

# *Radost Folk Ensemble*

## **Radost Performer Enrichment**

**Radost Folk Ensemble is a welcoming community of performers who love the stirring music and dance and the delicious foods and cultural traditions of the Balkans and Eastern Europe. There are many ways to take the fun beyond the dance studio or stage and give yourself a richer cultural experience.**

**First: Join Northwest Balkan Events** to find out about events, workshops and performances.

- Go to: [groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/northwest-balkan-events](https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/northwest-balkan-events)
- Click the 'Apply to Join Group' button
- Do it tonight!

**Next:** If you are on Facebook, **join our Facebook members' group: Radost-Folk Ensemble** and like our public page. Also join Seattle Balkan Dancers' group to get their posts.

- **Facebook Public Page:** [facebook.com/RadostFolkEnsemble](https://facebook.com/RadostFolkEnsemble)
- **Facebook Closed Group:** Radost-Folk Ensemble ([facebook.com/groups/57308323828](https://facebook.com/groups/57308323828))
- **Seattle Balkan Dancers:** [facebook.com/groups/seattlebalkandancers](https://facebook.com/groups/seattlebalkandancers)

**Dining and dancing:** Sarajevo Lounge, in Belltown, and Georgia's in Greenwood regularly have live music for all-ages dancing and great food.

**Dance class:** Get more dance experience! Jana Rickel teaches Balkan dance classes with Seattle Balkan Dancers at the Russian Center on most Friday nights.

**For Kids:** Daniela Ivanova-Nyberg teaches Bulgarian songs, dances and games in Bulgarian in Bellevue on Saturday afternoons with Medena Pitka.

**Workshops:** Try to attend special workshops when guest teachers come to Seattle Balkan Dancers.

**Camps:** There are several folklore camps during the summer - Stockton, Mendocino, balkanalia!, Ti Ti Tabor, and Salt Spring Island. There are work study positions and scholarships for youth or first-time campers through Radost, Balkan Night Northwest, and Northwest Folk Dancers, Inc.

**Festivals:** There are folklore festivals near and far, from our own Northwest Folklife Festival, to events in Vancouver BC or Portland. Try to put a few on your calendar this year. Join the listserve of the Eastern European Folklife Center at [eefc.org](http://eefc.org) for events around the country.

**Music:** Radost has an extensive collection of music that you may request for educational purposes. Go to [www.FolkloreDiscography.org](http://www.FolkloreDiscography.org) to see the collection and talk with Tom about access.

**Travel:** There are current and former members who can help you find out about festivals or folklore study in Europe. Start saving for your folklore adventure.

**Language:** There are classes and conversation groups through the UW Slavic Department. Song words are more meaningful and easier to learn if you have a little grounding in Slavic languages.

**GET OUT THERE AND HAVE FUN LEARNING!**