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A Journey Through the Greek Isles: Festival of Greek Music and Dance 2002

The date for the Festival of Greek music and Dance is fast approaching! On Saturday, March 16, 2002, ten distinguished folk musicians from Greece will present music and songs from the Greek Islands. The rhythms of the violin, *tsabouna* (island bagpipe), *santouri* (dulcimer), oud, lute and an array of percussion instruments will fill the auditorium at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., in Skokie. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Orpheus Dance Troupe will perform folk dances from the Greek Islands accompanied by the visiting musicians. Tickets are available by calling 847-729-3406.

This is the second year that the Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society is undertaking the organization of the Festival of Greek Music and Dance in cooperation with SAE of America. Last year's sold out concert featured artists from Macedonia and Thrace, Greece's northern regions.

Nikos Economidis, one of Greece's most recognized authorities on Greek Island traditions, is the founder and leader of the musical group, KEROS. Mr. Economidis has produced a number of albums in cooperation with other noted folk artists in Greece. Many

local island cultural organizations have sought his expertise in documenting and producing CD's of their folk traditions. Copies of such CD's cannot be found commercially, but can only be purchased in their respective villages. For more information about Nikos Economidis and the KEROS group you can log on to www.kerosmusic.gr.



This type of event provides audiences in the Midwest the opportunity to experience a live presentation of Greek folk traditions that are rarely given outside of Greece's borders. It also offers the instructors and members of the Orpheus Dance Troupe the chance to enrich their knowledge of Greek folk dances. The exchange and sharing of knowledge pertaining to this aspect of our Hellenic

heritage with such accomplished artists energizes and motivates all OHFS members, who have been working tirelessly during the last several months towards the organization of this concert.

We hope to see you there to enjoy the lively island melodies as well as to support the efforts and mission of the Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society. ☐

Musical Traditions from the Northern Aegean Islands

The islands of the Northern Aegean have played an important role in Greece's history and culture. They have been known since antiquity for their special products, such as olive oil, ouzo and anchovies from Mytilene (Lesvos), mastic-gum from Chios and the marvelous muscatel-wine from Samos. These goods, supported by local shipping and business enterprise, brought prosperity. Local island industries were flourishing at a time when those on mainland Greece were just beginning. Mytilene (Lesvos) was the first island to welcome thousands of refugees after the Asia Minor disaster. Many of them stayed on, influencing the music and local customs. After a period of decline caused by emigration, these islands are flourishing again today.

While the music of the islands in the Northern Aegean exhibit some similarities to the music of Asia Minor due to their proximity, their dances, instruments, and the way of worship and entertainment differ. For example, the people of Lesvos (Mytilene) are Aeolians while those of Chios are Ionians.

Lesvos, birthplace of Terpanndros, Sappho, Arion, Alkaios, Menandros and Theophrastos, continues to produce scholars and artists. Villages like Mesotopos, Ayiasos and St. Paraskevi retain an age-old musical tradition and are home to many notable artists. Lesvos, more than any other island, adopted and retained the Smyrna dialect. Many of its songs are made up of couplets, mainly on love themes. A unique characteristic found in its music is the use of brass wind instruments. The clarinet, accordion and *bouzouki* have also entered the local tradition, resembling the style of the folk and popular sounds of mainland Greece. In the past, one found a greater variety of instruments in the countryside of Lesvos that included the flute, *zournades* with *daouli*, as well as the lyre and bagpipes. Many songs were sung mainly by women, without any accompaniment, as they went about their daily activities.

The dances of Lesvos may display some local variations and names but are basically



The KEROS music ensemble will present music and songs from the Northern Aegean islands on Saturday, March 16.

no different from those of the other islands and the nearby coast of Asia Minor. Here we find the *Syrto*, *Kalamatianos*, "*Antikristoi*" (paired dances such as the slow *Karsilamas*, *Aediniko*, and *Pyggi*), *Hasapikos* (slow and *Hasaposervikos*), and *Ballos* and *Zeibekiko*

In the songs of Chios we come across many themes common with mainland Greece, such as narrative (paralogues) and Acritic songs. The rest of the songs consist of love, wedding and satirical couplets attuned to older melodies and dances. The dances of Chios are named after various places (*Nenitousikos*, *Pyrgousikos*), or by the way they are danced (slow, running, etc.). There is the familiar *Syrto*, *Ballo* (with local variation: *Mastic*, *Kalamatiano*, as well as *Karsilama*, *Zeibekiko*, and *Aptaliko*). The instruments are typically island in character, which consists of the violin, the lute and the dulcimer making up the basic "group", with the oud sometimes added. Many songs, of course, have no accompaniment.

Samos is the birthplace of Pythagoras, Lycaon and Anvacreon. Despite its glorious history, the island of Samos has known countless pillages. Many settlers of various origins have created a peculiar musical tradition. Many of the songs and dances of Samos have come from places as distant as Peloponese. This explains why the clarinet became popular in the music traditions of Samos. Old dances like the Corsaire, the *Karlovassitikos* and *Karsilamas* are no longer danced by younger people, but the *Ballos*,

the *Syrto* (*Plataniotiko Nero*) and "jumping" dances are still very popular.

In spite of its small size, **Ikaria** is very interesting from a musical point of view because it presents a combination of the music of the Southern Aegean (Kassos, Karpathos and Crete), the Northern Aegean (Samos, Chios, etc.), the Western Aegean (Cyclades Islands) and the coastal regions of Asia Minor. The dances of Ikaria are popular throughout the Greek islands. The violin has replaced the lyre. Other instruments are becoming rare such as the *tsabouna* (island bagpipe) and the *pidavli* (type of flute). One of the most popular dances is *Ikariotikos* or *Kariotikos*. It is a shoulder-held mixed circular dance that consists of two parts. The first part contains the dance element "*statria*" and the second part consists of livelier and faster steps.

Limnos is an island with a rich tradition in music. Many types of songs were common in Limnos. Most of them were purely vocal. The dancing songs were often accompanied by the lyre and the lute. In recent years, the lute has been replaced by the lute-guitar, the flute or the *bouzouki*, and the melody is played in the low octave. Violins and dulcimers were also common in the past. The local dances are *Kehagiadikos*, the "Forward-Backward", *Patima* and *Panagia* (from the village of the same name). They also dance *Ballos*, *Syrto*, *Zeibekiko*, and *Kalamatiano*. At weddings, European dances are also present (waltzes, quadrilles, polkas etc). ☐

Voyage to the Island of Kythira

The island of Kythira (or Tsirigo) is situated in the southeast of Peloponissos and belongs to the Ionian Islands (Kefalonia, Corfu, Zakynthos, Ithaca, Kythira, Lefkada and Paksoi). Administratively, Kythira belongs to the Piraeus Prefecture. Placed between the cape of Maleas and Crete, it is the passage from the Aegean to the Ionian high sea. The island is 120 navy miles from the port of Piraeus, and its surface area is 280 square km. The coasts of Kythira are 52 km long. While the population of the island consists of 3000 inhabitants, Kytherians worldwide (Australia, Canada, United States, etc) number in the tens of thousands. The immigration wave of Kythirians to Australia is one of the biggest immigration waves that have ever taken place in Greece. The basic occupation of the inhabitants is tourism and agriculture. The agricultural products of the island are several and very famous. The most famous is the Kythirian thyme honey.

Since early times, the Minoans had considered Kythira as a stopover point during their travels toward the West and had created the settlement of Skandia, in what today is called Paleopolis, as well as the significant mountaintop sanctuary named Agios Georgios on the Mount.

From the 6th century onwards the island began to be inhabited more systematically. In about the 10th and 11th centuries it again acquired some importance and became a part of Monemvasia. Around that time the fortified capital of the Byzantine period, Agios Dimitrios, was built, (today's Paliohora), which contained a large number of churches and a significant number of inhabitants. In 1537 Agios Dimitrios was captured and destroyed by Algerian pirates under the leadership of Haiderin Barbarossa. During this period the island was dominated by the Venieri family, descendents of the Venetian adventurer Marko Venieri who conquered Kythera in 1207. The Venetians governed the island until 1797 with one exception, a short period during which the island was won over by the Turks (1715). In 1797, Kythira, like all the Ionian Islands was taken over by the French and in 1809 by the English who held onto the island until 1864,

when, together with the rest of the Ionian islands, was united with Greece.

The musical tradition of the island of Kythira is very rich. In the past, the main instrument used was the *lyra* (lyre). Today, the violin, accompanied by the lute, has replaced the lyre. The influence from the island of Crete is evident by the presence of numerous Cretan songs with local variations. The main dances are the *Moraitikos Kalamatianos* and the island *syrtos* and *ballos*. There are also local dances like the single and the double *Syrto*. The *Tsirigotika* (from the island of Kythera) songs have their own poetic and technical form and are full of lyric expression. They are categorized into historic, paralogues, lullabies, narrative, love, wedding, and immigration songs. There are songs inspired by the beauty of the island of Kythera as well as songs and couplets that are influenced by the islands of Eptanisa and neighboring Crete. Of special importance are the old wedding couplets and the *apokriatiko* (similar to Mardi Gras) song "*Stin Paliopoli Ekana Zevgari*" (At Paliopoli I made a Pair). The latter song was sung only during the last Sunday of *Apokries*. It was danced acappella to the rhythm of the simple *Bourdari* dance. Songs that were sung without the use of musical instruments were sung during daily activities.

The women's costumes, towards the end of the 19th century, were more or less the same for all the women. Many of these had already adopted the western European fashions, anyway. The costumes, however, differed as to the material of which they were made, some of which were woven on the home loom, while others were brought over from Constantinople and Smyrna. The loal costume, *koronitiki* or *spalleto*, consists of a cotton *vraki*, a *boustaki*, which serves as a brassiere, an off-white cotton or silk chemise (*poukamiso*) and a cotton underskirt (*missofori*) or woven under dress (*messofoustano*). The dress has a tight-fitting bodice and a six panel gathered skirt. It may be sleeved or sleeveless, closed and covering the bosom, or with a scooped neck, and buttoning in front. In marriage contracts, one always find mentioned a red dress, the *rizimo*, that is, dyed with *rizari*,



Women wearing the Spalleto costume.

madder root, but one also finds *krokidema*, that is cotton dresses. Around the waist was tied the apron and a belt. On special events, the women would circle the waist with the *spalleto*, from which the costume takes its name. The best *spalleto* is that made of *lahouri* wool. The costume is complemented by the *kondo* or *zipouni*, which is a sleeved jacket of felt or velvet, embroidered with gold or yellow *harzia* (trimmings) and other braids.

Renowned violist Nikos Economidis, in cooperation with the Cultural Society "Mitaton Kythiron MIRTIA", produced a CD called "*Perasma Sta Kythira*" (Passage through Kythira) with songs and music from the island of Kythira. Other artists that collaborated in the production of the CD include Mariza Koh and Eleni Harou-Koroneou who came from the island of Kythira to sing, among other songs, the chant of "*Mirtidiotissas*" which used to be heard during Holy Week. ☐



Nikos Economidis and Mariza Koh.

A Shepherd's Tradition - The Tsabouna

The *tsabouna* is a Greek bagpipe characteristic of the Cycladic musical tradition and found throughout that island group. It is much less well known compared to other traditional wind instruments such as the *klarino* (clarinet) or the *gaida* (the mainland bagpipe). The *tsabouna* has existed uninterruptedly in the Mediterranean for more than two thousand years and currently faces extinction. Very few people still show interest in the instrument today. *Tsabouna* musicians live in obscurity as retired farmers or building workers, and there is almost no call for the music from the younger generation now.

Why this is so is a complex issue, but the main reason is the change in general lifestyle. The *tsabouna* is an instrument found mostly in the countryside, and made by the musician himself out of natural materials at hand. It is also an instrument that uses only six notes, which does not fit in with western scales. The specific sound it makes is unusual, even primitive, compared to the more rounded-out sounds of contemporary music.

Today, the Myconos players of the *tsabouna* and *doubaki* (drum), although rather elderly, continue to entertain at the *panygiri* (festivals), church festivals and Saints' names days. The *panygiri* is a tradition that is still enjoyed and cherished by the island's permanent inhabitants, and maintains a prominent place in local life. In the past, the *panygiri* music was exclusively that of the *tsabouna*. Presently, there is a range of instruments, repertoire and entertainment at these social gatherings.

The *tsabouna*-or *sabouna*, as it is referred to in the Myconos dialect—is a wind instrument with ancient origins, perhaps the most ancient still in use today. The name *tsabouna* comes from the Italian *zampogna*, which is related to the Greek word *symphonia*. Recorded on papyrus in the Law of Arsenoitus (131-132 AD), the *asklavos* (the instrument), and *asklavion*

(the musician playing it) are referred to for the first time as invited to play against payment at religious festivals, feast days and ritualistic celebrations, just like almost two thousand years later. The *tsabouna* could also have developed without an *askos* (airbag), as can be seen on ancient vases showing activities with musicians with puffed cheeks playing the *avlos*, an oboe-like, double reed wind instrument which is the forerunner of today's *zourna*. They probably used the technique of circular breathing, which today's *zourna* players still practice to produce a continuous flow of air and, hence, sound. The invention of the bagpipe not only outmoded this difficult technique, but also by storing air in an "external lung" it allowed the musician to sing while playing.

All bagpipes have the following elements in common: the mouthpiece is made from bone or wood; the *askos* is made from animal skin (leather); the *avlos* consists of a base containing one or two reeds to produce sound, one or two pipes with holes for the fingering, and finally a horn or carved piece of wood directs the sound. In terms of sound production, the single-reed pipes are the front-runners of the clarinet. Many have one or more separate pipes to produce only one tone, the *iso* or drone. The *tsabouna* of the Greek islands is among the few bagpipes that do not have a separate drone, and so are of more primitive construction. That does not make it easier to play.

The names used for the *tsabouna* vary from place to place. In Naxos it is the *tsabounasko*, in Crete the *askomathoura*, in Ikaria the *tsabounofilaka*, in Kefalonia the *askotsabouno*, in Syphnos the *kainta*, in the Mani the *moskotsabouno*, and in the Black Sea area the *touloum zournas*.

It is unknown when the *tsabouna* and the *doubaki* first came to Myconos. 94-year old islander Stephanos Antoninis, who spoke of his memories, provides the first account of the *tsabouna* in Myconos. "When I was five years old, I would go with my mother in and out of various *kazina* where they were playing the *tsabouna* and the *doubaki*, the *zia*. The *kazina* went on from Epiphany (January 6) to Clean Monday (first day of Lent). In those days the *tsabouna* was played all the time, and because there were always several *tsabouna* players, when one got tired, another would carry on and the dancing never stopped".

The word *zia* in Myconian dialect means, "the pair", the name given to the island's musical groups, particular the *tsabouna* and the *doubaki*. The *kazina* described by Antoninis were "dances" held in ground floor parlors of houses in Myconos. The rooms were temporarily transformed into public places for dancing. The dances that occurred between Epiphany and Clean Monday were called *ballosia*. Everyone had fun at them, especially the sailors, before they left in early spring on their long trips at sea. Those carnival dances at the *kazina* were without any special amenities; the floor was made up of trampled dirt, there were no chairs; the only refreshments served were nuts or liquor. It was the music that was the most important element, with young people dancing and flirting.

Playing the *tsabouna* requires a special technique learned by seeing and hearing and then trying and trying again. *Tsabouna* players do not resort to any formal instruction; their greatest motivation is the desire to play and unyielding stubbornness. Most began with the *monosabouno*, a single *tsabouna* which they fashioned themselves from a piece of reed, or in combination with a *plouska*, a pig's bladder, tied to one end. This does not require much air, so that even a child five or six years old can easily produce the sound.

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Tsabouna player during the Carnival season in Myconos.



Tsabouna player on the island of Myconos.

Music Traditions from the Dodecanese Islands

The music tradition of the Dodecanese islands is among the richest in Greece. It was a tradition born on the islands themselves, through the particular way of life and challenges of the inhabitants. However, we should note there are certain qualities inherent in this music which was determined by the region or segment of the population; for example, the musical elements were affected by the presence of notable musicians, teachers, etc. in the region who influenced the course of music in that particular area). Therefore, it is not uncommon for many quite different songs to be present in neighboring villages on one small island.

The basic musical instruments on all the islands were the lyre, the *tsabouna* (type of bagpipe) and the lute. The Dodecanese lyre was small, like that of Constantinople, and had three or, very rarely, four strings. But today it has almost disappeared from most of the islands and is found only in Karpathos, Kassos and Chalki. One reason for this is the influence of Asia Minor on the islands. The songs of Smyrna had already started to spread long before the Asia Minor disaster of 1922, through sailors, teachers, church-chanters and intellectuals moving from Smyrna and Constantinople to work in the islands. There were several cases where enlightened music teachers organized the music of the islands with the help of the refugees from the Asia Minor disaster. Gradually, a new musical style was created and Asia Minor songs were adapted to the island measures and became part of the various traditional rituals (weddings, saints' feasts, etc.). Some famous musicians traveled from island to island, carrying this new style of music with them, so we see the same songs were popular in different islands at the same time.

Another factor determined by the Asia Minor influence was the gradual emergence of the violin as a major instrument at the expense of the traditional Dodecanese lyre. The lute became an instrument for accompaniment, while a new instrument called the dulcimer (*santouri*) was added to the Dodecanese band, soon becoming popular and finding favor with the virtuosos. Musicians took advantage of the violin's wider

range and added new music phrases to the old dances, and also composed new ones or "imported" them from the nearby Asia Minor coast. Crete was an opposite pole of influence for some of the islands (Kassos, Karpathos). Finally, although musicians included in their repertoires tunes from Amorgos, Naxos, Ikaria and the Mainland for weddings and other events etc., these songs did not influence the local style and were danced as "foreign" dances, for the sake of variety, as were some Western European dances.

The island of **Rhodes** today is the focal point of the Dodecanese islands since it has fairly large communities of people from all the other islands, as people go there to work and study. Rhodes, owing to its size and population, but mainly due to the variety of its inhabitants, presents a complex music profile. It is privileged to be the home of dozens of experienced musicians who play not only Rhoditic but also songs from the other islands.

The dances are the usual Dodecanese dances, but in some villages they present differences in the music and name. So in Embona the *Kritikos* (Cretan) is danced (a similar dance in other regions is called *Pidihtos* (jumping) of Rhodes), and the *Boniatiki Sousta*, during which the singers weave *mantinades* (rhyming couplets). In Rhodes the *Sousta* is dominant, danced in a special way so as to form a "snail", and opening out again in a semi-circle. After weddings they used to dance the *Digenis* in which the lead dancer would perform with weapons and helmet. Other popular dances include the *Kato* dance, *Sperveri*, *Vlacha*, *Zervodexos* (left and right), *Makelari* (Hasapikos), *Vatani*, *Tjenevetos*, *Tseli*, *Rinaki* etc.

In **Symi** we have a dance, the *Komenos*, which is in fact a suite of three dances, the *syrtos* the *ballos*, and the *pou'se - na'me* (where are you - here I am), which got its name from the men's question and the girls' answer. This last is often confused with the "*sousta*", but the *Symian Sousta* is a different dance, very popular throughout Greece. Other Symian dances are *Zervodexos*, *Zeibekikos*, *Politikos* (*syrtos*) etc.

In **Kalymnos**, dozens of Akritic songs and



Sponge diver in Kalymnos in the late 1800s.

paralogues, narrative verses and long love ballads have been documented. An especially typical theme to which the couplets of Kalymnos refer is sponge-diving, that dangerous but common profession men were obliged to follow since the resources of the island were limited. Many of the divers who were paralysed, and the islands society, trying to sympathize, created a local dance, *Mihanikos*, in which the leading dancer imitates the movements of a paralyzed diver. The main dances of Kalymnos are *Issos* and the *Sousta*. Other dances include *Syrtos*, *Kalamatianos* (*Argitikos*, *Loulouka*, *Thymariotikos*), *Zervodexos* etc.

One could maintain that in all Greek-speaking lands there is no other region that has retained its musical tradition to such a degree. Hundreds of songs many centuries old are sung on all occasions by the whole village. One could imagine that the *Akrites* still live and inspire the popular muse with their daring deeds.

The dances of Northern Karpathos are *Syrmatic*, *Siganos* (slow), the 'High Dance' (fast, spirited), *Zevos* (left), *Gonatistos*, *Sousta*, *Kephalonitika* etc. In Southern Karpathos we now find only the violin and the lute, though in some villages they also play the *tsabouna*. In some cases the Cretan lyre has replaced the small pear-shaped Karpathian lyre. ♣





Orpheus Youth members during the Museum of Science and Industry "Christmas Around the World" performance.

The Tsabouna

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The *tsabouna* player uses the unique technique of closed fingering. This means that all the holes are kept covered, and it is when one finger is lifted from its hole that the desired note is produced – exactly the opposite of all classical wind instruments, as well as of the mainland bagpipe, the *gaida*. If no air is leaking from the *askos* bag, the *tsabouna* player is able to sing as he is playing, something that is impossible with wind instruments that have no airbag.

There is no bibliography in existence of the Myconos *tsabouna* player's songs and music. Historical recordings are limited to one single from the 1960s, produced by the untiring Domna Samiou. The *Ballaristos*, *Sousta* and the wedding dance *Ballos* are deeply rooted rhythms of the various instrumental and vocal melodies of the island. In addition many other mainland (Kitso's Mother, The *Souliotisses*) and island folk songs and popular hits of today have become Myconian, by being transformed through the medium of the *tsabouna* as played by musicians able to express the joys and sufferings they have experienced in their own lives. ☐



Members from participating dance groups join the line to dance "Sousta" at the Tarpon Springs Cultural Center, Florida.



Dancing "Stis Treis" accompanied by members of the music band "Ziyia" at the Kalymnian House, Tarpon Springs, Florida.



Members of Orpheus pose for a group picture during the Winter Dance Conference 2002 in Tarpon Springs, Florida.



Harry Georgakopoulos and Pete Panagakis with violinist Beth Kohen of the music band "Ziyia" in Tarpon Springs, Florida.



Members of Orpheus wearing the "Embona" costume from the island of Rhodes, Tarpon Springs, Florida.



Members of Orpheus with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios during the Epiphany celebration, Tarpon Springs, Florida.



Father John Ralis, pastor of St. John Church, blesses the Vasilopites during the Orpheus Annual Vasilopita Celebration.



One of the delicious Vasilopites Mrs. Dina Sianis baked for Orpheus Annual Vasilopita Celebration.

performance schedule

Cultural Connections

Swedish American Museum
5211 North Clark St.
Chicago, IL
Saturday, February 23
12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m.

Festival of Greek Music & Dance 2002

Music & Dances from the Greek Isles
Niles West High School
5701 West Oakton St.
Skokie, IL
Saturday, March 16
7:00 p.m.

Kalavrita Society Dinner Dance

Concord Banquets
20922 North Rand Road
Lake Zurich, IL
Saturday, March 23
8:00 p.m.

Greek Festival

St. Demetrios Greek
Orthodox Church
Saginaw, Michigan
Friday-Saturday, June 14-16
7:00, 9:00 p.m.

Performance schedule and times are subject to change. For the latest information visit <http://www.ohfs.org>.

practice schedule

Orpheus Adult Group

Beginner/Intermediate:

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Intermediate/Advanced:

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Every Thursday at:

St. John Lutheran Church
3020 Milwaukee Ave.
Northbrook, IL
*(one mile north from the
intersection of Lake/Euclid
and Milwaukee Ave.)*

Orpheus Youth Group:

Every Thursday at:

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
St. John Lutheran Church
3020 Milwaukee Ave.
Northbrook, IL

Every Saturday at:

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
New Church
Multipurpose Room
74 Park Dr., Glenview, IL
(one block west of Shermer/Glenview Rds)

Youth Group: Dancers ages 10-14 (Chicago and Glenview locations).

Beginners: Members with little or no previous dance experience.

Intermediate: Dancers who have shown progress in the beginners' class attend the last hour of practice. At the discretion of the instructors, the intermediate level dancers will be practicing in a separate line.

All dancers, especially beginners, are encouraged to obtain a personal tape of the music used for performances, in order to practice on one's own and become accustomed to the music. Please provide John or Kostas Economou with a blank cassette tape.

Submissions for the Spring issue of *Lyra* will be accepted until March 15, 2002. We are always interested in educational essays/articles dealing with the subjects of Greek folk dance, folk music, and folk traditions. We continue to accept personal announcements and all other submissions pertinent to the dance troupe and its membership. If an individual wishes to contribute material on a continuous basis, please inform the Editor.

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