



# *1<sup>st</sup> Olympus Greek Dance and Culture Seminar 2011*

*19-28 August 2011*

*1<sup>st</sup> Year with Yannis Prantsidis, Kyriakos Moisidis and Achilleas Tsiaras*

*The seminar will be held in Pieria (the land of the ancient Thracian tribe 'Pieres' and the Muses), on the flanks of Mount Olympus, the mythological residence of the ancient Greek pantheon, and close to the coasts of the blue Aegean Sea. The seminar will take place from 19 to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2011, when most traditional feasts ('glendia' or 'panegyria') take place in the area (including Macedonian, Thracian, Pontian, Vlach and other glendia), as well as famous festivals of traditional 'gaida' (bagpipe), and ancient Greek drama festivals in the theatre of Dion, the sacred town of the ancient Macedonians.*

*The seminar program will offer courses of traditional Greek dances and customs from different regions (Thrace, Macedonia, Central Greece, Pontus and the Black Sea) as well as lessons in traditional Greek culture, language, music and singing from well-known teachers, researchers and musicians (YANNIS & DIMOS PRANTSIDIS, KYRIAKOS MOISIDIS, ACHILLEAS TSIARAS, YOULI DIMOU, MARIA TSIMITRI, PANAYOTIS PAGONIDIS, VASSILIS GEROVASSILEIOU, LAURA SHANNON, PANOS ZIKIDIS, YANNIS KAKARAS, AND PANAYOTIS PAVLOS). There will also be special nights of traditional music at the seminar venue or in villages, where we will have the chance to meet and see local people dancing and singing. Various scenic excursions and cultural tours will give the chance to admire the natural wonders of the sacred Mount Olympus (forests, springs and magnetic fields), the legendary burial place of Orpheus and great examples of ancient Greek civilization, music and technology.*

*We are expecting you for a unique cultural experience!!!*



**PLACE:** Pieria, Mt Olympus, Greece – around 90 km from Thessaloniki airport (easily reached by train and bus). Participants can also be transferred from the airport to the seminar venue for a small charge.

**ACCOMMODATION:** to be confirmed soon (half board) – *close to the beach!*

**PRICE:** 880 € for early registration (300 € deposit has to be paid by 30 April 2011); and 980 € for late registration from 1<sup>st</sup> May up to 30 June 2011 (final deadline) - ***THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS LIMITED!***

**GENERAL SCHEDULE:**

- **19 August 2011** – Arrival after 2 pm. Registration after 6 pm. Dinner at 8 pm, followed by informal dancing
- **20-27 August 2011** – Cultural courses, tours and ‘glendia’
- **28 August 2011** – Departure after breakfast

**DANCE COURSES:** Thrace (North Thrace – East Rumelia, Black Sea coasts), Pontos, Macedonia (Roumlouki – Central Macedonia, Vlach villages of W. Macedonia, Pieria and Mount Olympus), Central Greece (Arvanitic villages), and others.

**SPECIAL COURSES AND LECTURES :** Greek language, traditional songs, original costumes, philosophy and role of dance in the Greek society, demonstrations of musical instruments and instrument-making, women's ritual dances and traditions

**TOURS:** archaeological sites, traditional villages and natural beauties

**MUSICAL NIGHTS:** traditional ‘panegyria’ & ‘glendia’, festivals and live music

**SEMINAR LANGUAGE:** the formal languages of the seminar are English and Greek but we can arrange limited German, Spanish or French translations for groups

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**ORGANIZATION:** *Thrace Treasury - International Academy of Culture and Communication* and *“Propantos” Seminar Organization Centre*

**WEBSITES:** <http://www.propantos.net/> ; <http://www.tamieion.gr/> ; and [www.laurashannon.net](http://www.laurashannon.net)

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