

FOLK DANCE NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL CAMP 2012



Hosted by FDNZ in association with Wellington International Folk Dance Group
1 – 4 June 2012 (Queen's Birthday weekend)

WHAT'S ON AT CAMP?

This year's camp features:

- Workshops with Gary Dawson from Australia. Gary will be offering a mixed programme featuring Croatian, Transylvanian and other, mainly Balkan, dances. He'll run the Sunday night dance.
- Workshops in French dance run by Kate Grace, leading to a French bal.
- A Friday Favourites social, giving New Zealand international folk dancers a chance to share and dance their favourite dances with friends from around the country.
- A stretch and relax session, to keep us limber for dancing.
- Friday daytime teacher training workshop TBC (see next page)
- The FDNZ AGM, with earlier opportunities for discussion of matters of interest to the folkdance community.

The draft timetable is on the website at folkdance.org.nz/camp12.

WHERE IS CAMP BEING HELD?

The camp is being held in the centre of Wellington, where we take over the top floor of the Whitirea Performance Centre. It has a wonderful dance floor, views over Wellington, and plenty of break-out space.

Whitireia is at 25-27 Vivian St, Wellington. This is near Courtenay Place in the central city. There are lot of eateries nearby and various accommodation options.

WHO CAN COME TO CAMP?

Camp workshops are designed for folkdancers. They are not generally suitable for complete beginners or children (sorry!). However, the evening socials are for everyone, so family and friends of all ages and stages are very welcome.

FEES

These are set out on the accompanying registration form.

REFUND POLICY

We will give you a full refund if you ask for it before 5 May 2012. If you ask for it after that but before 25 May, we'll give you a 50% refund. After that – sorry, no refunds.

ACCOMMODATION

Book early! There's a lot on in Wellington that weekend. We've listed some local accommodation options on the website. There will be some billets available; if you would like a billet, please contact us. If you want to share accommodation, let us know; we may be able to put you in contact with someone else who wants to too.

CATERING

We will provide morning and afternoon teas (tea, coffee, juice and something yummy), and lunches. These will all be meat-free. For the evening socials, please bring a contribution to the shared suppers. Drinking water will be available at all times. If you have special dietary requirements, please note them on the registration form. We'll do our best to ensure you have the right things to eat.

We can only cater for people who register by 25 May. People coming on a casual basis on the day will need to feed themselves. There are places to buy food nearby.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

We will use the details you provide us with on your registration form for camp administration. We also plan to prepare a list of the names of people who register, to share with other participants. If you do not want your name put on that list, please tell us on the registration form.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CAMP

The Whitireia Performance Centre is on the south side of Vivian St (away from the waterfront), in the block between Tory St and Cambridge Terrace (running parallel to Courtenay Place). There's a map on the camp web site. All camp activities will be in the top floor (level 3), which has a large dance studio with city views and a range of other rooms. If coming by bus, go to Courtenay Place, walk up Tory St, and turn left into Vivian Street. If coming by car from the north, stay on the motorway all the way, as it runs straight into Vivian St.

PARKING GENERALLY

In Vivian St. parking time restrictions apply (Friday night before 8pm, Saturday and Sunday a limit of 2 hours, Monday no limit). Free parking is available to us in the Mt. Cook school car park, accessed from Sages Lane off Tory Street. If coming from the motorway, turn right into Tory Street and right again into Sages Lane; the carpark is on the left inside the school entrance.

MEDIA RESOURCES

A CD and DVD can be ordered on the registration form. The DVD of camp dances will be made during the camp.

TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

It is hoped to have a **Teacher Training** session on the Friday afternoon, but so far it has not been possible to confirm the venue for this. It will be clear after mid-April, which we realize is sadly late for some people's travel bookings. Those interested are invited to register their interest by emailing Rae Storey ASAP. This will help to decide whether pursuing it is worthwhile.

NEED FURTHER HELP? Don't hesitate to ask! The best way to contact us is by email camp@folkdance.org.nz. This will be checked regularly, but not necessarily daily. **If that doesn't work for you,** you can phone Michele on 04 972 2350, or Sonia on 027 405 1302.

For updates go to
folkdance.org.nz/camp12