

Welcome to the
Annual NFO Meeting and Conference
April 2-6, 2025, in Portland, Oregon

Schedule for Wednesday, April 2

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
4:00 PM	Conference Check-in In the Hotel Breakfast Room
	Dinner on your own
6:30 PM	Welcome Reception with light snacks Hosted by Ed Austin In the Hotel Breakfast Room

Wednesday events address:
Comfort Suites Portland Southwest:
11340 SW 60th Avenue



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Schedule for Thursday, April 3

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
	Breakfast at the Hotel or on your own
8:30 AM	NFO Annual Membership Meeting Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus Room 100, Science Technology Building
1:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM	<i>Pourparler: A Sampler Platter</i> with Sally Jenkins
3:00 PM	<i>Balkan Dancing and Pitu Guli</i> with David Shochat
4:00 PM	<i>History of Japanese Dance</i> with Chris Dart
5:45 PM	Dinner
7:15 PM	Dance Party, including performances by: Liina Teose's Estonian Folk Dance Group <i>Tulehoidjad</i> Live Nordic music <i>Hapsala!</i> with dances led by <i>Norske Runddansere</i>

Thursday events addresses:

*Portland Community College: 12000 SW 49th Avenue,
Room 100, Science Technology Bldg. (by Parking Lot 7)*
Burlingame Water Tower Dance Hall: 8936 SW 17th Avenue
Comfort Suites Portland Southwest: 11340 SW 60th Avenue



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Schedule for Friday, April 4

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
	Breakfast at the Hotel or on your own
9:00 AM	<i>Bon Odari Dance Workshop</i> with Chris Dart
10:30 AM	<i>Int'l Performing Groups' Influence on Dance in the US</i> with Tony Shay
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	<i>Jingle Dress Dance</i> with Kathleen Ash-Milby
2:45 PM	<i>What Can NFO Do for You?</i> Brainstorming Session
4:00 PM	<i>NFO Grant Report: BYU Flamenco Dance Project</i> with Clara Smilanick & Levi Hancock
5:00 PM	<i>Learning, Teaching, Recording & Preserving</i> <i>Armenian Dance and Culture</i> with Tom Bozigian & Sheree King
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Dance Party, including: Heidi Vorst's International Folk Dance Group Süssefüsse Dances led by Chris Dart and Bon Odori dancers Live music by <i>Nešto Dobro</i>

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Schedule for Saturday, April 5

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
	Breakfast at the Hotel or on your own
9:00 AM	<i>Japanese Sashiko Embroidery</i> with Gigi Jensen
10:15 AM	<i>Armenian Dance Workshop</i> with Tom Bozigian & Sheree King
11:45 AM	<i>Games for Folk Dancers</i> with Stacy Rose
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	<i>Panel Discussion</i> hosted by Sherry Cochran with Tom Bozigian, Sheree King, Tony Shay, David Shochat
2:45 PM	<i>Round and Round: Carousels</i> with Bill Dentzel
4:00 PM	Banquet Preparation and Travel Time
5:15 PM	<i>NFO Heritage Awards & Conference Banquet</i> at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 715 S Bancroft Street, Portland
8:00 PM	<i>Armenian Dance Workshop Review</i> with Tom Bozigian & Sheree King
9:00 PM	Dance Party, including: Live music by <i>Trio Tsuica</i>

Saturday events addresses:

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Schedule for Sunday, April 6

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
	Breakfast at the Hotel or on your own
8:30 AM	Planning Meeting in the NFO Vice President's Hotel Suite

Thank you for coming!
Safe Travels, and
See you next year in
North Carolina!

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