Sixteenth Annual Ski Dance Weekend

Join us for a festive weekend of dancing, skiing and socializing at the Hulbert Center in Fairlee, VT.

January 26 – 29, 2012

Scandinavian dance parties & dance and music workshops

featuring

Ottar Kåsa and Bjørnar Heimdal
Peter Michælson and Toby Weinberg

Telemark fiddle instruction with Ottar Kåsa

Ottar is returning to the US this year to join us again at Ski Dance Weekend. Ottar hails from a village in Telemark called Arabygdi just north of Vinje. He is a class A fiddler, and won the King’s Cup as the top Hardanger Fiddle player at Landskappleik this past year. Ottar plays regularly at concerts and various dance events. In addition to this, Ottar is a fiddlemaker and has a workshop in Bø where he builds and repairs Hardanger Fiddles.

Numedal dance instruction with Bjørnar Heimdal

Bjørnar Heimdal will teach Springar and Gangar dances from Numedal. Bjørnar has been to America three times as a solo dance performer, twice to the Norsk Høstfest in Minot N.D. and once to Norway Day in San Francisco. Bjørnar is a seasoned performer and teacher and won the Lanskappeleik inlaus (Halling) class B this year at Seljord. This is an exciting change for Ski Dance regulars as we explore dances from another region.

Peter Michælson, from Seattle will play both sets of Swedish music and Valdres springer. Peter has played folk music for almost 50 years, for the last 30 focusing on the fiddle music of Scandinavia. He plays both regular fiddle and Norwegian Hardanger fiddle. He has made numerous trips to “the old countries” to study and perform; he has been awarded a bronze medal in the Swedish National Competition for folk musicians (the Zornmärk), and has played with several well-known Swedish groups, including Boda and Falu Spelmanslags. He’s on the staff of several annual music/dance camps in the US; Peter has toured nationally -- including as musician for a troupe of Swedish dance teachers -- and he’s played for countless dances and workshops from coast to coast. He’s known for his breadth of repertoire, his harmony playing, and his dance fiddling. Peter is a mainstay of the folk music scene in Seattle, where he teaches Scandinavian fiddle styles.

Toby Weinberg, from Syracuse, NY, is the founder and music director of the Boston Spelemannslag and the Finger Lakes Hardingfelelag in New York. He has competed on hardingfele in Norway and has performed solo and with several Norwegian and American dance performance groups in North America and Europe. Toby is an instructor in great demand throughout the USA and has been a regular at Ski Dance Weekend since its inception.

While the focus may be on dance and music, one of the charms of Ski Dance Weekend is the warm and friendly atmosphere and the great meals prepared by the staff of the Hulbert Outdoor Center. Nearby activities include cross country and downhill skiing, and skating across the street on scenic Lake Morey.

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Ski Dance Weekend Event Details

**Last Year’s Event** saw our largest attendance yet, and we are continuing with the additional day so you don’t have to choose between taking lessons and enjoying the outdoors. You can do both!

**Dance Parties:** Emphasis on Norwegian and Swedish traditional dance (bygdedans) with a lot of springar and gangar played by Ottar Kåsa and Toby Weinberg. Peter Michælson will play sets of Swedish music and Valdres springer. Singles, couples, and families are welcome.

**Instruction:** Thursday evening there will be a short introduction to the basics of Numedal dancing interspersed with the party to help everyone get started. In the morning and afternoon on Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday morning, Bjørnar Heimdal will teach Springar and Gangar from Numedal with Toby Weinberg playing. Ottar Kåsa will give group Hardanger fiddle lessons during these same times. For those interested in flat fiddle music from Sweden and Norway there will be jam sessions concurrent with the dance and Hardanger fiddle classes.

**Location:** Fairlee is in the Connecticut River valley in central Vermont. Hulbert is a camp-like setting. We dance in the same convenient and homey building where we eat. Cross-country ski trails, ice skating, and snow-shoeing are right out the door (depending on the weather). Additional cross country and downhill areas are within easy driving distance.

**Registration Deadline is January 13, 2011**

Register online at http://www.nordic-home.com/skidance or pay by check. Make checks payable to Tom Kringstad and send to 83 Colonial Ave, Cranston, RI 02910

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**Lodging:** The cabins are warm, modern and easy walking distance to the dance hall. Towels sheets and blankets are provided. Occupancy is four to a room with two bunk beds in each room. Beds in the cabins are reserved first come first served. If you want to stay elsewhere, we can send you a list of motels in the area. (See Web site for suggestions)

**Meals:** Each full package includes the first night evening meal, 3 meals the full days, Sunday breakfast and lunch, plus late-night snacks on Friday and Saturday. Vegetarians must register in advance. If you have special dietary needs, contact Hulbert directly at 802/333-3405. Saturday night dinner will be a Norwegian style banquet.

**Getting there:** Hulbert is only six miles from Interstate 91. The recommended airport is Manchester, NH. Boston, MA Hartford, CT or Albany, NY airports are other possibilities. You can get to White River Junction, VT (30 miles from Hulbert) by bus or train. We will try to arrange ride sharing.

**Registration:** If you are staying at Hulbert, or eating a meal there, you must register in advance since we have to make room assignments and Hulbert needs a count to buy food. It helps us greatly if you register in advance even if you are only coming for the parties.

**Cancellation policy:**

Full refund with notice on or before 12/31/2010
50% refund between 1/1/2011 and 1/13/2011
No refunds are offered for cancellations after the registration deadline

**Package preference**

- Thursday – Sunday, Lodging and Meals * $365.00
- Thursday – Sunday, Meals * $290.00
- Friday – Sunday, Lodging and Meals * $265.00
- Friday – Sunday, Meals * $210.00
- Saturday Dinner and Party $60.00
- Saturday Party $35.00
- Friday Dinner and Party $60.00
- Friday Party $35.00
- Thursday Dinner, Instruction and Party $35.00
- Teen (13-19), Thursday – Sunday (L&M) * $225.00
- Teen (13-19), Friday – Sunday (L&M) * $165.00
- Youth (5-12), Thursday – Sunday (L&M) * $155.00
- Youth (5-12), Friday – Sunday (L&M) * $110.00
- Child Under 5, Bed and Linen $70.00
- Child Under 5, Sharing Bed with Parent Free

**Total (USD) $ Enclosed:**

* Dance / fiddle instruction included with these packages only.

All prices are shown per person.