

# New Year's Eve Seminar

28/12/2026 – 01/01.2027



## Genci Kastrati – Dances of Albania

## Baykal Dogan – Dances of Turkey (focal point) and Georgia

**Baykal Dogan** started his folk dance and musical training in Istanbul at the age of 7 which after secondary school eventually lead to a place at the Istanbul Dance Academy. Here, too, music played an important role in his education. After graduation he was accepted at the Internationaal Danstheater in the Netherlands where he worked as a dancer, choreographer and musician. After 10 years as a professional dancer he discovered his passion for teaching non-professional dancers. The energy derived from the joy and connectivity he finds in this work with non-pros has made him a very sought-after teacher.

His classes comprise almost all the regions of Turkey with their diverse rhythms, dance steps and styles. Particularly close to his heart are the dances of Thrace, the Black Sea region and the Caucasus. As Baykal is likewise a professional percussionist, with extensive concert experience, he accompanies his dancers personally on corresponding instruments during classes.



**Genci Kastrati** works as a lecturer and choreographer at the Albanian National Folksong and Dance Ensemble in Tirana, where he also lives. He trained at the National Ballet School, specialising in Albanian folkdance as well as graduating in choreography at the College of Fine Arts in Tirana. Since 1985 he has been a soloist with the National Ensemble.

Genci has run numerous workshops in traditional Albanian dance in North and South America, Asia and many European Countries, including Germany.

Nationally and internationally he is also highly respected because of his contribution to the conservation and promotion of Albanian folkdance. Genci is an impressive dancer as well as a didactically outstanding and captivating instructor who teaches Albanian dances with

energy, precision and great enthusiasm.

The **Ballkanesen mit dem Kontrabass** group from Tübingen are well known to most of you as fellow dancers and, thus inspired as well as inspiring musicians who did enrich the New Year's Eve Seminar some years ago with a tremendous live music evening. We are therefore delighted to welcome them again to treat us to another evening's performance of dance music!

**Birgitt Karlson** is likewise well known to you as a long term fellow dancer and singer from Jam Session and Choir. She is an expert in Balkan folksongs and the owner of a valuable treasure of personally collected songs that are available to you to share when you join in a sing-song session under her confident easy-going and witty leadership!

We are looking forward to this seminar and all of you!

Your Orga-Team – *Cornelia und Karlheinz, Barbara und Mira*

## Our Accommodation

**Bildungs- und Tagungshaus St. Albert, Schloßstraße 2, 86756 Reimlingen**

Providing comfortable accommodation, nice food and perfect conditions for dancing, relaxation and tranquillity.

| <u>Prices</u>  | <u>Early Booking until</u>   | <u>31. August from</u> | <u>01. September</u> |
|----------------|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| Seminar und VP | 3 - 4 bedroom  | 499.-                  | 524.-                |
|                | Double room  | 514.-                  | 539.-                |
|                | Single room  | 554.-                  | 579.-                |
|                | Seminar/Evening entertainment<br>without accommodation                               | 111.-                  | 136.-                |
|                | <b>Accommodation/Evening entertainment without seminar<br/>(for companion/carer)</b> | <b>MBR 409.-</b>       | <b>DR 423.-</b>      |

Coffee and cake are available for optional booking for the entire seminar during registration. Price: 20 Euro. Sorry, we do not accept late bookings. Special room requirements are taken into consideration after receipt of booking. There is a limited number of SR/DR.

Would you like to become a **Sponsor** for a person lacking the required coppers?

Get in touch (beforehand is best), pay an amount X in addition to your seminar price and make person Y happy :)

Do you feel you are person Y? Get in touch with us, we might find you a person X.

## What is in my lucky bag

- 4 hours dance tuition daily.  
Lessons take place simultaneously in 2 groups with different learning speed.
- Unassisted Jam Session
- Choir lead by Birgitt Karlson
- Dance party in the evening, one evening with live music by the „Ballkanesen mit dem Kontrabass“
- Full board comprising 3 meals, coffee and cake on arrival, New Year's Eve buffet, all rooms with ensuite shower/WC

## Booking **and**

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**Sparda München**

**IBAN DE04 7009 0500 0006 0573 30**

**Booking preferably by email (if required by mail or telephone) stating full address, email and telephone number, as well as a transfer of registration fee of 30 EUR. Closing date for registration is 15 November 2026. Payment of balance to take place exclusively by cash at the start of the seminar.**

## Check-in / check-out

Check-in on 28/12/2026 from 1 pm with welcome coffee and cake (included in seminar price), start of seminar at 3 pm with group dance.

Check-out on 01/01/2027 after breakfast no later than 11 am.

## Miscellaneous

Please bring along plenty of **canned music** for the dance party in the evening and don't hesitate to put it on! 😊

**Drinks** are available inhouse and to be paid at the end of the seminar directly to house management. There is going to be a **craft market and jumble sale**. Bring along your hidden treasures you might find delighted customers.

**Please use only shoes without black soles for dancing.**

### **Last but not least the small print:**

**The organisation does not accept responsibility for theft, damage to persons or property.**

**For cancellations until 30/11/26 there will be an administrative charge to the value of the deposit amount. For cancellations as of 01/12/26 the total of the seminar price (including accommodation+full board) will be due.**

**To cover the risk of cancellation we recommend taking out a cancellation policy.**

**We are unable to provide neither participation confirmations nor certificates of participation in the seminar or receipt of payment for the seminar price.**