

Nashville International Folk Dancers

Invites you to

AUTUMN LEAVES XXXIX

Friday & Saturday, November 1 & 2, 2024

Anna Angelova

teaching Bulgarian folk dances

at Global South at Casa Azafran
2195 Nolensville Pike
Nashville, Tennessee 37211



Anna grew up in a small town in Northern Bulgaria where the lively local festivities (sabors) and traditional ceremonies kindled her interest in folklore at an early age. Anna's dance adventures started when she joined the town's folk dance ensemble where she learned from esteemed choreographers and performed along experienced dancers throughout her youth years.

Upon coming to Boston to further her education, Anna got introduced to the internationally acclaimed Ahmet Luleci's Collage Dance Ensemble: a unique experience that unlocked passion and appreciation for the greater Balkan magic, and beyond. The 8 years Anna spent performing with Collage on local and national stages were instrumental for her growth as a dancer - from professional attitude to stage presence to polished style to authentic connection with our ancestors through Ahmet's vibrant choreographies. In 2022, Anna was honored to teach Bulgarian Dance at Ahmet Luleci's annual World Camp in Rock Hill, New York.

With the start of her own family in Boston, Anna felt the need to be more involved in the local Bulgarian community. This is when she joined Ludo Mlado, a Bulgarian folk ensemble led by Pepi Petrov and Marieta Mircheva. Anna connected with Ludo Mlado's mission to preserve the rich dance traditions of Bulgaria. An outstanding moment with Ludo Mlado was the opportunity to participate in the Chicago Folk Festival VEREA.

In addition to her continuous dive into the richness of authentic Bulgarian folklore, Anna has been intrigued by the expressive and passionate rhythms of the Romani dances, thus seeking to acquire further dance knowledge of their intricate folklore.

At this year's Autumn Leaves, Anna will teach a variety of Bulgarian dances. NIFD is delighted to host her for our 39th annual Autumn Leaves international folk dance workshop.

Schedule

All sessions are Central Daylight Time. No Sunday sessions this year.

Friday, November 1

7 – 8pm	Registration, request dancing
8 – 9:30pm	Session I: Teaching
9:30 – 10:30pm	More request dancing

Saturday, November 2

9:30am – 12:30pm	Session II: Teaching , with cultural asides, short breaks
12:30 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK (on your own)
2 – 4:30pm	Session III: Teaching , dance review, and videotaping
4:30 – 7:30pm	DINNER BREAK (on your own)
7:30 – 10:30pm	Dance Party , Requests, dances from teaching sessions, and a set of live dance music by TANTSOVA GRUPA

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