

Oklahoma City International Folk Dancers’ 41st ANNUAL OLD COUNTRY WEEKEND

October 18-20, 2024 Cross Point Camp, Kingston, OK

Featuring

Roberto Bagnoli

From Rome, Italy

We are very happy to welcome Roberto Bagnoli to our Old Country Weekend event for the first time!

Roberto Bagnoli is a master teacher of international folkdance with specializations in traditional and modern Israeli dance and in ethnic dances of the Balkans.

He founded the association Folk Atelier Reggio Emilia (FARE), dedicated to preserving and promoting dance and other folk arts. The association is responsible for dance classes throughout Italy; Roberto himself teaches weekly classes in Bologna and neighboring cities in northern Italy and monthly classes in Rome and Milan. He is director of two highly successful camps in Italy each year: Balkanot, a winter camp focused on both Israeli and Balkan dance, and Camp Yofi, a summer camp presenting a broad spectrum of Israeli dance forms. Roberto conducts workshops and seminars throughout Europe, the Far East, and North America.

Roberto grew up in Rome, where he was first exposed to international folk dance. He subsequently studied various forms of folk dance in workshops in Europe, Israel, and North America. He completed the training program in Folk Dance Teaching led by Jan Knoppers from the National Dance Academy of Rotterdam, Netherlands. From 1995 to 2003, he performed as a dancer and choreographer with Terra di Danza. For this dance company, he was involved in producing multiple dance suites, including Raggi di luna Italiana and Capriccio Italiano (Italian), Giro Giro Mondo (multi-ethnic), Keltic Emotion (Celtic), Mazal Tov (Israeli), and Ethnos (international).

To learn a little more about Roberto, go to [The Society of Folk Dance Historians (SFDH) - Roberto Bagnoli](https://sfdh.us/encyclopedia/bagnoli_r.html)

# Live Music by

# Don Weeda

# &

# Anne Alexander

Anne Alexander and Don Weeda both live in Austin, TX, and have been playing live music for our Old Country Weekend event for many years.

They never cease to amaze and delight us with their enormous repertoire of international folkdance music – we are forever grateful to them!

# Old Country Weekend

**October 18-20, 2024 Cross Point Camp, Kingston, OK**

**GENERAL INFO:** The camp, located on the Oklahoma side of Lake Texoma, about 21⁄2 hours from Oklahoma City and Dallas, has a wooden dance floor, scenic views, and dorm-style heated/air-conditioned cabins. Semi-private cabins are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Meals begin with breakfast on Saturday and end with breakfast on Sunday. Refreshments are provided for parties. **\*\*\*\*Bring your own sheets, blankets, pillows, towels and toiletries.\*\*\*\*** Other items that may be useful: flashlight, earplugs, drinking cup, and musical instruments. Cross Point Camp has a strict non-alcohol policy.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Full-time and part-time scholarships are available this year and will be awarded based on need. Applications for scholarships are due by October 3, 2023. Recipients may be asked to help with camp tasks.

**SPECIAL INFO:** The camp provides meals, served cafeteria-style. Vegetarian selections, such as a salad bar at the lunch and dinner meals and cereal at breakfast, are available. We also provide snacks throughout the day. If private accommodation is preferred, some locally-owned motels in Kingston are available. Lakeway Motel 580-564-2411. See [www.travelok.com](http://www.travelok.com/) for more options.

**NOTE**: As we are all aware, the cost of everything has risen in the past couple of years. Our accommodation costs have risen, and we will have additional expenditures due to having two teachers and their airfare this year. OKCIFD will absorb part of the additional expenses, but we have had to raise the fees of the camp to balance things out. If the cost of camp is prohibitive, please note that part and full scholarships are available.

**NEED TO KNOW:** There will be a $25.00 late fee for registrations received after October 3, 2024. NO REGISTRATIONS or REFUNDS after October 11, 2023.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Friday, October 18, 2024

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Registration

8:00 - 9:30 p.m. Dance workshop 9:30 - ??? Request dancing

Saturday, October 19, 2024

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast (NOTE: served until 8:30)

9:15 - 9:30 Stretching

9:30 -11:45 Dance workshop Noon - 1:00 Lunch

1:30 - 2:15 Culture session

2:30 - 4:30 Dance workshop

4:30 - 5:30 Camp band practice

5:30 - 6:30 Dinner

8:00 - ??? International dance party Sunday, October 20, 2024

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast NOTE: served until 8:30)

9:15 - 9:30 Stretching

9:30 -11:30 Dance Review

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NAME(S): PHONE: EMAIL: ADDRESS:

I would like to be housed in the same room with:

## Emergency Contact Phone (Nearest friend/ relative):

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| Full Time | Part Time | No. of People | Amount |
| Adult (includes $10 membership fee)…..$255 | $185 |  |  |
| Child age 8 -16 $130 | $80 |  |  |
| Child age 1 - 7 (under 1 free)… $65 | $40 |  |  |
| Late Registration (after Oct. 3 $25 | $25 |  |  |
| Semi-private cabin fee\*… $75 | $75 |  |  |

T-shirts (unisex crew neck or women’s V-neck) $18/shirt

Number and style(s) Size(s) Amt

## TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

\*Semi-private cabins available on a first-come first-serve basis and are PER person/group.

If part-time, circle one: Friday-Saturday Saturday-Sunday (Part-time: one night and 3 meals) I volunteer to work with: registration decorations snacks

Please consider me for a Full or Partial scholarship. Explanation attached.

Please scan or photograph your completed application and send it to Rhonda Smith at [rhondasfarm11@gmail.com](mailto:rhondasfarm11@gmail.com).

Make checks out to **OKCIFD** and mail to: **Jack Alley at 1309 NW 20th St, OKC, OK 73106**

If questions, contact Rhonda Smith at 405-706-3627 (texting is best) or [rhondasfarm11@gmail.com.](mailto:rhondasfarm11@gmail.com.)

COVID GUIDELINES: The following guidelines are basically what we followed at the 2023 camp, and will be our template for 2024 with possible modifications.

Pre-Camp:

* All campers and staff should perform an Individual Health Check before coming. Please stay home if you’re not well or not sure.
* For the 5 days before camp, be mindful of possible exposure. Wear your mask, avoid going out, etc.

At Camp:

* Proof of COVID-19 vaccination must be submitted before or at registration. OKCIFD will not retain any medical records as part of our permanent records.
* Evidence of negative lateral flow covid test taken within 2 hours prior to camp needs to be shown at registration. The lateral flow test is the home test kit.

● At Cross Point Camp, a waiver must be signed on arrival (provided by Cross Point Camp).

* We are currently not planning on requiring masks while dancing for this event, but this will depend on COVID community levels the month before camp. You will be updated as we get closer to the event.
* If there are other groups at Cross Point Camp, they have agreed to stagger meals.
* Hand sanitizer stations will be available in the dining and dance area.

NOTE that cancellations related to contraction of COVID will be accepted right up to the date of the event this year. You will need to provide a photo of the positive test strip (if home test), or a scanned copy of the test results, if not a home test.

Looking forward to seeing people and having some lovely dance time together!

