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# Calendar

Note: Federation events are in bold type \*\*\* Call to confirm all events

#### 1996

APRIL

- 12 La Tania, Flamenco Dance concert. Beckman Aud, CalTech, Pasadena. Info: (818) 395-4652
- 13 AVAZ Internation Dance Theatre Performance. 8 p.m., CSULA. Info: (213) 466-1767.
- 14 Westwood Co-op's Folkdance Festival, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Culver city Veteran's Aud, Culver Blvd. & Overland. Info: (213) 876-1258.
- 20 Skandia Workshop, 3-5 p.m. Dance party 7:30 p.m. Women's Club of Orange, 121 Center St. Info: (714) 532-9047.
- 27 Salif Keita, African vocalist. UCLA's Wadsworth Theatre. Info: (310) 825-2101
- 27 Scottish Fiddlers of Los Angeles' 15th Anniversary Concert. Hermosa Beach Civic Theatre, 710 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach, at 7:30 p.m. Info: (310) 372-5903 or (818) 793-3716.
- 27 La Tania Flamenco dancer. Pepperdine University, Maliby. Info: (310) 456-4522.
- 30 UCLA Balkan Band at Cal Tech Folk Dancers, Dabney Hall. Teaching 7:30, band at 9 p.m. Info: (818) 797-5157.
- MAY
- 4 Beginner's Tango Workshop with Loreen Arbus and Alberto Toledano. 3-4 p.m. at Moro Landis Studios, Studio City. Free. Info: (818) 506-0780.
- 10-12 Dance Awakening, a contra dance weekend in Ventura, CA. Ron Buchanan, caller; live music by Anita Anderson, Rex Blazer, Cyd Smith and Dragonfly with Aviva Speceal and Michael Gutin. Info: Shane or Kelli Butler, (805) 649-5189.
- 10-12 Calico Bluegrass Festival. Clogging, music, games, contests. Calido Ghost Town, Yermo. Info: (800) TO-CALICO.

Skandia Dance Club: workshop 4 pm; pot luck supper 6 p.m.; dance party with live music 7:30 p.m. Lindberg Park, Culver City. Info: (310) 827-3618.

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JUNE

- 11 San Diego Folk Heritage Festival. Teaching workshops, storytelling, folk dancing. The Children's School, 2225 Torrey Pines Rd, La Jolla. Info: (619) 436-4030
- 11 Dusquene University Tamburitzans at Cal State Northridge's Performing ARts Center, 1811 Nordhoff St. Shows at 3 and 7 p.m. Info: (818) 785-8885
- 18 Victorian Ball. Dancing, refreshments, entertainment. 7 p.m. Upland. Info: UHPS, P.O. Box 1 828, Upland, CA 91786
- 25-26 'Danse Orientale' at Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Dances from Near and Middle East. Info: (714) 432-5880
- 19 Banjo & Fiddle Contest. 9 am-6 pm. Paramount Ranch, Agoura. International, Cajun, Contra, Clog and Scottish dancing. Info: (818) 382-4819.
- 14-16 Huck Finn's Jubilee. Bluegrass music, country dancing, food, crafts, contests. Mojave Narrows Park, victorville. Info: (909) 780-8810.
- 14-17 Los Angeles International Folkdance Extravaganza (LIFE) Camp. Pomona College, Claremont. Teachers: Petur Iliev, Zeljko Jergan. Live music. Petur Iliev, Jerry Grcevich and George Crittenden Bands. Info: (818) 774-9944.
- 15-16 Irish Fair and Music Festival. 10 stages with continuous entertainment, harp and fiddle competitions, Irish Step dancing, arts and crafts. Santa Anita Park Racetrack, Arcadia, cA Info: (818) 503-2511
- 21-23 California Traditional Music Society's Summer Solstice Weekdn. International and contra dancing, singing and music classes, performances. Info: (818) 342-SONG.

- Skandla workshop 3-5 p.m., dance 7:30 p.m. Women's Club of Orange, 121 Center St. Info: (714) 532-9047
- JULY

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San Diego International Folkdance Club Festival, 1:30-5:30 p.m. at Balboa Park Club. Council meeting at 11 a.m. Info: (619) 422-5540.

Skandia Dance Club presents: workshop at 4 p.m., pot luck supper 6 p.m., dance party with live music 7:30 p.m. Lindberg park, Culver City. Info: (310) 827-3618.

#### SEPTEMBER

- 21 Skandia Dance Club presents: workshop at 4 p.m., pot luck supper at 6 p.m., dance party with live music at 7:30 p.m. Lindberg Park, Culver City. Info: (310) 827-3618.
- 28-29 Festival hosted by the International Dance Association, San Diego County. Balboa Park Club. Council meeting at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Info: (619) 422-4065.

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

- 4/14 Cherry Blossom Festival, Sonoma. Info: (707) 546-8877.
- 5/24-27 Statewide Festival. Russian Center, San Francisco. Institutes with Yves and France Moreau; dancing, concert, afterparties, picnic. Info: (510) 814-9282.
- 6/10-15 Scandia Camps, Mendocino
- 6/16-22 Woodlands. Swedish dance teachers Tommy & Ewa Englund and Finnish teachers Aune Nokkala and Oiva Ylonen. Live music. Info: 415) 383-1014
- 6/22-29 Mendocino Folklore Camp. Mendocino Woodlands. Susan Cashion, Michael Ginsburg, Marilyn (Walthen) Smith, Istva Szabo (Kovacs). Live music, parties, great food. Info: (707) 823-4145.
- 6/29-7/7 Balkan Music & Dance Workshop. Info: (510) 344-6349.

#### OUT OF STATE

- Colorado 6/7-9 Scottish Country dance weekend and Grand Ball presented by the Scottish Country Dancers of
  - and Grand Ball presented by the Scottish Country Dancers of Colorado at Colorado college campus, Colorado Springs. Live music, teaching. Info: (303) 466-1910 or 786-7199.

#### Louisiana

4/23-28 Festival International de Louisiane in Lafayette, LA. Carnival du Monde, a free celebration of international music, arts, culture and cuisine, uniting the French-speaking cultures of the world. Info: (318) 232-8086

#### Massachusetts

- 5/3-5 Scottish Country Dance Boston Ball Weekend including Dinner and Ball on Saturday at Mechanics Hall, Worcester. Info: (617) 593-5949.
- 6/20-27 Pinewoods Camp with Alix Cordray, Ahmet Luleci, Marcie Va Cleave. Pinewoods Band. Info: (617) 491-6083.

#### New Mexico

- 8/7-11 New Mexico August Folk Dance Camp. Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM. With David Paletz (Israeli) and Tommi and Eva Englund (Swedish). Info: Noralyn Parsons, (505) 275-1944.
- Ohio 6/16-22 Vintage Dance Week with Frankie Manning, Richard Powers, Cincinnati. Info: Flying Cloud Academy, P.O. 418113, Cincinnati, OH 45241-8113.

#### Texas

6/26-29 45th National Square Dance Convention, San Antonio. Info: (512) 243-1534.

#### Washington

5/25-27 Seattle Folklife Festival. Space Center. Free. Info: (206) 684-7300

#### West Virginia

7/17- Augusta Summer Sessions. Several
8/11 sessions centering on various folk
dance, music and craft genres. All
sessions at the Augusta Heritage
center, Davis & Elkins college,
Elkins, W.V. INfo: (304) 637-1209.

# Calendar

- 7/17-12: Cajun/Zydeco Dance, Intensive Clogging; Cajun Culture & Language 7/14-19: Swing Dance 7/21-28: Irish step dance and set dance; Gaelic language and song
  - 7/28-8/2: Clogging, Squares, Cajun, Contras,Couples, Step Dance, Tap, Callers, Dance Band & more.
  - 8/4-11: Appalachian Dance

#### FOREIGN

#### Bulgaria

- 7/19-31 Folk Seminar in Sozopol, Bulgaria. Christo & Kava Ivanovi (dance) and Dimitrina Kaufmann (singing). Info: Tradition & Ommo Gaitlax, POB 58, Sofia 1000, Bulgaria or Dieter Solecki@msn.comm.
- 7/31- Folk Seminar. Koprivschtitsa, Bulgaria. Info: (See above).

#### Canada

5/17-20 Ontario Folk Dance Camp. Tineke van Geel (Armenian), France Moreau (French Canadian) and Sandy Starkman. Info: (416) 633- 4852

# Jim Gold's Folktours 1996 GREECE, CZECH REPUBLIC, SLOVAKIA, POLAND, BULGARIA, and ISRAEL!

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GREECE, May 8-26 includes Athens, Thessaloniki, Kavalla, Pella, Kastoria, Delphi, breathtaking Meteora, GREEK ISLANDS of Mykonos, Paros, and Santorini.
CZECH REPUBLIC, SLOVAKIA and POLAND: June 28-July 14 includes Slovakia's famous Vychodna Folk Festival, Prague, Bratislava, Piestany, Crakow, Moravia's folkloric Roznok, and Valassko areas.

 BULGARIA, August 12-26 featuring the fabulous Petrova Niva Folk Festival! Sofia, Plovdiv, medieval capital Veliko Turnovo, spa town of Velingrad, scenic Pirin and Balkan Mountains, Bansko, carpet town of Kotel, Batak Folk Fair.
ISRAEL, October 31-November 10 with Jerusalem, Dead Sea, Masada, Haifa,

Tel Aviv, Golan Heights, and Sea of Galilee.

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# On the Scene

#### L.I.F.E. '96

The L.I.F.E. Dance and Music Camp announces a weekend of dance parties with diverse live music: Croatian Tamburitza music by the Jerry Grcevich Tamburitza Orchestra, Bulgarian music by Golden Thrace, Greek music by Ziya, and Pan-Balkan music by Edessa. Daily classes will be presented by Petur Iliev with Bulgarian dances and Zeljko Jergan with Croatian dances. Marilyn Wathen Smith will teach a bonus workshop in French dances with a lively set of Hurdy Gurdy music by Richard Taylor. Alison Snow will teach a bonus workshop in Turkish dances with authentic music by Dan Auvil and George Chittenden.

Everyone will find unexpected opportunities to participate and learn something new each day. Partygoers should decorate themselves and create rhythm with noisemakers and instruments. Dancers will be surrounded by nightly live music jams — Bulgarian, Croatian, Greek, Macedonia, Greek Macedonian, Gypsy, Turkish, and even a zurla duo!

L.I.F.E. begins with dinner on Friday, June 14 and ends with lunch on Monday, June 17, 1996. Daily classes and parties take place in an old world ballroom of Pomona College, and lodging is in single and double-occupancy dorms. \$315 includes a double-occupancy room, meals, tuition and all parties. The daily visitor rate is \$95 per day. A brochure is available from L.I.F.E., 1844 S. 5th St., Alhambra, CA 91803-3538. Voicemail: (818) 409-9508 or (818) 293-8523. Internet: worlddancer@eworld.com

#### TRADITIONAL GREEK FOLK COSTUME EXHIBIT

CAFAM presents this exhibit through April 14th at the newly opened Crafts and Folk Art Museum. On display are costumes from the Peloponnesian Folklore Foundation collection in Athens and includes costumes from all regions of

Greece: the Peloponnese (tracing back to Byzantine times, Epirus, Asia' Minor, Dodecanese and Mani), Argolid and Arcadia, Central Macedonia, Central Greece and Attica, the Eastern Aegean, Eastern Thrace, Crete and Cyprus, the Ionian. Aegean. Cycladic and Argosaronic Islands. Several urban costumes from around Athens, including examples of male foustaneles (pleated white skirts) and the weapons that adorned them, featuring jewelry of marked Oriental influence, are also on exhibit. For more information, contact CAFAM.

#### 36th TOPANGA BANJO FIDDLE CONTEST & MARCH FOR PARKS

This years event takes place at Paramount Ranch near Agoura on Sunday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featured are the Contest Stage, where 115 banjo, fiddle, mandolin, guitar, band and singing contestants will perform, along with several professional Bluegrass and Cajun bands; the Dance Stage, where you can dance and/or watch Scottish Country, clog, international, Cajun, Contra and square dancing; and the Railroad Stage, featuring children's songs, Chumash and Creek stories for children as well as railroad, hobo, humorous and environmental songs. Additionally, there will be 45 folk art booths with weaving, ceramics, wood carving, leather craft, metal craft, jewelry, needlework, paintings, and other items for sale. Bring a picnic or buy your lunch from one of the on-site vendors. For more info, call (818) 382-4819.

#### NEW MEXICO AUGUST FOLK DANCE CAMP, 1996

The 13th annual New Mexico August Folk Dance Camp will take place August 7-11, 1996. Coming from Sweden will be Tommi and Eva Englund. Those who attended camp in 1989 will recall how wonderfully kind and helpful the Englund's are in their teaching style. Most people, after attending teaching sessions with Tommi and Eva, find that their

Swedish dancing has turned into the most luscious, smooth, addictive butter. Also teaching will be David Paletz, who will delight us with a wonderful array of Israeli dances, using his fun personality and joy of dancing at parties til sunrise. Dances of all levels will be taught. Partners are not necessary.

Camp will be held at Highland University, located in the quaint, historic town of Law Vegas, New Mexico. The facilities at Highlands include wood dance floors, an air conditioned dance hall, and a swimming pool.

Dancers arriving from out of state can arrange a lift from the airport or help with transportation. For more information, contact Noralyn Parsons at (505) 275-1944.

#### FEDERATION MEETING NOTES

Carl Pilsecker

Nominations for Federation Officers, 1996/97 are as follows:

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Membership Cha	air Frank Wu
Treasurer	Forrest Gilmore
Secretary	Carl Pilsecker

As a temporary expedient, the offices of Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary have been combined for 1996/97.

Should you wish to nominate someone for any of these offices, please notify your club's Federation delegate immediately.

#### CAJUN & ZYDECO DANCE SCHEDULE

The Traditional Music and Dance Conservancy will be sponsoring Cajun and Zydeco dances every second and 4th Friday night at the War Memorial Hall, 435 Fair Oaks Ave. in South Pasadena. Live music is featured at each dance, by such groups as the Kent Menard Zydeco Band,



the Acadiana Cajun Band, and the Joe Simien Cajun Band (to name a few). Cajun/Creole food is available at each event. Doors open at 7 p.m., with free dance lessons from 7:30-8 p.m. The kitchen opens at 7:30 p.m. and the band starts playing at 8 p.m. For more information, call the LA LA Line at (818) 793-4333.

#### WESTWOOD CO-OP NEWS

Westwood Co-op's annual Spring Festival will take place on Sunday, April 14, 1996 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. at the Culver City Memorial Auditorium, Culver Blvd. at Overland Ave. Co-sponsored by the Culver City Department of Human Services and the folk Dance Federation of California, South, the event is FREE and includes international dancing, exhibitions, and costume displays. Free parking is readily available. For more information, call Lois Raab (213) 876-1258 or Forrest Gilmore (310) 452-0991.

Of course, the group continues to meet every Thursday evening at Emerson Jr. High's gym (one block north of Santa Monica Blvd. [2 blocks east of Westwood Blvd.]) on Selby Ave. behind the Mormon Church. Beginner's classes are at 7:30 p.m. and intermediate dancing starts at 8:00 p.m. For more info about the group, call Roy at (310) 477-8773.

#### FOLK DANCE CAMP SCHOLAR-SHIPS AVAILABLE

The Folk Dance Federation of California, South, will award several tuition scholarships to deserving folk dancers for the summer dance camps. Applicants must be a member of a federationmember club. Scholarships are awarded on past and potential contributions to folk dance activities. Applications have been mailed to all Federation clubs; if one has not been made available to you, contact Richard Duree, scholarship chair, at (714) 641-7450

#### VICTORIAN ASSEMBLY

A series of dances, sponsored by the (Mostly) Victorian Assembly, will be taking place through June, 1996, at the Redondo Beach Masonic Hall (southwest corner of Ruby and Catalina), with it's 2500 square foot wood dance floor. Dates include April 20, May 25 and June 15, all Saturday nights. Hours are from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Dances include waltzes, polkas, quadrilles, Quebecois squares, a little Renaissance, a little Regency— a smorgasbord of historical dance! Anyone interested should contact David Wilkin at (310) 318-3876.



# Westwood Co-operative Folk Dancers

Sunday,

April 14, 1996

1:30 pm to 5:30 pm

International Dances .. Costumes .. Exhibitions Free Admission .. Free Parking Culver City Memorial Auditorium

Culver Boulevard at Overland Avenue Co-Sponsored by: Culver City Department of Human Services and Folk Dance Federation of California, South Meeting of the Federation Council begins at 11:00 am

AFTERPARTY with deluxe Chinese dinner and dancing immediately after the festival. For reservations, send check for \$15/person by April 6 to: George Hlavka, 2700 Pearl St. #61, Santa Monica, CA 90405 For info, call (310) 450-1500.

# the FORUM



or the past 18 years, the UCLA Department of Dance Ethnology (now part of the World Arts and cultures department) has presented a Dance Ethnology Forum. This year's forum, "Reconfiguring Identities through Dance, Movement and Performance" was, as always, free and open to the public. The program was international in scope with talks and/or film and video presentations on subjects ranging from "Riverdance: The Impact of the IRA on Irish Dance" to "Helva Tahiti - Negotiating the Parameters of Tradition". The program also included a Calypso workshop, a folklorico performance, a performance of English Sword dancing, and a Zydeco dance lesson. The day was topped off with a Flamenco Tablao dinner (not free, but at a more-than-reasonable cost) and a Mardi Gras celebration replete with live music by the Bonne Zydeco Band.

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Following is a outline of Saturday's events and presenters, showing the variety of cultures and aspects of dance represented.

Sohini Ray, "Meetei Revivalism and Manipuri Dance"

Moe Meyer, "Riverdance: The impact of the IRA on Irish Dance"

Michelle Forner, "Apple pie meets Baklava: Reconfiguring Identity through Oriental Dance"

- Nancy Boskin, "Helva Tahiti negotiating the parameter of tradition"
- Irma Dosamantes, "Dance Movement Therapy as a cultural phenoenon"

Carolina Mendizabal, Calypso Workshop

Folklorico performance

- Yves Marton, "It's like Yoga: Vio lence and character development in Capoeira and Capoeira De Angola"
- Paul Scollieri, "The Ballets Trocadero de Monte Carlo"
- Mekhala Abu-Lughod, "From Courtesan to Choreographer The Deconstruction of Gender Hierar chies in India's Kathak Dance"
- Miriam Phillips, "The Duende roams through academia: Approaches in teaching Spanish Flamenco dance in American Universities"



Pegge Vissicaro, "Postmodernism and Cross-Cultural dance peda gogy: The Terra Dance Model" Sword Dance performance Flamenco Tablao Zydeco Dance Lesson Mardi Gras celebration with Bonne Musique Zydeco.

The Calypso workshop had EVERY-ONE up and moving to the infectious beat of the music. The teacher, Carolina Mendizabal, was a professional dancer with the Caribbean Dance Company and Dance Theater of St. Croix in the Virgin Islands and will be teaching Afro-Caribbean dance at UCLA during







The English Sword Dance performance was held outdoors on the Dance Department steps. The dance group, the Rapper, presented their incarnation of traditional Christmas-time dances once done throughout communities in northern England. Traditionally appearing during mid-winter, the Rapper dances presented were part of a rich array of seasonal dances commonly seen in England around the close of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries dances that straddle the border between ritual and entertainment. The generic term for this dance form is Morris dance, a dance form which has at its heart footwork and high speed evolutions of five dancers. Characteristic are dance figures which periodically culminate with the swords being tied into a "nut"





DUENDE

Notes from: "The Duende roams through Academia: Approaches in teaching Spanish Flamenco dance in American Universities", presented by.Miriam Phillips

Miriam Phillips is a dancer, dance ethnologist and Certified Laban Movement Analyst who specializes in the stylistic and cultural comparisons between North Indian Kathak and spanish Flamenco dance. She has served on the faculties of California Insittute of the ARts, UCLA, Cal State Long Beach, and Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. Currently she is acting as the Assistant Program Director of the World Arts West (producers of the San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival) while continuing to teach, write, and perform independently. A synopsis of her talk at the 18th annual Dance Ethnology Forum at UCLA follows.

challenge in teaching any ethnic dance form in an American University is to assist students in understanding that the dance is a direct embodiment of a complex yet specific historical, cultural and social legacy. And that the dance movements themselves as well as the inner dance experience contain and/or express a particular essence of that culture's legacy. How, then, do you transmit to students from a very different culture and in a very different setting that most elusive but essential aspect of the dance from another culture. Namely, how do you transmit the spirit or the dance's essential core.

Ordinarily what has been done is to teach dance movements by themselves. But that is not enough. Movement without meaning has an emptiness to it. Dance ethnology teachers have presented the contextual understanding dances in order to stimulate a student's capacity to physically embody the cultural and spiritual essence of that particular dance form. Yet I have found that even this may not be enough, and that a more direct link from the conceptual to the actual movement experience needs to be made in order to transport the spirit. In this presentation, I will take a practical rather than a theoretical approach, and I will be sharing with you several ways that I have used with some degree of success to transmit the spirit (in flamenco, often referred to as the *duende*) that I have used in my teaching of flamenco.

The most important elements that I have found to work with are what I will call body attitude or the overall posturing that is maintained throughout the dance. An emotional connection with the dance and it's origin insnot just a historical or intellectual way, but very personal. Quantity of movement, phrasing, and eye focus depict this.

In traditional flamenco circles, the spirit or the duende is the most essential element of the dance, not the technique. While flamenco has developed to include many different styles within contemporary society, some of them highly technical where almost the technique has dominated over this feeling, the root of flamenco really arose out of the sentiments of a depressed and oppressed society. Andalusia, in the south of Spain where flamenco was born, was once the cultural center of the Western world.. In the 15th century, it was catapulted into the poorest, most desolate region in all of Europe as a consequence of the Spanish Inquisition. Gypsies (who are said to have migrated into Spain and other parts of Europe from northwest India) who had settled in the region of Andalusia during the 15th century or earlier and other lower class Andalusians, lived in a extreme poverty, famine, illiteracy and oppression. The misery that wore on their souls reached an uncontainable climax by the 18th century, at which time the first flamenco song genre, the cante condo, sometimes referred to as a deep cry, emerged. Song forms, and later dance forms, developed that expressed these long-felt sentiments. They relieved and transformed the pain and created a social and cultural solidarity amongst Gypsy families and other lower class Andalusians. This is truly the origin and core of flamenco. Though we now think of flamenco as extremely festive and light-hearted, those kinds of expressions came a little later.

Flamenco dancing is characterized by its passionate, fiery intensity, by so-called uninhibited expression of motion; by percussive strong footwork and the interplay of sensuously controlled and contained movements that burst into quick, strong abandoned movements, culminating in sharp confrontational stops. Gypsy performers and family dynasties are amongst the most significant people who perpetuated the flamenco tradition. Some features of this dance form are very different from most dance forms commonly practiced in the U.S. Many of the qualities and expression are very different from even our everyday movements. So, in order to learn or practice flamenco we must, in a sense, learn to shed some of our own identity, movement conditioning and expression patterns and reconfigure them in the flamenco experience. I'd like to discuss these features, and talk about experiencing the emotional connection with and the spirit of the dance.

I'll begin with the emotional connection to the dance. Obviously we are not born to Gypsy families and most of us have not experienced severe oppression and poverty. We're generally somewhere in the middle class range. So how can we identify with these emotions, with the historical legacy of flamenco? In dealing with the emotional connection, I first identify the emotion, for example, pain, a kind of deep suffering and sorrow. Then I work with evoking that emotion. One ways I do that is by asking students to connect to their own experience of a painful situation such as abandonment or loss of a loved one. I then go on to work with using different images to evoke that feeling. I work with actions that elicit those emotions, such as different kinds of calls that are traditionally done in flamenco (ole, ole, or some of the things that my teachers in Spain have said). You have to be angry when you dance or dance without fear. I sometimes also demonstrate or I will work with video demonstrations. For example, to evoke the feeling of pain, I might start with playing a piece of music, and then ask students to recall some experience of their own that the music calls up in their minds. I'll then connect this with the maintained body attitude, and a much more internal connection. After working with these elements, I will start to infuse them into a particular movement pattern, generally one I've choreographed or one that comes from the flamenco tradition.

As to quality of movement, flamenco has a quality very different from what we're used to — a sharp, abrupt, sometimes almost violent quality. In teaching I identify the quality, and discuss how it contrasts to familiar movement qualities. When a movement is taken out of the choreographed context and repeated (e.g, kicking, kicking), eventually the experience of anger that can go with that movement is experienced. When I see enough students getting the angry feeling with the movement, I'll put that movement back into the choreographed pattern. After inserting it into the movement pattern, I'll work with repetition and practicing some of the movement quality as a movement motif. Then we'll incorporate that motif back into the overall dance.

Another aspect, one I feel is highly significant though often overlooked in teaching world dance forms, is phrasing. How the dance moves. Not just the body parts moving in a certain spatial pattern, but phrasing. I identify the phrasing in relation to the music or in relation to an emotion; for example, the phrasing that is a build up of contained energy culminating into a burst and into a controlled stop. I encourage the students to experience the phrasing, to connect it, to feel it — through just listening to music. First listening, and then maybe asking students to tap out the rhythm with their foot or hand. Just let them feel it intuitively. Then I will redescribe the phrasing with the music, and demonstrate it. We listen to it several times. I'm not trying to get them to understand the music intellectually...just to get the feeling. Then, I describe and demonstrate, providing a basic movement structure. I also play around with improvising within that structure. I might start with a basic foot stomping pattern, and then build it up to the abrupt stop. Usually I'll go over several positions at this point that they can play with and use for their own improvisation. After getting a sense of one kind of phrasing, we reinsert it into the dance and into a choreographed pattern.

As I mentioned, body attitude is really important, as is eye focus. In each of these elements, be it body attitude, emotional connection, movement quality or phrasing, I take the class through a process which includes: 1) identifying the chief features of whatever aspect I'm asking them to work with; 2) creating ways to invoke, embody or experience it; and, 3) finally incorporating these features into fuller dancing patterns. These elements are not specific to flamenco. In teaching any dance form of another country, I think it's really important to look at the maintained body attitude. What is the feeling quality, the experience behind it? What are ways you can get students to connect to it from a personal, immediate experience, not one just based on history or intellectualizaiton. What is the movement quality or movement qualities that you're really after? What is behind the form, the framework of the body pattern, the spatial patterns. What is that quality? Lightness and openness, strong and quick? What is the phrasing? How does it all tie together? So these are questions that should be asked of any dance form.

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