

# SPRING FESTIVAL, March 19-21, 2010

*International House, 1414 E 59th St, Chicago, IL 60637*

*workshops, concert, parties, culture sessions featuring the dance and music of Eastern Europe and Mediterranean*

**DANCE WORKSHOPS** <----- Sat & Sun, 9am-5pm -----> **MUSIC WORKSHOPS** (per workshop: \$8/\$10/\$12)

**Atanas Kolarovski** Macedonian dances

**Chris Bajmakovich** accordion, Macedonian songs

**Ahmet Lüleci** Turkish dances

**Ljupčo Milenkovski** Macedonian kaval, gajda

**Ventzi Sotirov** Bulgarian dances

**James Stoyanoff** clarinet

**Šani Rifati** Rrom (people formerly called "Gypsies") dances, songs, & culture

**FRIDAY EVE PARTY**, 8pm-midnight, dance workshop plus party with **Jim Stoyanoff & Orch Chalgija**

**SATURDAY EVE**, 6pm-1am, Dinner, Concert, & Dance Party with artists below (\$25/\$30/\$40)

*featuring* Chris Bajmakovich & Muzika4U, Ljupčo Milenkovski & Orchestra Legenda,

*plus* ethnic Bulgarian, Macedonian, Polish, Serbian, etc. dance groups and more...

**INFORMATION:** 773-324-1247 (24-hours) or 847-331-7842-eves & weekends

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I-House Global Voices Performances Arts Series ihouse.uchicago.edu for handicapped access, contact 773-753-2274 72 hours in advance

**Housing-** I-House single & double occupancy rooms available: 773-753-2270. Also, limited crash space - write/call for info.

**Omega Shuttle** between the International House & O'Hare or Midway airports: 773-734-6688 or www.omegashuttle.com.

**Weekend passes: SUBSTANTIAL DISCOUNT FOR EARLY REGISTRATION.** Tickets available in advance or at door.

**Saturday dinner reservations required.** Student/senior discount available. Program subject to change.

**Sunday evening post-festival dinner/dance party with live music**-separate charge, location to be announced

**International Folk Rhythms** will have CD's, videos, opanci/tsarvouli & costumes, books, etc. for sale.

**Syllabus ads:** 1/4 page-\$35, 1/2 page-\$65, full page-\$100. Send photo-ready copy w/payment by 3/1/2010.

Please complete and **return to John Kuo, 9201 Mason, Morton Grove, IL 60053 - make checks**

**payable to "Balkanske Igre"**. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if confirmation desired.

NOTE: REGISTER EARLY FOR SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS

	Student Seniors	FDCC	General	Note: Saturday evening concert & party included in weekend package
Weekend postmarked by 2/1/2010	___\$110	___\$120	___\$130	
Weekend postmarked by 3/1/2010	___\$120	___\$130	___\$140	
Weekend pass after 3/1/2010	___\$130	___\$140	___\$150	Saturday evening dinner & syllabus extra.
Sat dinner+concert+party	___\$ 25	___\$ 30	___\$ 40	___add \$15 for Sat dinner (weekend only)
Sat concert+party	___\$ 20	___\$ 25	___\$ 30	___add \$15 for syllabus
Sat party or concert or dinner only	___\$ 15	___\$ 20	___\$ 25	<--circle desired event at left (party, etc.)

for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information about:

\_\_\_ hotel/motel info \_\_\_ crash space needed \_\_\_ I have crash space to offer (Chicago area)

\_\_\_ dance \_\_\_ music \_\_\_ singing workshops \_\_\_ Spring Festival work scholarship

\_\_\_ volunteering for the Spring Festival. \_\_\_ international folk dance and music events in Chicago

\_\_\_ joining Ensemble Balkanske Igre as \_\_\_ dancer \_\_\_ musician \_\_\_ singer \_\_\_ support staff

\_\_\_ Please count me in for the post-festival dinner & dance party - \$40/person includes tax/tip - alcoholic drinks extra

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING TEACHERS, GUEST ARTISTS, AND MISCELLANEOUS**

To/from O'Hare: \$30/person, \$24/person if two or more, no reservation required. To/from Midway: \$17/person, 24-hour notice.

The **SPRING FESTIVAL** is an eagerly awaited annual event which draws enthusiasts of Balkan, Eastern European, and Mediterranean music, dance, food, and culture from throughout North America to Chicago - a chance to celebrate with old friends and to make new ones. Guided by master dance teachers and inspired by virtuoso musicians you'll dance, sing, and jam all weekend long! Be enthralled by splendid performances of music and dance at the Saturday evening concert. Enjoy dancing on a sprung, oak floor to exhilarating live music each evening at the dance parties. Sample mouth-watering delicacies prepared by expert Balkan cooks. Our sizzling parties are renowned from coast-to-coast and a hit among dancers, world music fans, and the Balkan and Eastern European communities. Bring your family and friends too! Finally, don't miss the Sunday evening post-festival dinner & party!

### *GUEST ARTISTS AND TEACHERS TEACHING WORKSHOPS ALL DAY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY:*

**ATANAS KOLAROVSKI** is the legendary Macedonian dancer nonpareil and former lead soloist and director of "Tanec". Atanas has helped to spread Macedonian culture and folklore throughout North America, Europe, and East Asia.

**AHMET LÜLECI** is a fabulous dancer and one of the premier teachers of Turkish dance in the world. Ahmet directs the popular annual "World Camp" on the east coast and is in great demand at workshops, camps, and festivals.

**ŠANI RIFATI** is the director of the Voice of Roma and will give presentations on the dance, songs, & culture of the Roma. Voice of Roma sponsored tours with Esma Redžepova, "Queen of Romani Music", Yuri Yunakov, & "KAL".

**VENTZI SOTIROV** is a native of Sandanski in the Pirin-Macedonian region. He was a lead soloist with the Bulgarian National Folk Ensemble "Pirin" and was rated by his peers the number professional dancer in Bulgaria.

**CHRIS BAJMAKOVICH** is a young, talented, and versatile musician and vocalist much in demand in the Macedonian community who can play Macedonian, Bulgarian, Rom, Serbian, and other genres with equal authority.

**LJUPČO MILENKOVSKI**, a native of Dračevo, Macedonia was a three-time gold-medalist on the Macedonian kaval (shepherd's flute) at the Dolnensko-Prilepsko folk festival and is the last and best student of the legendary Mile Kolarov.

**JAMES STOYANOFF** is a master of the clarinet and performs and teaches Greek, Macedonian, and Turkish music. He studied clarinet with such masters as Karakos, Halkias, Anestopoulos, Gündeğer, and others.

### *FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENING EVENTS:*

**FRIDAY** and **SATURDAY** evening will feature exciting music and performances by a variety of master Balkan musicians.

Jim Stoyanoff and friends has formed a "čalgija" (traditional town Macedonian orchestra) and will lead off the weekend with this style of music as well as classics from the old-time bands of Kime Nanchoff et al. Also, Ljupčo Milenkovski Orchestra; "**Music4U**" with Chris Bajmakovich & friends; "Balkanski Ritmi" Bitov Orch, including Angel Dobrev (gadulka), Stamen Gardzhev, (gaida), Kotse Marinov (tapan); the St. George Tamburaši; plus "Balkanske Igre", & others.

**SUNDAY EVENING** post-festival dinner for the teachers, committee, and friends has been so much fun, we are inviting everyone to join us at (restaurant to be announced) for dinner, music, and dancing. Check form if interested.