



FLORIDA FOLK DANCER

AUGUST 1997

Aman ~the world in an ensemble

A rare opportunity is at our doorstep! The Aman Folk Ensemble, under the direction of Barry Glass, is coming to St. Petersburg this fall. They are the only professional company including in its repertoire and education program the cultural traditions of five continents: Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America. They have been based in Los Angeles, California since 1963. The Company has toured as cultural ambassadors to the Middle East and North Africa under the auspices of the United States Information Agency and has toured extensively throughout the United States funded by the National Endowment for the Arts Dance Touring Program.

Some of their goals are to preserve folkloric traditions, increase national recognition and develop larger audiences for this singular entertainment attraction and to educate the public as to the value of cultural traditions, particularly school children.

Their performances feature rare and authentic costumes and instruments with up to 45 performers. The Mahaffey Theatre in St. Petersburg is bringing 6~8 members of the ensemble here under a grant to work with school children and in cooperation with the St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society (SPIFFS). There will be no public performance, so the only way to get a glance at them is to come to SPIFFS Center and attend an evening workshop on Thursday, October 30th. Then come to the Halloween Dance Party on the 31st which will be accompanied by Aman's Musicians. Just imagine, LIVE folk dance music. We have the added treat that our dance instructor for the weekend, David Skidmore of Mandala in Boston, will be there too.

Karen sun ray

Hop~Step From The President. . .

Our President is hop~step~stepping her way through foreign climes. Expect a report when she returns.



Dany Benshalom Tour

Camp Coleman
Cleveland, GA

August 29th ~ Sept. 1st

Come and enjoy three full days, and three long nights at this beautiful, relaxing, rustic camp near mountainous Cleveland, GA. In addition to day-long dance teaching sessions and dance parties lasting long into the night, you can enjoy swimming, hiking, tennis, basketball, mountain-biking and much more. Non-dancing family members (including children) are welcome.

Dany Benshalom & Ruthy Slann
camp directors

Tuition per person:

Quad	Double	Single
\$150.00	\$175.00	\$190.00

Tuition covers housing, all meals, all sessions, a syllabus and night parties teaching.



ORLANDO ~ OIFDC & VALENCIA CULTURAL DANCE CLUB

We are currently on a two month hiatus until dance resumes August 27th at Valencia Community College, East Campus. Our last meeting date on June 25th, we had nearly 20 dancers with Andi Kapplin, Terry Abrahams and her friend Mike from Tampa and Hal Schmetterling from Palm Coast visiting us. We had such good attendance in June, maybe we should have continued in July! We have had a lot of travel this summer. Frank and Mickey Cross traveled to Alaska in May with a land and cruise package. Juanita Schockey attended the Ogelbay Workshop over Memorial Weekend in West Virginia. Jaap Leegwater was the instructor and the dances taught came off CD's we already own. She had a chance to share two dances with us so far. Larry Wartell returned from North Dakota where he was part of the Red Cross rescue team for flood victims. Bobby and I and the kids traveled to White Springs for the Florida Folk Festival. We noticed that there were not as many dance groups as in past years. Also, Sunday it started pouring at noon and many shows were cancelled because of weather which did not let up for several hours. Hopefully, next year the FFDC group will perform along with some others who were sorely missed this year (Gainesville International and Israeli).

Pat Henderson

1997 Calendar

Submit calendar entries to:

John Daly, FFDC Newsletter

If you have web access look for updates at

<http://www5.palmnet.net/~jdaly/ffdc.html>

FFDC Events

November 22: Fall Fling Sponsored by South Brevard, held at the Women's Club in Deland.

Other Sponsors

Based on fliers received, contact John Daly for more info (if available).

August 15, 16, 17, 1997 12th Annual Mountain Playshop International Dance Weekend, Swananoa, NC \$75.00 - Rusty Maynard 704/298-4824.

August 29 ~ Sept. 1, 1997 Israeli Folk Dance Weekend with Dany Benshalom & Ruthy Slann, Cleveland, GA, 864/654-3511.

All Summer: Jim Gold International Folk Tours, various locations and instruction. Contact, Arlene Pearlman, 941/359-6657 or Jim Gold 201/836-0362.

Ann Kessler's Top 10 List On Lies Folk Dance Teachers Tell You

10. If you can walk ~ you can dance!
9. You have a natural rhythm (even if it's not the one we're doing)!
8. This dance guaranteed to make you lose 5 pounds!
7. All you have to know is how to count to 8 (if it's a waltz ~ I think you're in trouble)!
6. You're so light on my feet!
5. If you make a mistake, no one will notice!
4. The other right foot!
3. You're so creative!
2. It's so easy ~ anyone can do it!

1 The music will tell you!

ALL FUN LIES ~ OF COURSE!

Advertising and Event Listings:

We are happy to list upcoming events for our members. However, if you are not a member and wish to have a full page flyer placed in the newsletter, there will be a separate charge to do so. This is to cover our production and mailing costs. We are going to determine a price for this in the near future. Below are advertising options per issue for everyone.

Business Card (2"x3.5")	\$ 5.00
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Terry's Excellent Adventure

Terry left for Israel on the 3rd of July via a weekend at her mom's in Philadelphia. She and 30 other dancers are going to start at Carmiel (the 10th anniversary of the festival) and dance their feet off for 3 full days. Then tour around Israel, the last five days returning for a workshop with Dany Benshalom and lots of free time to hang . . . the trip was planned by Ruthy Slann (Blue Star and North Carolina) and reports should be terrific!

Dany is also doing a Labor Day camp at Camp Cleveland in Georgia. Following that he will be in Tampa on September 5th (Tuesday) for an evening workshop. Watch for further information.

We have disbanded for the summer, as the recreation center wanted us to dance between 6 and 8, which was not acceptable. So we're all flitting all over to visit other groups. 4 of us went to Orlando for their final night before their summer hiatus, some of us have gone a few times to Sarasota for either international or contra, some have visited Orlando's Israeli group, some to St. Pete, (some even helping out with St. Pete performances) and some have gone to Gainesville. We have two additional men at the moment. Jim who is going to take off in a sail boat, live in it and go to the Caribbean, but in the mean time is staying with Terry and dancing everywhere, including a couple of rounds of Cajun, and one round of Tango, and a great addition to both Israeli and International. Mike Century, also living with Terry is sticking to Israeli, but into the couple dances, so we're having great fun with that, Mike was at Mechol Miami and twice at Blue Star for those of you who remember him. Once he relocates to a new job, we'll lose him, but we're hoping he finds something in the Florida area.

Well that's the news from Lake Woebegone ~oops~ I mean Tampa. Sorry we haven't been sending in stuff. I guess when Andy and I finished our term we ran out of steam! Maybe we're back in the flow now. Andy's busy thinking of a great time coming up, and his picnic concept sort of worked ~those of us who came had fun~ it just wasn't lots of us ~oh well~ next time!

Terry Abrahams

TAMPA TERPSICHOREANS

We have taken a break from dancing on Fridays until fall as many of us are away during the summer. However, there is plenty of other dancing in the area~ contras, tea dances (swing, Ballroom), etc. I just finished visiting the Bastille Day Festival in St. Pete, dancing to an up and coming Cajun band ~The Swamp Grass. I was right in the middle of organizing another David Skidmore Workshop for Nov. 1~2 when Karen's e-mail arrived telling me Aman will be here the two days right before that. (We'll have a joint effort flyer out by the next issue). What a wonderful way to kick off a workshop, some of us have tried for years to bring in a band of this caliber, but the cost was always prohibitive. For those of you who have never danced to a top-notch live folk band, it's an experience not to be missed (David will be there Friday night too, so between him and the Aman dancers we should have some great line leaders).

I hope we can thank our benefactors who brought us Aman, by a real strong turnout!

Andy Pollock



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OUR STAFF

Dany Benshalom- our co-camp director and workshop teacher is well known and widely respected among the dance community in Israel and the western hemisphere. Together with Ruthy Slann, he is coordinating the Carmiel 97 Tour of Israel. Dany heads the department of International and Israeli Folk-Dance at the Wingate Institute's Zinnman College for Physical Education, and is also the director of the Wingate Dance Troop. Together with his wife Nogah, he runs one of Israel's most popular dance programs in the Cheffer valley, in Kibbutz Givat Chayim. Dany has won the love and respect of dancers all over the world with his excellent teaching ability, his warm and friendly personality, and his infinite patience.

Ruthy Slann, our co-camp director, is a native of Israel and an avid dancer. She leads an International Folk Dance group in Clemson, SC., and an Israeli Folk Dance group in Charlotte, NC. She travels in the South East to teach Israeli Folk Dance workshops. Together with Dany Benshalom, she is coordinating the Carmiel 97 tour of Israel. Ruthy has been on the Ferd Berk Blue Star staff since 1990. She is cheerful, and friendly, and her enthusiasm for dancing can be dangerously contagious.

Livia Burghardt, our secretary, comes from Canada, with her smile and good nature, ready to help with all your needs.

Weekend schedule

Friday, August 29

2:00 or after Arrival and registration
 4:30-6:30 All request International Dance
 7:30 Dinner
 9:30 Teaching
 10:00 Request party
 (please bring your favorite tapes).
 Dance till you drop!!!

Saturday & Sunday

8:30-9:30 Breakfast
 9:45-10:00 Warm-ups
 10:00-11:00 Teaching
 11:00-11:15 Break (snack time)
 11:15-12:15 Teaching
 12:30-1:30 Lunch
 1:30-4:00 Free time
 4:00-5:30 Teaching
 6:30-7:30 Dinner
 9:00- till? Review, and party into the night

Monday, September 1st

8:45-9:45 Breakfast
 10:15-10:30 Warm-ups
 10:30-12:00 Review of all dances taught
 12:30-1:30 Lunch, and GOOD-BYES.....

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