

## ROMA CAMP ŠUTKA-SKOPJE 2018

1<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### Roma Dancing, Singing & Instrumental Workshops



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**Dance:** Aydin & Göksu Elbesan Istabnbul), Šani Rifati (Kosovo) & local Roma dancers from the mahala. Aydin & Göksu teach a beautiful style of Karsilama as danced by Turkish Roma and in many variations all over the Balkans.

**Singing:** Vaska Jankovska and Šani Rifati; Vaska is a celebrity in Macedonia known for her performance of Erdelezi in the film „Time of the Gypsies“.

**Instruments:** Clarinet, Saxophone, Accordion and Trumpet with special attention to Romani ornamentation, Baritone horn, Tuba, Tapan-Davul, Dumbek (complex and easy Roma rhythms), harmony and accompaniment.



Göksu Elbasan



Šani, Ferus Mustafov Benji



Ali Ibišev



Aydin Elbasan

**Dance:** Aydin & Göksu Elbesan

Šani Rifati

**Singing teachers:**

Vaska Jankovska, Šani Rifati

**Trumpet:** Ekrem Ibraimov, Ali Ibišev

**Saxophone, Clarinet, Trumpet:**

Ferus Mustafov

**Tuba, Baritone:** Ali Ibišev

**Accordion:** Dragan Mitrović

**Tapan, Darbuka:** Harun Asanov

It is already time to invite you to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Roma Camp in Šutka-Skopje MK. It will take place the first 10 days of August 2018. The first Camp was a huge success – thanks to our wonderful participants, teachers, visitors, and Šutka with all its surprises. Based on our experiences we have implemented improvements regarding accommodation and daily logistics. We are excited to do it again and look forward to hosting you.

Why Šutka? Šutka isn't exactly a tourist destination, and many Macedonians would never even entertain the thought of visiting this neighborhood. Šutka, with 40,000 inhabitants, is one of the largest Romani mahalas in Europe and for sure a good choice to get in touch with Romani culture. Visiting Šutka feels like entering another country.

The architecture features very poor houses next to huge, colorful ones decorated with gaudy lion statues and wagon wheels. People speak Romani. Life is lived out on the streets, and it's lived loudly.

It is nothing like a typical Macedonian or Eastern European neighborhood. That is why Šutka doesn't have a single hotel. For the Seminar we have arranged lodging in Ferus Mustafov's motel, not too far from Šutka. It is small, but it has a nice big cool hall where we will hold music and dance classes and have dinner. We have also arranged private apartments in the heart of Šutka.



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We offer dance, singing and music lessons. Instrumental lessons depend on the participants. You can choose accordion, trumpet, saxophone- / -clarinet, baritone, tuba, dumbek and tapan. Vaska and Šani will teach singing lessons. You can also book private lessons with all teachers (not included in the seminar fee)

### Daily schedule

10:00 – 12:00                      Dance and music lessons

----- Lunch break -----

13:30 - 15:00                      Singing and music lessons

18:00 - 20:00                      Dance lessons

20:30 -                                Dinner, music, dancing

Occasionally we will attend Roma weddings in Šutka; on these days there will be no afternoon lessons. Touristic sightseeing tours are not included but we can help you with travel information in Skopje.

**Let us know if you would like to arrive earlier or stay longer!**

**01<sup>st</sup>: Arrival – Pick up - introduction of the staff - dinner**

**10<sup>th</sup>: Departure day – breakfast – transfers - Good - bye**

**Alternatively you may leave on the 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Registration and Fees:**

The fee for the camp is 770 €. It includes lodging for nine nights, breakfast and dinner, eight days with program, dancing, singing and instrumental lessons and airport transfers. If you choose to leave on the 6<sup>th</sup> the fee is 500,- €

### **Places are limited.**

We can only host up to 26 people. Please reserve early. For registration and questions, please email:

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or call: **Phone** 00493021997068

**To register**, send a deposit of 100 € by 1 April to the following account:

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