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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 8:00pm at Russian Cultural Center (this weekend  
!) Join Dromeno, Sinovi, The Minor 9, and special guest Dragi  
Spasovski in a night of fun and frolic, all to help support Balkan Night  
Northwest! Volunteers needed for the Balkan Night NW fundraiser. If you can help at  
the door or with cleanup, please contact Steve or email  
[danceinfo@seattlebalkandancers.org](mailto:danceinfo@seattlebalkandancers.org).**


Our appreciation goes to Bob Cohen who opened, programmed the music, and closed on 11/25. Thank you to Jolene Vrchota and Joe Schneider for setting up the entry table and kitchen. Our thanks go to Pat Hynes who greeted people at the entry table during Jana's class. And, thank you Dayton Curtis for assisting with closing.

See "[Volunteers keep us dancing!](#)" below for ways you can help.

### NEWS FLASH!!

**FREE DANCE CLASSES for qualified dancers:  
Our regular Balkan classes will be free for all students and six classes will be free  
for each newcomer. These free classes are being subsidized by SBD  
donors. Please spread the word about the free classes! Bring your  
friends!! Bring your students (including yourself if you're a student) !!**

 [Calendar](#) (click on the dates to link to more details)

 [December 2](#) - Jana teaches!

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 [Ongoing Balkan Class - Wednesdays](#) - back in session!

 [Cool Music Events at Other Venues](#) - Balkan Dance-Fit returns. December is very full of wonderful music!

 [Recorded music](#) - Friday evenings, includes address of Seattle Balkan Dancers.

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 [December 2](#) - Jana teaches!

Jana will be teaching one more Balkan dance lesson as we draw 2016 to a close. The lesson is an hour, and starts at 7:30 p.m. The lesson is \$12/adult, which includes the entire evening of dance afterwards. We suggest a donation of \$5 for folks who come to dance after the lesson. **NOTE: SEE THE YELLOW BOX AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE FOR AVAILABLE FREE CLASSES FOR QUALIFIED DANCERS!**

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 [Saturday, December 3](#) - Balkan Night Northwest fund raiser **SATURDAY**

Join Dromeno, Sinovi, The Minor 9, and special guest Dragi Spasovski in a night of fun and frolic, all to help support Balkan Night Northwest! All funds go to help

produce Balkan Night, which takes place on March 4th this year! Adults \$15, Kids under 10 free! 8 p.m. at the Russian Community Center. Door and cleanup volunteers are needed-email [danceinfo@seattlebalkandancers.org](mailto:danceinfo@seattlebalkandancers.org) or see Steve if you are interested in helping.

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**December 9 - Dromeno Party!**

Dromeno returns to play for our annual holiday party from 8 to 11 p.m. This is always one of our most popular events so put it on your calendar now and join us for this evening of dancing to their special blend of music from Greece and beyond.

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**December 30 - No dance tonight!**

The Russian Community Center will be having their annual ball on January 29th (according to what your editor remembers about the flyers seen in the hall), and we will be getting ready for our individual parties. Please enjoy this Friday with your favorite people!

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**January 13, 2017 Benefit for the Northwest Folklife Festival and Seattle Balkan Dancers.**

8-11 pm. Dance to **Zakuska**. Enjoy the Georgian singing group **onefourfive**, a performance by the **Radost Folk Ensemble**, and a dance-and-sing-along. Then lots more dancing! Suggested donation is \$15 (plus or minus depending on what you can do). A fun way to begin 2017 and your opportunity to demonstrate support for the Northwest Folklife Festival and for Seattle Balkan Dancers. Come to the party, bring party foods to share, and your checkbook or credit card.

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**Volunteers keep us dancing!**

Did you know that SBD depends entirely on volunteers? Volunteers are needed to open and set up things before dancing begins; greet people at the entry door for classes and live music parties, program the recorded music, and pack up and close at the end of the evening. Descriptions of the volunteer tasks are available in the entry table file box. Orientations and reviews of the tasks are happily provided.

**Might volunteer? Please speak to or contact a member of the Volunteer Coordinators Team:**

Susan Flagler (email: [susanf@uw.edu](mailto:susanf@uw.edu); phone 206-524-6695);

Julie Buckel (email: [julie.a.buckel@irs.gov](mailto:julie.a.buckel@irs.gov)).

Please consider what you might do to keep us dancing! We really appreciate people who help, even if they have not officially volunteered for a job.

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**Wednesdays - Denis Murphy's Fleet Feet 4 Fun and Fitness is held on Wednesdays in the University District**

Fleet Feet For Fun and Fitness group is held on Wednesday nights at the University Heights Community Center. The group focuses on fun, accessible dances from the Balkans and the Middle East. Details and contact information appear at the website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/wednesdayfolkdance/index>

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**Cool Music Events at Other Venues**

- **Saturday, December 10** starting at 7:00 pm, Balkanarama will be playing hot tunes from Southeastern Europe at Georgia's Greek Restaurant. Reserve your table today @ 206-783-1228.
- **December 11, 6 PM** Bulgarian Koleda concert at the Kirkland Performance Center. **DA BUDE! (May It Ever Be So!)** Christmas Show of the Bulgarian Cultural and Heritage Center of Seattle December 11 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM featuring both professional performers and amateur groups: Varimezov Family from Los Angeles, Bulgarian Voices of Seattle Women's Choir, Seattle Cheta Performance, Group, Medena Pitka Children's Folklore Group, Radost Ensemble (children), Hopa Trop Children's Ensemble, Dunava Women's Vocal Ensemble, Dromeno Band, and M9 Balkan Brass Band

For the first time we will welcome the leaders of Antika-Bulgaria Ensemble from San Francisco and PCHELA Bulgarian Society from Los Angeles. Seattle's koledari will bring again seasonal blessings to our event. Join us in our celebration of Christmas! Artistic director: Daniela Nyberg, Scenography: Mariya Apostolova, Stage manager: Tom Deering, Christmas-concert project manager: Robert Owen

**TICKETS:** Individuals: \$10, Kids under 13 and concert participants: free. Family of 2 adults with children over 13: \$25. Link to ticketing website: <http://dabude.brownpapertickets.com/>

**POST-CONCERT PARTY:** Peter Kirk Community Center, 352 Kirkland Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033 Everyone is invited! We thank The Seattle Peoples Fund for its generous financial support! The Bulgarian Cultural

and Heritage Center of Seattle is a Non-Profit Organization, established to preserve and share Bulgarian culture and folk traditions from the motherland. <http://seattle-bg.org/>

- **December 14th** - show time at 7:30pm [Hedwig and the Angry Inch](#) (winner of 4 Tony Awards) is coming to Seattle, and a special LGBT community night will benefit Lambert House! The special LGBTQ night is Wednesday 12/14/16 sponsored by KeyBank at The Paramount. Tickets purchased through our special splash page come with a 25% discount, reduced service fees, and a \$10 donation to **Lambert House** is automatically added to the purchase! The total savings is \$5-19.50 depending on the seat. Visit our special splash page here: <http://bit.ly/lamberthedwig> and use the promo code LAMBERT. -Ken Shulman  
Editor's note: Ken Shulman is a long time folk dancer. He hasn't been dancing with us much lately but he is an SBD volunteer on December 9th. Lambert House is a resource center for LGBTQ teens that need a place to go for help and resources. He served as executive director of Lambert House since 2003 but it was started by the late Dr. Bob Deischer in 1981 and they are in jeopardy of loosing the building they have been in. You can help by attending this special presentation. Get your tickets early to be sure you get a seat!
- **Saturday, December 17** starting at 7:00 pm, Zakuska will play dance tunes from Bulgaria, Macedonia and beyond at Georgia's Greek Restaurant. Reserve your table today @ 206-783-1228.
- **January 7 SAVE THE DATE.** After 13 years of bringing you the propulsive, virtuosic brass music of the Eastern European Romani diaspora, **Orkestar Zirkonium** is saying, "Farewell." But before we go, we're throwing you one last HUGE party, to celebrate all the amazing adventures we've had as a band. To be held in historic [Washington Hall\\*\\*](#) Seattle's Central District, it has huge dance floor!! Some amazing performers will be helping OZ say goodbye, including [Nanda](#) (you will NOT want to miss them!) and The Witness. More details to come in a big publicity push after Thanksgiving. Until then, SAVE THE DATE!  
<http://www.orkestarzirkonium.com/index.php>
- Want to find out about more Balkan music and dance events? Check out the Northwest Balkan Events Calendar at this website: <http://tinyurl.com/NWBalkanCalendar>. And you can also sign up to get email notices of up-coming Balkan events of all kinds.
- **BALKAN dance-fit (tm) classes** - Ana-Maria gets us strong and smiling on Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Bellevue at La Vida Studio . More information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/balkan.zumba/> (note from Ginger: I take this class every week. It is fun and challenging. The music

is mostly Bulgarian.)



### Recorded Music Nights

We primarily dance Balkan line dances from countries such as Bulgaria, Greece, Macedonia, Turkey, Serbia, Croatia, Romania, and Albania. An occasional dance from other countries may be played as well. The early part of the evening has mostly easy and basic dances that everyone can participate in regardless of prior experience. You don't need a partner and there are plenty of friendly people to help you get started. We have a library of over 2500 recordings available for dancing and you are encouraged to request your favorites. To make that easier for you, they are indexed in a book by the request board. Usually, there will be a dance class from 7:30 to 8:30. Please check the website for details if you are not a regular subscriber to this weekly email. [Venue: 704 19th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112](#)

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