

Balkan Music and Dance featuring Kiril Belezhkov

with Lewis Powell-Reid and Cathy Meunier



Bulgarian Music Workshop
Concert and music session
Balkan Dance Workshop

Friday 15th November, 3.00 - 6.30pm
Friday 15th November, 7.30 - 11.30pm
Saturday 16th November, 9.30am -12.30pm

Lancaster Eurodance and Folk to Folk are hosting a visit from Bulgarian kaval player Kiril Belezhkov. Kiril is an experienced professional player of the kaval (end-blown flute) having studied the instrument and musicology at Academy of Music, Dance and Fine arts in Plovdiv. He works now as a teacher and international performer with folk, classical and rock ensembles.

Kiril will teach a music workshops on Friday afternoon, give a house concert with Lewis Powell-Reid, followed by a session on Friday evening, and Cathy Meunier will teach a balkan dance workshop on Saturday morning, to music from Kiril and Lewis.

In more detail:

Music Workshop

On Friday afternoon (15.00-18.30) there will be a chance for musicians (intermediate level or above) to study some Bulgarian music with Kiril, Three to four tunes will be taught by ear, with sheet music/chord charts provided if needed. Each will be in a different rhythm and from a different region of Bulgaria. The focus will be on melody, ornamentation, rhythm and harmony and how these work together when all instruments play together in an

ensemble.

House Concert

On Friday evening (19.30-23.00) Kiril will be joined by Lewis Powell-Reid (guitar, bouzouki, accordion) and they will play a house concert featuring music from Bulgaria and nearby countries. Lewis, a graduate of the Folk and Traditional Music degree at Newcastle University and a versatile performer will be known to friends of the Old Stables from the wonderful concert he gave with Morag Brown in April. There will be a balkan music session after the performance so musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments.

Balkan Dance Workshop

On Saturday morning (9.30-12.30) Kiril and Lewis will be joined by experienced balkan dance teacher Cathy Meunier who will teach some of the dances from the balkans. Cathy has studied Bulgarian dance in Plovdiv and has been active as a teacher and organiser since balkan dance became popular in the 1980's (find more about Cathy here:

<https://balkanfolkdance.org/about-me-the-organiser/>)

The workshop will be suitable for newcomers to balkan dance and will be a great chance to learn some of these dances to live music from Kiril and Lewis.

The Venue

Phil and Claire's at The Old Furness Street Stables
Lancaster, LA1 5QZ

Please feel free to invite your friends but only those with a genuine interest in music and dance as the venue is Claire's and Phil's home and as space is limited.

There will be a chance to make a voluntary donation towards the costs of the event. Suggested contributions £8 per session, or £14 for two and £20 if you can do the whole event.

Directions: Coming down to the river from the railway station, turn 2nd right, up Ford Street, after passing Willow Lane on your left. and go to the top, to the long building at 90 degrees to the street, up a short driveway with a big shed at the end. Postcode LA1 5QZ. If you get lost, call 01524 849085!.

Please park considerably somewhere nearby (away from Ford Street and the immediate vicinity of the Stables). Please be quiet on your way to and from the house. Please bring indoor shoes to change into to protect the oak dance floor.

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