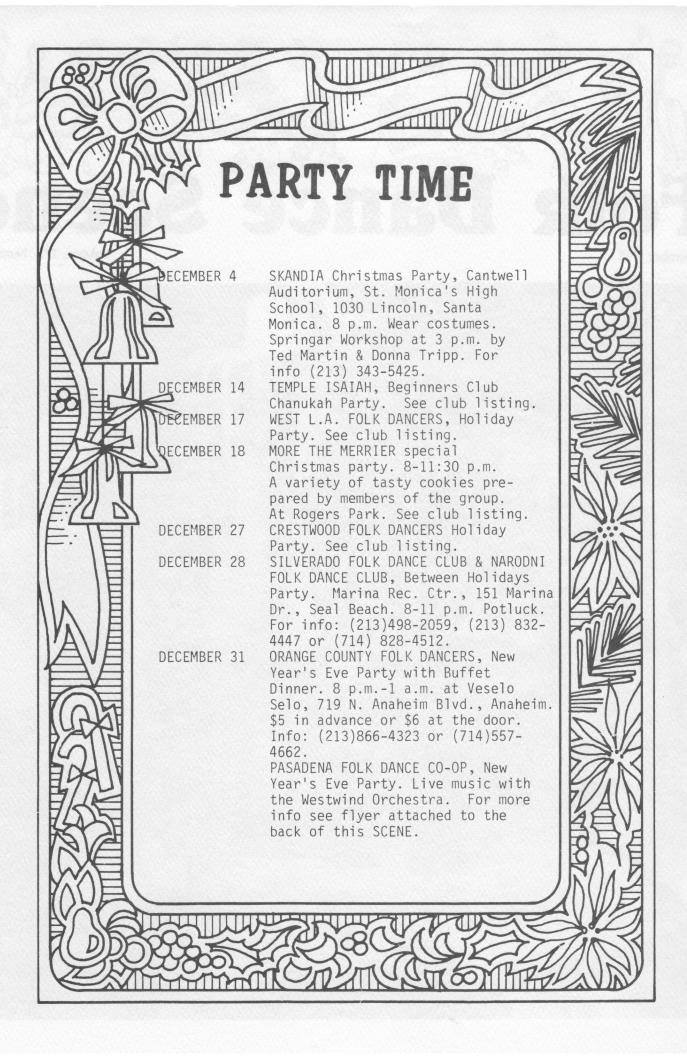


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THE FOLK/CRAFT MUSEUM MOVEMENT

Guest Editor: Sally Cullman

One of the best kept cultural secrets that Los Angeles has is the existence of CAFAM, the Craft and Folk Art Museum, located on Wilshire Boulevard across the street from the Art Museum and La Brea Tar Pits. Started by Edith Wyle in 1975, the Museum is literally bursting at the seams—an incredible nexus of activity in a very small place. And it houses a gourmet restaurant—The Egg and The Eve—besides!

Our guest editor and other contributors this month are all affiliated with the Museum. They talk about how folk arts and crafts have suddenly become established and legitimized as "art." Even LIFE Magazine ran an article on the Santa Fe museum last month. For us, who have loved folk arts for a long time, it is gratifying to see the general public come around.

In this issue, you will find a history of the folk/craft museum movement, an account of the development of CAFAM, an interview with Edith Wyle, and a listing of some of the major museums specializing in folk arts around the country. As Sally points out, there are literally hundreds in all. Our food editor Gloria Harris even has a report and recipe from The Egg and The Eye.

But back on the folk dance scene, you will see on the facing page a list of all holiday events we were told about at press time. And there is a report on you, SCENE readers, based upon the survey forms you returned to us. And in case you want to work off all that turkey and ham and sweet potatos and pumpkin pie and wine (I could go on), you'll have a full list of places to go dancing in this issue.

The next time you're driving down Wilshire, instead of staring at the plaster casts of the mastodons, look the other way and stop off at CAFAM. With your interest in the folk arts, it will be a rewarding experience. Now we'll tell you why...

An inside look.

by Sally Cullman

The booths are gone, the stages in storage and the grounds have been cleared. The Festival of Masks is over and Hancock Park is once again clean and quiet. This festival which takes place each autumn in Los Angeles has grown tremendously in its brief 7 year history. But, its growth is not an isolated event. It's part of a world-wide fascination with folk cultures that has been building steadily since World War II.

Noted designer Yves St. Laurent glorified the European peasant look -- Laura Ashley, the American prairie look. Alex Haley gave us Roots and the Levi Strauss Co. made denim a new American Folk Art. Museums, cultural centers and expanding

university curricula are all giving serious attention to the study and presentation of ethnic traditions. Folklorists, collectors and historians are entering into numerous verbal and written debates over documentation, aesthetics and value of these (folk, ethnic, traditional and/or indigenous) arts. Some of these things can be construed as carry-overs from the frivolous and romantic 19th century interest in the exotic and many of these are indeed "passing fancies." But the important truth that cannot be denied, is that people are looking to the past -- their own and their neighbors' -- with a decidedly different attitude.

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One can speculate endlessly as to why there is this growing interest in the collection and preservation of the folk

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arts. In our disposable, throw away society, where much of what we use is mass produced, the lovingly hand-crafted object is a rare and treasured item. Women are no longer staying at home embroidering dish towels, they're either forced by economics into helping to supplement the family income by working or they have chosen to pursue their own career interests. Much of what was once traditional is being altered by the migration of the villager into larger urban areas and the advancement of technology into isolated regions. The nature of the family unit. once responsible for passing along customs from generation to generation, has also changed dramatically. On a more positive side, ethnic pride has virtually become a political, as well as a social movement in the past several decades. The TV adaptation of Roots sent millions off to discover their own heritage. Ethnic jokes have become anathema and t-shirts. buttons and bumperstickers proclaiming ethnic pride can be seen everywhere. Our increased enthusiasm for travelling to distant lands has placed the hand-made folk art item at A Korean drum dancer from the Korean

Classical Music & Dance Company. Photo: Scott Morgan © CAFAM

the top of our Most Desirable Souvenir list, something that has not gone unnoticed by the international marketplace. Whether we are motivated out of a sense of loss, intrigue, identity or resistance to increased mechanization, the interest and enthusiasm is genuine.

Playing an important role in this movement are the museums, cultural centers and ethnic institutions. They are not only a result of this movement, but are a major contributing factor to its development as well. They serve to preserve, study, protect, exhibit, and educate us about our assorted traditions.

A wide variety of institutions has emerged in the past 40 years with differing purposes and program offerings. Some were established to tell the cultural stories of a particular region and its inhabitants, such as the Amana Heim Museum in the Amana Colonies (Iowa) or the Indian Tribes Museum in Parker, Arizona. Europe has a long tradition of exhibiting regional folk art as seen at the Museum of German Folk Art in Berlin and the Belgrade Ethnographical Museum in Yugoslavia.

Others were founded by a particular ethnic or racial group to communicate their own special history and contributions to the world. They are as diverse as The Hungarian Folklore Museum (New Jersey), The American Swedish Historical Foundation and Museum (Philadelphia) and the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago. Over 100 museums are owned and operated by Native American tribes and urban groups. The number of African American Museums has grown to such an extent that the African American Museum Association was founded in 1978. These institutions encourage group identity and pride, a sense of accomplishment and intercultural understanding.

Government sponsored and non-affiliated, private, non-profit institutions have also emerged. Their purpose tends to be more complex and involved, as they are frequently multi-cultural and interdisciplinary. Museums such as the American Craft Museum in New York, Museum of International Folk Art in Santa Fe, and the Craft and Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles attempt to represent a number of cultures or cultural influences in their collections, exhibitions and education programs. Even



Balinese master dancer, Y Wayan Lendra, feature on 1980 Festival of Masks
Poster. © CAFAM

institutions not classified as ethnic or folk have held related exhibitions. The Los Angeles County Museum of Art has had several, including "The Navaho Blanket" (1972) and "Folk Sculpture USA" (1976).

Whatever the individual goals of these museums and cultural institutions, their common purpose is to help us in our efforts to better appreciate ourselves and our neighbors, preserve our past before it is completely lost, and help us build a greater understanding in our future.



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A MUSEUM WITHOUT WALLS

L.A.'s own Craft and Folk Art Museum

by Joan M. Benedetti

Los Angeles is unique among cities. It has more ethnic groups than any city in the United States. In 1984 Los Angeles will become the first city to host the Olympic Games twice. And Los Angeles is the home of the internationally recognized Craft and Folk Art Museum, founded by Edith R. Wyle in 1975. Located across the street from Hancock Park, CAFAM is as unique as the city in which it resides.

CAFAM is an outgrowth of the Egg and the Eye Gallery/Restaurant, established in 1965. The basic assumptions of the Egg and the Eye are carried on by the Museum: that both contemporary and folk crafts — and the artists that create them — are worthy of serious critical attention; that documentation of their work is essential; and that community outreach is a logical extension of this museum without walls.

During the first seven years, over 50 exhibitions have been mounted in the two main galleries and annex. The Education Department augments these shows with tours, lectures and workshops. Exhibits have been installed in factories, corporate offices and banks. Demonstrations and workshops have been held in schools, recreation centers and shopping malls. Due to limited storage space, the Museum has been unable to accumulate a large permanent collection. Despite this, some significant collections have been assembled. Principal among these are ones of Japanese and Mexican folk toys, Korean, African, and Balinese masks, textiles from India, and contemporary American crafts.

A Library/Media Resource Center serves the professional needs of the CAFAM staff and acts a source of information for writers, artists, teachers, students and collectors. Among its special collections are an Artists' Slide Registry and audiotaped interviews of the participants in the Museum's Preservation and Study of

Ethnic Traditions Project (a program to locate and document local practitioners of traditional folk arts in the Los Angeles area).

The Festival of Masks, an annual event (since 1976) organized by the Museum, actively involves the ethnic, cultural, and arts communities of Los Angeles. Cosponsored since 1978 by the County Parks and Recreation Department and the City Cultural Affairs Department, it is a weekend of celebration, with ethnic performances and food, exhibitions, a Maskerade Ball, and the exciting Parade of Masks on Sunday afternoon. As a testimonial to its success, the Festival has been selected as an official cultural event of the 1984 Olympics.

Special interest support groups include the Contemporary Craft Council and the Folk Art Council. Each of these conducts its own activities, such as lectures by recognized scholars, private tours of galleries and artists' studios, and visits to homesof noted collectors.

A visit to the Museum is a total experience. Exhibits are enhanced by multimedia presentations and the award winning Egg and the Eye Restaurant is located on the mezzanine. The Museum Shop is most unusual in that it sells no reproductions. All objects for sale are original folk art objects and contemporary craft works. The shop also offers a wide variety of books and is a great place to look for those special one-of-a-kind gifts that everyone treasures.

In addition to exhibition catalogs, CAFAM publishes posters, a calendar of events, and other exhibition and program related materials. The most recent project is sponsorship of <u>Craft International</u>, a quarterly publication edited in New York. It surveys worldwide crafts and folk arts and offers a forum for artists, writers and readers concerned with the many issues confronting crafts globally, issues pressed in large part by the leadership role of the Craft and Folk Art Museum.



by Sally Cullman

Shortly after one meets Edith Wyle, one is impressed with the fact that is virtually impossible to distinguish between her personal life and her professional life. The two are as tightly interwoven as the tapestries she so admires. Her love of the handcrafted object and her enthusiastic interest in world cultures has motivated this articulate and knowledgeable woman to accomplish some rather impressive feats. One of the most visible examples of her devotion to the arts is the rapidly growing Craft and Folk Art Museum, of which she is both Founder and Program Director.

Even the briefest glance at some of her activities will show the profile of a woman committed to the understanding of that which we commonly refer to as "folk art." Mrs. Wyle is a Board Member of the Ethnic Arts Council and Co-coordinating Chairperson of Scandinavia Today in Los Angeles. She is on the Editorial Board

an interview with

Edith Wyle

of Craft International, a member of American Women for International Understanding, and served as a Board Member of the World Craft Council from 1974-78. On the subject of world crafts, she has curated, lectured, written and been written about. If her biography reads like a "Who's Who"...well, it's because she's that, too (Who's Who in American Women, 1983 edition.).

Mrs. Wyle's interest in folk art developed out of her experience as an easel painter. She worked for 10 years (1953-63) with the painter Rico Lebrun, whom she regards as a "humanistic expressionist." She saw herself as part of this tradition, not a part of the mainstream art world which was moving toward a totally abstract expressionist manner. As a result of the art trends during this time and her lifelong interest in textiles, she began looking for something more honest. She found it in folk "Folk art has that kind of honesty that comes from a direct relationship to the earth, with the surroundings and with nature."

At this point she is quick to remind us that the term "folk art" is a difficult one. She comments, "More and more I have come to realize there is not strict 'folk art'. The term is said to have originated in 19th century Europe, created by the upper classes to define the lower classes. It represents a community. What you are really getting is a group traditional motif when you see a piece of folk art." The awkwardness of the term is further complicated by the fact that "some folk art areas don't even have a word for 'Art'. The Indonesians don't and the Eskimos don't. Some don't even like the word -- they turn it out."

In Los Angeles during the early 1960s there was little offered to those interested in the traditional or contemporary crafts. When the Egg and the Eye was established there was a tremendous response. In looking back she remembers, "Right away people began coming to me continued to page 6

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saying 'We ought to do this and we ought to do that' -- not you ought to do this. They had a very strong need to be involved. Finally, it came to me that it was because they needed some place to see objects made by hand."

By the early 1970s as the interest in folk art increased dramatically, she began to see a need to become even more involved. Members of folk societies were moving into larger urban areas, and modern technology was making its way into the most remote regions. The nature of what we called "folk art" or "ethnic art" changed significantly. As a result of the rapid social changes taking place she notes that, "Everything has been infiltrated. Everything we call 'traditional' has an outside influence. There is nothing rigid about it anymore." The Craft and Folk Art Museum came into being because so many traditional crafts were disappearing due, in large part, to this kind of overpopularization. She wanted to collect, study and exhibit them before they were all gone. "Things made by hand do have a special value."

The significance of the handcrafted object has also begun to change. She recalls an interesting example given by Hakushah, Director of the Tribal Museum in India. "He once held up an exquisite blouse that was totally hand embroidered. It was made by a 9 year old girl for her dowry. It was a religious act -- she didn't even know who her husband was going to be and she wouldn't know until the day of the wedding. She was making an offering. He went on to say that they are copying this blouse for the market place, but it will never be as exquisite, because the spiritual entity will not be there."

Another aspect she feels equally strong about is the need for an inter-disciplinary approach to presenting folk art. She sees the value in both the anthropological as well as the aesthetic perspective. Both encourage understanding and appreciation of the culture from which it comes, though it is never forgotten that when an object is taken out

of context, it loses some of its original meaning. At CAFAM every effort is made to present a multi-dimensional view of the object and its cultural setting. Past exhibitions have included performances, music, and simulated environments. The annual Festival of Masks and the Preservation and Study of Ethnic Traditions Projects, both originated by Edith Wyle, are excellent examples of this emphasis on the interrlationship of folk art and culture.

Given the increased mechanization and urbanization of our world, will folk art become a part of our past? "I think as it is today, it will, but it will be supplemented by a new folk art, an urban folk art that is building all the time. There will always be some form of folk art." We can only hope it will be as rich and valuable as our past traditions. As our society diversifies and the remote villages disappear, it may become more difficult to define. But, whether our new folk art emerges from denim, cars, or recycled bottles, you can believe that Edith Wyle will be there ahead of all of us.



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Directory of Folk Craft 11A sldiba

by Gloria Harris Any time you visit the Craft and Folk Art Museum to view a cultural exhibit or display you'll begin to notice certain smells that you'd definitely not associate with museum. Museums smell old and musty... not anything like...Scallops Creole...Omelette Genovese... you'll think your senses are deceiving you when you detect a hint of basil, scallions, bacon and bleu cheese. You'll catch a faint clink of silver and a tinkle of glassware. And you'll hear the indistinct but unmistakable purrrr of people enjoying good food and their surroundings. The

second floor and balcony of the museum is a restaurant and, according to Ian Barrington the proprietor and chef of THE EGG AND THE EYE, it is "lodged between floors like the meat in a bun."

Ian, a Canadian-born Scot, is one of few lucky men who is doing what he loves. When at 13 he began working in a familyowned restaurant in a mining town in Quebec, he gained experience bussing and washing dishes and peeling and chopping vegetables. Any job in the kitchen was okay with Ian and it was then that he decided he really enjoyed working with food. Now he is especially fascinated, experimenting with new ideas and different flavor combinations, and he feels that visual impact upon presentation of a dish is as important as savoriness to the palate.

Ian's day in the kitchen of THE EGG AND THE EYE begins early, when the fresh comestibles and menu ingredients are delivered; some items have to be shelved; others washed and refrigerated; others are sliced, diced, whipped, folded and stirred. Ian, a neat figure in white jacket and one gold ear-stud, rolls up his sleeves and rolls out the dough for the Linzertortes.

The menu of THE EGG AND THE EYE is contin-

IAN BARRINGTON'S Linzertorte From THE EGG AND THE EYE RESTAURANT Los Angeles, CA

1 C softned butter 3/4 T cocoa or grated chocolate

3 1 C sifted flour egg yolks

t ginger, optional 1 C sifted powdered sugar

1/5 T cinnamon Juice and grated rind of 1 lemon % t allspice C seedless raspberry preserves

1 C ground almonds preferably Knott's

Mix first ten ingredients together. Chill in refrigerator. Then mold about half of dough in ungreased springform pan to make %-inch bottom crust.

Spread jam over surface, close to, but not touching sides

(or jam will spill out and burn in the pan).

Roll remaining dough into cylindrical strips. Make lattice over top of jam and around the edges to seal jam in the lattice.

Bake 35-45 minutes in 325° oven. Cool on rack. Remove from springform. Dust with powdered sugar. Serve Mit Schlag (whipped cream).

> ental. It includes chicken, pasta and shrimp entrees, a selection of beautiful salads and 55(!) different omelettes to choose from. One may order the Ghirardelli, an omelette with shaved chocolate and powdered sugar and rum flambe!!! Ian decides on a special daily menu item such as fresh sole poached in herbs and served with pesto. Occasionally he presents a Mexican or other ethnic dish corresponding with the theme being shown at the museum. Desserts on the menu are fresh berries in season with whipped cream, a divine Bombe Aux Trois Chocolats and a rich Linzertorte Mit Schlag (whipped cream). Weekend brunch at THE EGG AND THE EYE offers a choice of Eggs Benedict, a fabulous French Toast made with English Walnut Bread or Raspberry Buckwheat Waffles.

Seated at a balcony table with Ian as he talked, Sally Cullman, this month's Guest Editor, and I each put away a generous slice of Ian's luscious Linzertorte Mit piles of Schlag. Heavenly, heavenly! He was kind enough to give us the Linzertorte recipe for A La Carte. He told us he bakes the tortes as special gifts for friends, and it's a perfect gift idea for the holidays. You can prepare the dough several weeks in advance, wrap and keep refrigerated; a day or two before needed, complete and bake. Wrap prettily and

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The Margaret Cavigga Quilt Collection 8648 Melrose Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90069 (213) 659-3020

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Pacific Asia Museum 46 N. Los Robles Ave. Pasadena, CA 91101 (213) 449-2742

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The Textile Museum 2320 S. Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008 (202) 667-0441



Getting to know you...

Well, now we know who you are. And you're quite a bunch. SCENE readers come in all shapes, sizes and colors -- all ages and professions -- and have a lot of things to tell the world.

You will remember that we included a survey form in the October issue that was mailed to all 1200+ SCENE subscribers. We received about 50 of them back, a small percentage, but enough to give us a picture of the typical SCENE reader. While it is a fairly small sample to draw from, this is what you look like:

You're female, in your late 40s and have been dancing about 15 years. You dance often, about 2-3 times a week, at a variety of Federation clubs. You'll go for either line dances or couple dances, it doesn't much matter, but in your heart of hearts, your favorite dance is -- and will always be -- the Hambo. You like social dancing as well as folk. When you are not dancing, you read (when indoors) and hike (when outdoors). You are likely to be in some service profession like teaching or social work. And why do you dance? The challenge, the exercise, the love of movement and music and, most of all, the wonderful people you meet (that is, other SCENE readers).

Yep, that's you, SCENE reader. Of course, if you don't fit this picture, that's because there is almost as much diversity as uniformity among SCENE readers. Let's get a little bit more detailed and describe what the responses told us:

AGE: It ranged from 17 to 72, with most in their 30s, 40s or 50s.

SEX: 80% were female (Do males not dance or just not respond to surveys?)

PROFESSIONS: Everything from research chemists to business consultants, retired people to students, secretaries to mothers, manufacturing cost estimators to artists. Most were located somewhere in the professions -- with a large percentage involved in the educational system (teachers, librarians, school psychologists and counselors). Only one person identified herself as a part time folk dance teacher (what about the other part?). We also

had a good number of secretaries, retirees and social workers.

YEARS DANCING: The median is about 15 years, but it ranged from less than a year to over 35 years. One person said he had danced all his life (ever see a 6-month old baby Hambo?). The only disturbing thing was that only 2 respondents were new dancers.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU DANCE? Almost equally divided between once a week, twice a week, and three times a week. One person claimed to dance every night in a month (she has more energy than we do). Two people don't dance at all.

WHERE: The single most listed place was the Intersection. Two other coffeehouses and three university clubs (and a performing group) were also listed. But most of you dance with Federation clubs. Twenty were named in our responses, Westwood and Virgileers most often.

OTHER TYPES OF DANCE: About 20% also do some form of social or ballroom dance. Very few of you do anything else, though there are a couple that do ballet, country/western, or squares. I wonder about the readers who don't consider Spanish, clogging, contras or round dances to be folk dancing. What is it?

OTHER HOBBIES: A large percentage of you are avid readers. An even larger percentage of you are avid outdoorspeople. Hiking, backpacking, biking, tennis, skiing, jogging, walking, swimming were all listed. Yet we have few jocks -- no professional football players or 43-man squamish enthusiasts. A lot of you also like craft work (needlepoint, sewing, cooking) and other artistic pursuits (music, painting, folk singing, playing instruments, photography). Award for the most unusual goes to the person who feels that getting an MBA can be considered a hobby. We have a number of gardeners, a few who love eating out (who doesn't?) and some collectors (coins, dolls, costumes). And, of course, lots of folk dancers like to travel. But there are some true folk dance buffs, like the one who said, "With all the folk dancing, what else do I have time for?"

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REVIEWS

Records

NAMA

THE ETHNIC CONNECTION is the title of Nama's 4th album, taken from the title of the Community Concert tour the group has embarked upon this fall. It also graphically represents a change of tune for America's best international folk band. Dave Owens, Nama's guiding light, has spent a lot of time recently delving into the folk origins of American pop tunes. In many cases, he has found "the ethnic connection," like how Der Nayer Sher, a Yiddish theater folk song of the 1940s, got spiced up to become the Wedding Samba. Or how the Russian gypsy tune Dorogoy Dlinnoyu became the popular Those Were the Days. Nama 4 has several such songs, both in old version and new.

The band is also different--light on musicians (besides accordianist Owens, all you hear are Loretta Kelley on violin and Dan Ratkovich on bass) but rich in vocals by Barbara Slade and Sue Komoorian. They do import Neil Siegel and Eytan ben Sheviya for a few numbers, but if I have to make a complaint about the album, it is that Dave did not cheat and fill in some of the numbers with some backup musicians. True these people are not part of his current tour, but the album will stand long after the tour ends and could have stood for a richer sound.

If you are a folk dancer and look to Nama to compile another greatest dance hits type of album, you may be disappointed. There are half a dozen danceable tunes, including a nice vocal rendition of Ana Lugojana, the Rumanian couple dance, but it is primarily a listening album...and a good one too.

Highlights for me were Loretta's beautiful hardanger fiddle number, Sevliden, Barbara Slade's singing of Katyusha (which I've always enjoyed in concert), and a hot Latin piece popularized here by Carmen Miranda and Xavier Cugat, Tico-Tico No Fubá. This album is well worth buying, listening to, and dancing to.

But please, Dave, don't forget that you are also our best <u>dance</u> orchestra and that Nama 1 & 2 may be the most played folk dance albums around. If you go back to the studio, we would really love Nama 5 to contain a good mix of dance music like the first two

Nama albums. We'll be listening to Sue and Barbara while we wait for it.

THE ETHNIC CONNECTION is available from NAMA Records. Contact NAMA Records at 2367 Glendon Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064, attn: David Owens.

Events

OTE'A

The smell of fresh flowers filled the Culver City Veterans Memorial Auditorium November 5 for Jack Kinneer's Ote'a Polynesian Folk Ensemble. This was the group's first full length concert. Many of us have seen Ote'a perform at KPFK Folk Fairs and UCLA Dance on the Grass, but this was a whole evening's worth...and worthwhile it was.

Many of the numbers performed were award winning pieces that had been presented at the 1982 National Polynesian Dance Competition, where the group became Sweepstakes Champions. But Ote'a's success rests as much with its costuming as with the dancing. Fresh flowers, feathers, raffia, and tea leaves all help to make their presentation of Polynesian dance a cultural experience.

The outstanding number was the Big Group Drum Piece (one of the award winning numbers). These drummers were hot! and the audience knew it. The Samoan piece looked like it was lots of fun to perform and was very athletic. In Hula Kahiko (Ancient) the men who danced were particularly impressive, with the styling and movement working beautifully in an interplay with the music. Ote'a's small performing group works together as a very tight unit, and the larger ensemble of 46 (though not all seasoned performers) looked like they were having the time of their lives and performed exceptionally well.

To the sold out audience the only problems with the show were not within the group's control. There were just too many photographers taking too many liberties to get "the best shot." I mean, really, one of the photographers kept walking back and forth between the musicians (on the stage) and the dancers (on the main floor). It was a noticeable source of irritation to all.

The dance technique of the small group dancers was excellent. Ote'a might want to

work a bit more on singing technique as a group. The announcements made every few numbers were very informative but were too long for the audience to digest. Perhaps some of that information could have been put in the program.

This was our first experience at seeing a totally Polynesian dance and music show and I know it won't be the last. Jack Kinneer's Ote'a Polynesian Folk Ensemble should start planning their next full concert...their audience wants more!

AVAZ

Rather than dwell at length upon the various fifteen numbers we saw and vigorously applauded with the rest of the appreciative audience, I would like to report on the "new" Avaz. Aman it is not, and that is a well-thing. Over the years we have seen folk dancing become more and more "unfolk" as group after group sought to emulate the great theatrical troupes from abroad: I believe they call it Moiseyevism. Avaz seems to have reversed this trend.

In their recent performance at Loyola Marymount (November 5), artistic director Anthony Shay has returned folk dancing to the folk dancer. The whole tenor of the evening seemed to say to the folks in the audience "Here, this is something that you can do, something you can feel and understand." Our current Avaz dancers come in all ages and sizes, and that is good too. To see grey heads bobbing up and down midst some quite young, all moving with proper unison required for performing arts before an audience, yet in a very comfortable (almost leisurely) fashion, makes it easy to identify with the "folk" feeling. It took but little imagination to forget the bare gym floor of Gersten Pavilion and become transported back across the ocean to some village field in Posavina or Šumadia.

The suites were limited to the Balkans and Western Central Asia. This has always been director Shay's forte. Always a surefire warmer-upper, the introductory suite of dances from Posavina (in Croatia), with the colorful red and white costumes, set the feeling and tempo of the evening. It also took some of us back many years to the days of the old Village Dancers of UCLA. Dances from Central Asia, Iran, Serbia and Hungary were included on the

program, as well as orchestral numbers from Bulgaria and Eastern Europe. Featured in this latter group was Pearl Rottenberg-Taylor with traditional songs of Europe's Jews. We would have like to have heard much more of Ms. Taylor's rich singing.

A comical man's solo from Iran was roundly applauded by the audience, but was possibly not within our ken of folk dance. Ixchel Dimetral-Maerker's dancing, both as soloist in the Tadjik dance "Larzon" and in other suites, was outstanding as usual. Anthony Shay appeared as a mufti introducing the numbers from stageside, but also turned up in costume as the caller for the Dalmatian quadrille "Lindjo." The finale was an extremely colorful and vigorous dance from the Persian Gulf area which involved most of the ensemble. And we must not forget the contribution of the Avaz Orchestra, who were their usual more-than-capable selves.

by Paul Pritchard

KODÓ, the Heartbeat Drummers

KODO, a group of some 20 artists from Japan, appeared in Marsee Auditorium of El Camino College in Torrance. With an unusual performance for the audience which had a large make-up of Asian viewers, well able to appreciate the subtleties and deliberations of the movements that were lost to some of us occidentals.

Originally billed as "Ondeko-za, the Demon Drummers and Dancers of Sado," an island some 170 miles from Tokyo, KODÓ (which means "heartbeat",) the performance was essentially a drumming event, and dance was minimal. In the first half of the program, there was one solo dance in which a young woman slowly crossed the stage apron, moving a parasol. In the half after intermission, there was a deer dance in which the performers danced wearing elaborate costumes, immense "horns" and drums attached to their waist, while playing on drums. "Akayo-Mai," a dance for young women traces its history back some 450 years to an early form of Kabuki. It featured elaborate hats for the young dancers, who danced with usual Japanese fluidity of movement.

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CLUB NAME	MEETING DAY/TIME		CONTACT/INSTRUCTOR	SPECIAL INFORMATION
CABRILLO INT'L FOLK DANCERS	Tues & Thurs 7:30-10 pm	SAN DIEGO, Recital Hall Balboa Park Club, Balboa Park	(714)449-4631 Vivian Woll, Instructor	Inter, adv dances on Tues Beg, inter on Thurs
CAMARILLO FOLK. DANCERS	Friday 8-11 pm	CAMARILLO, Camarillo Community Ctr. Rm 4, Burnley & Carman	(805)482-8291 Gail & Walt Metcalf, Instructors	Beg class8-9:30 pm Inter class9:30-11 pm
CHINA LAKE DESERT DANCERS	Thurs/7:30-10:30 pm Mon/7:30-9:30 pm	CHINA LAKE, China Lake Community Ctr, Naval Weapons Ctr.	(714)375-7136 (714)375-4203	Mon is workshop night, beg class 9/16- 11/18. Thurs 7-8 pm Regular club dan- cing follows from 8-10:30 pm
CONEJO VALLEY FOLK DANCERS	Monday 7:30-9:30 pm	THOUSAND DAKS, Cultural Ctr, 482 Green Meadow Dr.	(805)498-2491 ask for Gene	
CRESTWOOD FOLK DANCERS	Monday 8-10:30 pm	WEST L.A., Brockton Sch, 1309 Armacost Ave., betwn Barrington & Bundy, 1½ bl N. of Santa Monica Blvd.	(213)478-4659, 202-6166 Beverly Barr, Instructor	Beverly will tch new dances from recent camps & institutes, as well as some old goodies. Holiday party Dec. 21.
DESERT INT'L DANCERS	Thursday 7:30-10:30 pm	PALM SPRINGS, Village Center Arts, 538 N. Palm Canyon Drive	(714)343-3513 San & Vikki Margolin, Instructors	
ETHNIC EXPRESS INT'L FOLK DANCE CLUB	Saturday 7:30-10:30 pm	LAS VEGAS, Paradise Elem. Sch., 850 E. Tropicana Ave., Corner of Swenson		Int'l, all levels
FOLKARTEERS	Friday 8-11 pm	COVINA, Covina Elem Sch, 160 N. Barranca, betwen San Bernardino & Badillo	(213)338-2929	Beg teaching 1st hour inter, adv request follow
HAVERIM FOLKDANCERS	Monday 8-10:30 pm	VAN NUYS, Valley Cities Jewish Community Ctr, 13164 Burbank Blvd.	(213)786-6310 John Savage, Instructor	
HOLLYWOOD PEASANTS	Wednesday 7:30-10:30 pm	WEST HOLLYWOOD, West Hollywood Play- ground, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd.	Barbara Schorow 292-5632 Ruth Oser 657-1692 Lillian Fisher 839-6110	Al Kaala taught by Lee Weisman. Also reviewing dances. Call tching chairman 292-5632 for further information.
INTERMEDIATE FOLK DANCERS	Friday 8-10:30 am	CULVER CITY, Lindberg Park, Ocean Ave. & Rhoda Way	İ	
KAYSO FOLK DANCERS	Friday 9 am-12 pm	SAN DIEGO, North Park Rec Ctr, 4044 Idaho St.	(714)238-1771 Kayso & Angie Soqhomonian, Instructors	All ages, all levels
KIRYA FÖLK DANCERS I	Wednesday 10 am-1:30 pm	WEST HOLLYWOOD, West Hollywood Rec Ctr, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd., Los Angeles		Inter - 10 am Beg - 12 pm
KIRYA FOLK DANCERS II	Monday 12-3 pm	WEST HOLLYWOOD, Plummer Park Rec Ctr, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.	(213)645-7509 Rhea Wenke, Instructor	Adv Beg - 12 pm Inter - 1:30 pm
LAGUNA FOLKDANCERS	Wednesday 7:15-10:30 pm	LAGUNA BEACH, Laguna Beach High Sch Girls Gym, Park Ave. at St. Anns	(714)494-3302, 545-1957 559-5672	Beg class 7:15-8:15. Pece Atanasovski will be tching Macedonian Dance Work- shon 12/8 at 7:15 n.m.
LARIATS	Friday 3:30-6:15 pm	WESTCHESTER, United Methodist Church, 8065 Emerson Ave., Los Angeles	(213)322-1280 Tom & Nance Mazzola	Int'l folk/sq/social. Grades 1st thru High School.
LONG BEACH JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER FOLK DANCE CLUB	Wednesday 7:30-10:30 pm	LONG BEACH, Long Beach JCC, 2601 Grand Ave., Exit I-405 Lakewood & 1 Bl. W. on Willow	(714)533-3886	Inter class 7:30-9 pm, Adv workshop at 10 pm taught by Donna Tripp.
MORE THE MERRIER FOLK DANCERS	Thursday 8-10 pm	INGLEWOOD, Rogers Park Auditorium Eucalyptus & Beach	(213)294-1304 ask for Frank	Traditional Christmas Party with home made goodies. 12/18 at 8 p.m. See inside front cover for more infol

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CLUB NAME	MEETING DAY/TIME	1 1	CONTACT/INSTRUCTOR	
NARODNI DANCERS OF LONG BEACH	Thursday 7-10:30 pm	LONG BEACH, Hill Jr. High Sch Gym, 1100 Iroquois Ave.	(213)832-4447 (714)828-4512	Teaching 7-8:15 pm. 12/2 guest teacher. Jim Kahan tching Zillertaler Laendler. Dark 12/23 & 30. Soft-soled shoes only.
NEIGHBORHOOD FOLK DANCERS	Wednesday 8-10 pm	PASADENA, Neighborhood Church, 301 N. Orange Grove, 1½ Bl. N of 210 frwy.	(213)798-8207 Joanne Costantini, Instructor	Teaching beg & inter. \$1 donation. Refreshments & occasional potluck
NICHEVO FOLK DANCERS	Tues and Wed 8-10:30 pm	SANTA BARBARA, Tu: Carillo Rec. Ctr. 100 E. Carillo St., Wed: Goleta Comm. Ctr., 5679 Hollister Ave.	(805)967-9991 Flora Codman; (805)964- 5591. Steve Davis	Tu. is inter. tching & req. dancing. Wed. is beg. tching only.
OJAI FOLK DANCERS	Wednesday 7:30-10 pm	0JAI, Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery	(805)649-1570	
ORANGE COUNTY FOLK DANCERS	Friday 7:30-11 pm	ANAHEIM, Veselo Selo, 719 N. Anaheim Blvd.	(213)866-4323 (714)557-4662	1
PASADENA FOLK DANCE CO-OP	Friday 7:30-11:30 pm	PASADENA, Holliston United Methodist Church, 1305 E. Colorado Blvd., Scott Memorial Bldg. right behind church	(213)281-7191	
SAN DIEGO INT'L FOLK DANCE CLUB	Wednesday 7-10 pm	lboa Park Club, Balboa	(714)422-5540 Alice & Archie Stirling, Instructors	All levels, beg. 7-8:15 pm
SAN DIEGO FOLK DANCERS	Monday 7:30-10 pm	ecital Hall, Balboa	(714)460-8475 ask for Evelyn Prewett	Inter, adv dances
SANTA MARIA FOLK DANCERS	Friday, 2nd & 4th 7:30-9:30 pm	SANTA MARIA, Atkinson Rec. Bldg. 100 N. Railroad Ave.	(805) 925-3981 Audrey (805) 925-1395 Joyce	Some evenings dark due to other activities.
SILVERADO FOLK DANCE CLUB	Tuesday 8:30-11 pm	SEAL BEACH, Marina Rec Ctr, 151 Marina Dr.	(213)498-2059	Tching-rev of dances taught in Oct & Nov Between holidays party nite 12/28 8 pm. Hosted by Silverado & Narodni FD Clubs.
SKANDIA SOUTH	Sat/3-5, 8-10 pm Mon/7:30-10 pm Wed/7:30-10 pm	SANTA MONICA, Cantwell Aud. 1030 Lincoln RESEDA Rec. Ctr, 19411 Victory Blvd. CULVER CITY, Peer Gynt Hall 3835 Watseka	(213)981-1833 Bunny (213)343-5425 Dan (213)559-2516 Dick	12/4 Springar Workshop & Christmas Party Reseda Class ends 12/13 with a party Culver City class just S. of Venice Blvd
SOUTH BAY FOLK DANCERS	Friday 7:15-10:30 pm	Community Room Deep Valley Dr.	(213)375-0946 (213)539-5867 Dorothy Daw, Instr.	Last Fri. of the month is Party Nite! Dark Dec. 24 and Dec. 31
TCHAIKA FOLK DANCE CLUB OF VENTURA	Thursday 7:30-10:30 pm		(805)642-3931 (805)985-7315	Easy and intermediate dances taught 7:30 to 8:30. Requests & reviews until 10:30 pm.
UNIVERSITY FOLK DANCE CO-OP	Friday 8-10:30 pm	LAS VEGAS, Paradise Elem School, cor of Tropicana & Swenson	(702)798-4049 ask for Jean McCurdy	
VIRGILEERS FOLK DANCE GROUP	Tuesday 8-10 pm	LOS ANGELES, Lafayette Senior Citizen Ctr, 625 S. Lafayette Park Place	Josephine Civello, Director	All request program. Teaching at 8:30 Refreshments, inter & adv dances
WEST LOS ANGELES FOLK DANCERS	Friday 7:30-10:45 pm	WEST L.A., Brockton Sch, 1309 Armacost Ave., betwn Barrington & Bundy, 1½ Bl. N. of Santa Monica Blvd.	(213)478-4659, 202-6166 Beverly Barr, Instructor	Beverly will tch new dances from recent camps & institutes & some old goodies. Holiday party 12/17. Dark 12/24 & 31.
WEST HOLLYWOOD FOLK DANCERS	Monday 8-10 pm	WEST HOLLYWOOD, West Hollywood Rec Ctr 647 N. San Vicente Blvd.	(213)657-1692 Ruth Oser, Instructor	
WEST VALLEY FOLK DANCERS	Friday 7:30-10:30 pm	WOODLAND HILLS, Woodland Hills Rec Ctr. 5858 Shoup Ave.	(213)368-1957 Jill Michtom	Tching for 12/3, 10 & 17: 7:30 Jill Michtom tching Dospatsko Horo, 8:30 Sally Martin tching Debka Oud. Dark 12/24 & 31.
WESTSIDE CENTER FOLK DANCERS	Tuesday morning 9-12:15	WEST L.A., Westside Jewish Community Ctr, 5870 N. Olympic, 3 Blks. E. of Fairfax.	(213)389-5369, 938-2531 Pearl Rosenthal, Instructor	International dances. Beginners 9-10 Inter/adv 10:15-12:15. New camp dances.
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WESTSIDE INT'L FOLK DANCERS	Tuesday 7:30-10 pm	WEST L.A., Felicia Mahood Ctr., 11338 Santa Monica Blvd., corner of Corinth.	Dave & Fran Slater, Instructors (213)556-3791	1014
WESTWOOD CO- OPERATIVE FOLK DANCERS	Thursday 8-10:45 pm	WEST L.A., Emerson Jr. High School, Boys Gym, 1670 Selby Ave.	Bea Pill (213) 391-7491, Frank Howe (213)996-4028	Teaching: Tropanka (Bulg.) by Marian Fogle & Let's Have Ceilidh (Scot) by Phil Kramer.
WHITTIER CO-OP FOLK DANCERS	Saturday, 2nd, 4th & 5th of the month 7:30-10:30 pm	WHITTIER, Sorensen Park, 11419 Rosehedge Drive	(213)692-2496	Teaching 7:30-8 pm, followed by program and requests.
Non-Fed	eration Ch	lubs		
ARCADIA DAYTIME DANCERS	Wednesday 10:30-11:30 am	ARCADIA, Santa Anita Church, 226 W. Colorado	(213)446-8208 (213)790-7383 Karila, Instructor	Continuing group. International and fun dances.
BESEDA	Friday 8 pm-12 am	WESTWOOD, UCLA Campus, Womens Gym, Room 200	(213)477-8343 ask for Linda	Teaching 8-9 pm with dancing by request until midnight. Beg to adv, int'l, and free.
CAROL DANCERS	Sun, 1st, 3rd, & 5th Fri, 4th of the month	WEST HOLLYWOOD, Sets in Order, 462 N. h Robertson, 7-10 pm Suns. Eng. & some Amer. country, musicians welcome.	(213)794-2004, 748-0010 (714)964-1994 Mary Judson, Leader	SANTA MONICA, Marine Park, 16th & Marine Sts. 7:30-11 pm Fri. New England contras & old time sq, cir & cpl dances
CALSTATE NORTHRIDGE FOLK DANCE CLUB	Thursday	Call Rich Langsford's Folk Dance Fun Line for information on folk dancing on college campuses.	(213)397-4564	Have pen and paper ready!
GREEK FOLK DANCE CLASS	Thursday 1-3 pm	VAN NUYS, Valley Cities Jewish Comm Ctr, 13164 Burbank Blvd.	(213)980-2650 Trudy Bronson, Instructo	Beginners 1 - 2 pm Instructor Intermediate 2 - 3 pm
LA CANADA KARILA DANCERS	Wednesday 8-9:30 pm	LA CANADA, Ballet Petit 457 Foothill Blvd.	(213)790-5321 (213)790-7383 (Aprila Instructor	NEW INTERMEDIATE GROUP. Int'I Romanian, Russian & dances from New York & Santa Barbara camps.
TEMPLE BETH HILLEL DANCERS	Wednesday 10 am-12 pm	NORTH HOLLYWOOD, 12326 Riverside Dr.	(213)980-2630 Beg to inte Trudy Bronson, Instructor fun dances.	Beg to inter levels. Int'l folk & rfun dances.
TEMPLE SINAI DAYTIME DANCE CLUB	Tuesday 10:30-11:30 am	GLENDALE, Temple Sinai, 1212 N. Pacific	(213)246-8101 (213)790-7383 Karila, Instructor	BRAND NEW GROUP FORMING. Int'l & American fun dances.
Beginner's	s Clubs			
BEGINNING SCANDANAVIAN FOLK DANCE	Monday 7:30-10 pm	ANAHEIM Cultural Ctr, 931 N. Harbor Blvd.	(714)533-8667 533-3886 Ted Martin & Donna Tripp, Instructors	Beginners class sponsored by Skandia, South.
	Monday 7:30-10 pm	WEST L.A., Emerson Jr. High Sch, Selby Ave., N of Santa Monica Blvd., behind Mormon Temple. Parking in sch vard.	Taught by Dave Slater (213)556-3791	Sponsored by Westwood Co-op. Note new location of class; now tching at Emerson Jr. High.
	Tuesday 7:30-9:55 pm	ID HILLS	(213)888-9078	Continuous cycle of popular dances taught. Start at anytime. Sponsored by West Valley Folk Dancers.
	Tuesday 8-10:30 pm	WEST L.A., Temple Isaiah, 10345 W. Pico Blvd.	(213)478-4659 (213)202-6166 Beverly Barr, Instructor	
	Thursday 8-10 pm	by Cities Jewish Comm Sank Blvd.	(213)873-4620 (213)786-6310 John Savage, Instructor	
	Thursday 7:30-9:00 pm	THOUSAND OAKS, Conejo Community Ctr, at Dover & Hendrix	(213)498-2491 Gene Lovejoy, Instructor	
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FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION BROCHURE	FOLK DANCE SYMPOSIUM 6290 Sunset Bl. Ste. 505 Los Angeles, CA 90028 Phone: (213) 464-2277 or 467-6341	Aloha Package INCLUDES:	Round trip airfare from Los Angeles to Honolulu with meals and beverages in flight Accommodations at a Waikiki Beach resort	hotel Luau with live orchestra and Ala Moana Beach Park special activities Sunser Dinner Cruise "Floating Luau" — a 21/2	hour cruise in front of Waikiki Beach to Diamond Head with a 1½ hour Polynesian show on board. All the food and Mai-Tai's you can	possibly digest as well as a full open bar! • All folk dance classes, newsletter, special teachers, folklore sessions with films, talent	show, evening parties and after parties. GALA NEW YEAR'S PARTY in coordination with Honolulu's Folk Dance Organization Hula and South Pacific dance lessons
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Friday

Thursday 7:30-10 pm

Sunday 7-10:30 pm

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—CALENDAR—

DECEMBER

- NAMA at the Intersection,2735 W. Temple, LA. (213) 386-0275.
- YUGOSLAV NIGHT, International Student Center, UCLA. Live music from 3 Yugo. orchestras. FREE! (213)208-4587,879-0623.
- 4 SKANDIA CHRISTMAS PARTY, see inside cover for details.
- 4 MIHAI DAVID WORKSHOP, sponsored by Tchaika Folk Dance Club, at Loma Vista School, 300 Lynn Dr., Ventura. Teaching at 7:30, party at 9. Info (805)642-3931, 985-7316.
- 4 SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE PARTY, San Francisco, at Temple Church, 19th and Junipero Serra. 7:30 pm.
- FEDERATION BEGINNER'S FESTIVAL, Grand Ballroom, Ackerman Union, UCLA, 1:30-5:30 pm. Preceded by Council meeting at 11. Co-sponsored by UCLA Dance Dept. Large room, free parking. If you're a beginner, or just like easy dances, this is the place to be.
- CHRISTMAS FAIRE, sponsored by Cultural Affairs Dept. of LA City & Cultural Heritage Board. Held at Heritage Square in Pasadena, 3800 Homer St., right off Pasadena Fwy at Ave. 43. Exhibitions, crafts, tours of restored homes in the Square. 10 am-5 pm. 50¢. 485-2433.
- BLACK FOLK ART IN AMERICA EXHIBITION at Craft and Folk Art Museum. Runs thru Feb. 6. 400 paintings, sculptures and drawings by 19 little-known 20th century artists. Lectures, films, visits with artists accompany the exhibit. For more details, 937-5544.
- PECE ATANASOVSKI WORKSHOP sponsored by Laguna F.D., to be held at Laguna Beach High School Girl's Gym, Park Ave & St. Anne's Drive. 7:15 p.m. Pece 's 1st trip here since 1972--one of Macedonia's leading dance teachers.

- 10-12KPFK BALKAN FESTIVAL AND CHRISTMAS FAIR at International Institute, 435 S. Boyle Ave, Boyle Heights. Returning after a 2 year absence. Friday, 6-midnight includes live music from Nama and performances by Avaz, Nevenka and Aisha Ali. Saturday, noon-midnight, includes teaching (until 4 pm) from Mario Cassetta, Dick Oakes, Dick Crum and performances by Koroyar, Asad's Iranians, Meze, John Bilezikjian and Oasis. Sunday, noon-10, includes teaching (till 4) by Mario, Dick Oakes, Louise Bilman, Mihai David and performances from Dunaj, Jadran, Sotos Kappas, Andrea Tsianis, Hellenic Sounds. Also food and craft booths. Friday \$15, Saturday & Sunday, \$5 each (\$7.50 for both, \$17.50 for all 3).Seniors and kids ½ price. Info (213) 877-2711.
- SHLOMO BACHAR WORKSHOP at Seal Beach Community Center, 3333 St. Cloud Dr. at Israel Yakovee's class. 8:30 pm \$5. (213)994-5432.
- WESTWIND BOAR'S HEAD DINNER. Traditional English holiday dinner. Felicia Mahood Center, 11388 Santa Monica Blvd, W. L.A. 6 pm. \$11. Dancing, music and performances by Westwind. Reservations: Don 450-5313 or Anthony 902-0801.
- 14 TEMPLE ISAIAH HANUKAH PARTY. See inside cover for details.
- 16 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE MADRIGAL DINNER. Also the 18th, 19th, 20th. Includes performances by CSUN Chamber Singers. \$17. Info Carol Seay 885-2491.
- 17 WEST L.A. FOLK DANCERS HOLIDAY PARTY. See club listings.
- 16-19HANUKAH REUNION PARTY, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, sponsored by Israeli Folk Dance Institute and Haverim Jewish Student Organization. Teachers Ya'akov Eden and Moshe Eskayo. By preregistration only. Info, Dave Paletz (213) 398-5737.
- AMERICAN FOLK BALLET of Burch Mann performs at Reseda High School, 8 pm. Free. Blends classical and folk.
- 18 MORE THE MERRIER CHRISTMAS PARTY. See inside cover for info.

Around the Country

27- HAWAII SYMPOSIUM, 4th Annual, sponsored by Jan 3 Tom Bozigian and Mihai David. Also teaching this year are Moshiko Halevy and Atanas Kolarovski. \$100 reservation needed by December 1. For info, (213) 464-2277 or 467-6341.

- 27 CRESTWOOD F.D. HOLIDAY PARTY, see club listings.
- 28 SILVERADO AND NARODNI F.D. BETWEEN HOLIDAY PARTY, see inside cover for info.
- NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTIES:
 Pasadena Co-op (see inside cover)
 Orange County and Veselo (see inside cover)

JANUARY

- 1 Alka Seltzer and Bowl Games.
- 15 GEORGE TOMOV INSTITUTE. More information next month.
- PASADENA COOP FESTIVAL, Glendale Civic Auditorium. More info next month.
- 22 MARTIN KOENIG INSTITUTE, Plummer Park. Live Bulgarian music to follow at the Intersection. More info next month.

MAY

28-30VIVA VENTURA! Don't forget.
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- 3-5 NEW YORK
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 films, and concert of Greek folk
 artists brought over from Greece.
 Info, (212) 691-9510.
- 4 MINNEAPOLIS
 Scottish dance party at Saltari
 with Thistledown Band. (612)724-9932.
- 12 UPPER DARBY, PA.
 Greek folk artists brought over
 by Ethnic Folk Arts Center (see
 above) performing at Upper Darby
 High School. (609)665-2280.
- Just about everywhere. The national contacts we have all have parties on that night--wherever you are, you can probably find a place to folk dance there.

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MONDAY: Carolyn Hester's Monday Night
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with guest singers, songwriters and
musicians. American folk music.

8 pm to midnight.

TUESDAY: Israeli dancing with Dorite and David Dassa. Intermediate class at 8 pm, beginners at 8:45.

WEDNESDAY: Balkan dancing with Maria Reisch. Advanced class at 7:30, no beginners class.

THURSDAY: Israeli dancing with Dani Dassa. Intermediate class at 8:30, no beginners class.

FRIDAY: Greek dancing with Mike Sirota. Basic dances class at 8, other dances taught at 8:45.

SATURDAY: Israeli dancing with Dorite Dassa. Beginners class at 8:30. No advanced class.

SUNDAY: Israeli dancing with Dani Dassa. Intermediate class at 8:30. No beginners class.

Open dancing each night when lessons end. For more information 478-7866. Other calls, 478-9960.

VESELO SELO FOLK ART CENTER, 719 N. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim. Phone (714) 635-7356 or 879-8093. Folk dancing and lessons 6 nights per week. New advanced international class on Thursday with Lee Fox & Willy Lorenzen. Also, a new class on Tuesdays. It will feature American folk dances including clogging, contra, and other forms.

December Information

Saturday, Dec. 4: Karen Codman teaching International. Beginner lesson 7:30. Intermediate 8:15. Request dance party 9:00-1:00 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 11: Diki Shields teaching International. Beginner lesson 7:30. Intermediate 8:15. Request dance party 9:00-1:00 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 18: All request dance party following beginner lesson at 7:30. Saturday, Dec. 25: Closed.

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Friday, Dec. 31: Gala New Year's Eve Party. Co-hosted by Veselo and The Orange County Folk Dancers. 8:00-1:00 a.m. \$5.00 advance, \$6.00 door. (Door prize for advance lucky ticket holder) includes buffet dinner, favors, punches, all request dance party and other entertainment.

Saturday, Jan. 1: Closed. Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year to all!

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WHY DO YOU DANCE: This is where your true personality comes out, SCENE readers. Because we found that by asking you this, what really motivates your lives. There was one reader who responded to our question with "Why do I breathe?" (she was the sensualist) while another responded "Why do I do anything?" (he's the existentialist). But there are a few responses that appeared over and over again. Noone would disagree that folk dancing is great exercise -- and you said that. Many of you commented on the beauty of the music and the joy of moving to it. Some of you talked about the challenge of learning and mastering new material. But most often you talked about people -- the people who make folk dancing what it is for you. And it's true, folk dance is a social activity, it's not something you could or would want to do alone. It is the people that make you come back week after week, year after year. And there is something special about folk dance people that makes you do it.

There was the 72 year old woman who folk danced to "keep young." And the reader who considered it "a joyous experience in a dismal world." For someone, folk dancing "makes life worth living." And then there is the energy it creates: "Sometimes I am very low key, do not wish to dress and go

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out, but loll about the house; then I think of the dancing, the music, being out there with people in a moveing circle and I am recharged -- the vitality flows into my veins, and I am off and running."

FAVORITE DANCES: The 50 of you listed 75 different dances, less than 10 were mentioned more than once, and only the Hambo was mentioned with any frequency. It would be silly to list them all. They ranged from the simplest U Sest to the very complicated Polyanka. Most were old standards, but there are a few new dances on your list (Mezosegi Tancok, for example). You like couple dances and line dances, Israeli dances and Swedish dances, simple dances and difficult dances...and everybody likes to Hambo.

STRENGTHS OF FOLKDANCING: Most of this was fairly obvious. You talked about the good, inexpensive exercise, the bond it creates between people. But most of you mentioned the availability of many dancing places and activities in Southern California as the main strength of the folk dance movement.

WEAKNESSES OF THE FOLK DANCE MOVEMENT: This elicited a litary of complaints from the profound to the ridiculous. Most often mentioned were several different items: the difficulty of developing a common repertoire of dances between groups so that a person could dance in different places and know the material; the generation gap in folk dancing; the lack of charismatic teachers; the costs; the difficulty in finding good, inexpensive facilities to dance at; the politics of folk dancing. Then there was the woman who complained about the lack of 30-40 year old men in folk dancing (anyone have a source for a few of them?). One complained about too many line dances, another about too few line dances. Ah well, you can never please everyone.

So there you are, soul bared to public scrutiny, SCENE reader. And you came out pretty good. You do a lot and you care about your folk dancing. You've given us some good ideas to address in future issues and some good ideas for the leaders of the Federation to mull over. And as for you other 1235 who did not respond, you'll just have to write us separately.

People, Places, Things

FEDERATION NOTES:

Some interesting news from the November 13 Federation Council meeting. Five new clubs are considering joining. New dates were filled into the calendar: May 15 for a South Bay Folk Dancer Festival, June 17-19 for the Idyllwild Workshop weekend and June 17-24 for the Idyllwild week. A teacher training institute has been set up for January 15, just before the Pasadena Co-op Festival. George Tomov will be there from New York. The San Diego Camp is also firm in its dates: August 5-7 for the teacher workshop and August 7-14 for the camp. Registration and deposits being accepted after January 1. Federation 1983 Calendars are now out and available from Perle Bleadon for \$4. New Federation Directories are also available @ \$2 from Bertha Gold.

Most Unusual Reason for Cancelling a Camp Award goes to the brave souls who tried the Camp Hess Kramer Weekend in early October. The horrible brushfire that burned thousand of acres between Chatsworth and Malibu threatened the camp and forced an evacuation after Saturday lunch. All hands were safely removed.

VITAL STATISTICS:

Vera Jones, well known folk dance leader from Fresno, died of a heart attack last month shortly after the Fresno Festival.
Our own Ralph Miller is seriously ill.
Two long-time UCLA dancers, Roo Lester and

Steward Hartman, were recently married in Colorado, where they currently reside.

If you were sitting by your TV a few weeks ago watching Danny Kaye sing and dance for the opening party of Disney's EPCOT in Florida, you might have opened your eyes long enough to see some familiar faces. Behind Marie Osmond's figure in the number "Citizens of the World" were most of the Aman troupe, acting as back up dancers.

UCLA's Frederick S. Wight Gallery is hosting a showing of Buddhist art from the Western Himalayas in their exhibit The Silk Route and the Diamond Path. Curated by UCLA Art Professor Deborah Klimburg-Salter (an expert on Afghanistan), the exhibit will be at UCLA until January 2, then move to New York and Washington DC.

Petar Angelov, director of the Bulgarian Ensemble Varna, will be in the US on a teaching and choreographic tour next spring. One of Bulgaria's foremost teachers, choreographers and folklorists, he is available for workshops while here. For more information, contact Lisa Codman, 680 Corbett St., San Francisco 94114. (415) 641-8768. Lisa, who grew up in a dancing family in Santa Barbara, was recently made Artistic Director of Khadra,

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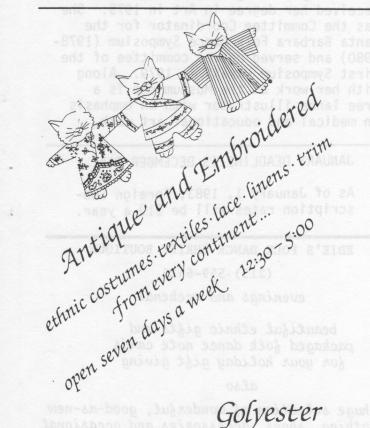
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The two introductory numbers were combined, and set the tone for the entire performance, highlighting perfect coordination in the drumming and demonstrating the physical stamina required to play the many drums of varying sizes with the energy required. In one number, six drummers, laying back almost supine, played with great drumsticks on huge drums in unison and in syncopation for what seemed to be ages. Their bodies were glistening with sweat at the conclusion.

"Hae" was a distinct change, with a trio consisting of a sort of flute, a hand drum, and a Caribeean type steel drum (this latter carrying the melody). It seemed to have come from Okinawa and was pleasant to Western ears. In the finale, we look for the great carts filled with performers as promised in the program notes, but they were not readily seen.





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As Ian is Scottish, I told him I knew some Scottish set dances. I had thought to impress him but found that he had performed with The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and that he plays "the pipes, the piano and the fiddle, too." I was impressed. Wondering if he ever had misgivings about being both chef and owner of the busy and popular restaurant, THE EGG AND THE EYE, he commented that there had been "some god-awful days, but it's all been fun."



The Last word

In addition to being our final word on the subject, The Last Word will also serve to introduce next month's issue on The Teaching of Folk Dance.

We have heard nasty rumors for some time that the budget cutbacks at the junior college level has caused the cancellation of many of their "recreational" classes. Folk dancing was one of the first to go. Of course, other non-recreational things like bowling, golf and tennis were retained.

There are good reasons to be concerned about this. Many of our young dancers get their first exposure to folk dancing through classes at colleges and universities. If they never have the opportunity to try folk dancing, we will never see them. In addition, it is always galling to see how well the bureaucrats can mix up their priorities and kick out an activity which—in addition to being good exercise—brings people together and fosters international understanding. The world could use a little more of that.

Sharron Deny, one of our folk dance instructors, is trying to mount a campaign to remind the State Board of Governors where the priorities really are. She asks that you write your local Board Representative (the list is too long, we'll print it in the next issue) or the chiefs in Sacramento:

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Most of all to Sally Cullman, our guest editor, who in addition to being a conscientious editor, superb writer and consummate artist, is also a dear friend. To Edith Wyle, Joan M. Benedetti and other staff of the Craft and Folk Art Museum for their cooperation in putting this issue together. The SCENE committee for their efficient work. Donna Hurst for her assistance on the Calendar. Also, since we don't know who it is at press time, we'd like to thank the people who helped collate and mail last month's issue: Ed Feldman, Perle Bleadon, Frank and Elsa Havlac, Jethro Singer, Art Brown, Elsie Marks, Ruby Nerenbaum, Marianne Ludanyi, Howard and Rose Parker, Dan Matrisciano, Gerry Gordon, Marin Pill, Dave Cohen and the Culver City RSVP.

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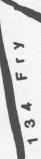
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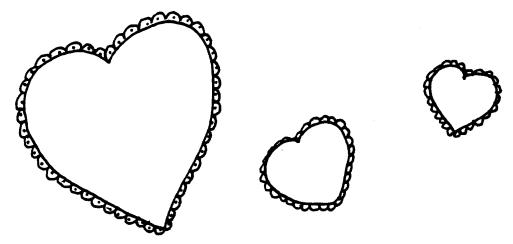
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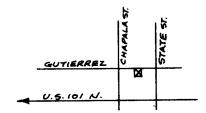
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