time Clogging, Tango, West African Dance, Zumba (8/10)

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 (8/10)
- Gillan School of Highland Dancing and Cas Danssa performing group, in Gurnee, 847-244-4944, Casdanssa1@aol.com (8/09)
- Gillette School of Highland Dance. Info: Sarah Gillette, 773-988-7684, gillette.scottishdancers@gmail.com, www.leap-and-shedding.com (8/09)

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. See also Fox Valley Mixers, 2nd & 4th Saturday evenings, Baker Community Center, 101 S 2nd St, St. Charles, www.foxvalleymixers.org (8/09)

UKRAINIAN DANCE: Hromovytsia Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, 2038 W Walton St., Chicago, IL60622-4960, 773-252-2659 (8/10)

WEST INDIAN Folk Dance Company: Caribbean Folk and Contemporary Styles, available for performances, instruction, workshops, lecture/demonstrations, festivals, etc. Classes Tues & Thurs, 6:30 pm, Columbus Park Fieldhouse, 500 S Central Ave, Chicago. Info: Alfred Baker, artistic director, 773-459-4864, WestIndianDance@hotmail.com (8/09)

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 (8/10)

LOCAL YEARLY EVENTS

CHAGIGAT HILULIM II ISRAELI FOLK DANCE CAMP at Olin-Sang-Ruby Institute, Oconomowoc, WI, October 8-11, 2010, featuring Ofer Alfasi, Shmulik Gov-Ari, Sagi Azran. Info: <http://osrui.urjcamp.org/yearround/programs/chagigah/> or Phil Moss 847-274-1809, philip_b_moss@hotmail.com (8/10)

CHICAGO SPRING FESTIVAL, March 25-27, 2011, International House at the University of Chicago, 1414 E 59th St, Chicago, IL 60637. 46th Anniversary festival with workshops, culture sessions, parties, and concert featuring the dance and music of the Balkans, Eastern Europe Turkey. Info: 773-324-1247, balkanske_igre@yahoo.com, Balkanske Igre, PO Box 1157, Chicago 60690 (8/10)

REGIONAL "JUNE CAMP", a Midwest regional workshop weekend held June 2-5, 2011, at Beloit College, in Beloit, WI, features Yves Moreau (Bulgarian and Balkan) and France Bourque-Moreau (Québécois and Breton). Info: Mady Newfield 630-584-0825, junecampfd@gmail.com; <http://junecampfd.googlepages.com>. (8/10)

DOOR COUNTY FOLK FESTIVAL - July 7-11, 2010, in Sister Bay and Ephraim, WI. Watch website for details: www.dcff.net. Info: Paul Collins 773-463-2288, info@dcff.net (8/09)

FOLK BALL FESTIVAL in Madison, WI, January 21-23, 2011. Info: Michael Kuharski 608-241-3655, mk@mailbag.com. Website: <http://plantpath.wisc.edu/~tdd/folkball.htm> (8/10)

FOLK DANCE CAMP in Oconomowoc, WI October 9-11, 2009. Local teachers. Beginners and experienced dancers welcome. Sponsored by Lake Geneva Folk Dancers. Info: Dit Olshan 847-966-6888, dit321@aol.com or Jill Carlson 708-748-5108, angelajillcarlson@hotmail.com (8/09)

FOLKLORE VILLAGE FARM in Dodgeville, WI hosts weekend workshops and festivals in many kinds of dance. Info at (608) 924-4000, www.folklorevillage.org (8/10)

REGIONAL FOLK DANCE AND POTLUCK, November 13, 2010, 6:30pm-10:30 pm, at Lake Street Church in Evanston, hosted by Evanston Monday Night Folk Dancers, \$5 plus food to share (8/10)

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To amend or update information in this listing, please contact:

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