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On the cover: Armenian men's costume, from Traditional Clothing of the World.blogspot.com



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Federation Corner

Editors' Corner

We hope you enjoy the Armenian theme this month. Several experts weigh in, with pictures from, and of them - as well as from the internet. Ethnic Food is also on topic.

Find your events in Calendar, On the Scene, and in the ads.

Poetry Corner marks a special number.

Club Directory is the short version this month.

Enjoy your summer.

We'll be back with the August issue.

Be of good cheer!

Pat Cross and Don Krotser

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Hello folk dancers. My name is Shana Winokur, and I will be serving as Vice President of the Folk Dance Federation of California, South for 2016-17. I have been asked to write something about myself for Folk Dance Scene.

I am currently active in the Veselo Selo Folk Dancers club that meets in Anaheim on Saturday nights. I am a frequent programmer and occasional teacher. I also go to board meetings when I can. I used to be active in the Laguna Folkdancers and served as their president a few years back when the group was meeting in Laguna Beach. I've been folk dancing for most of my 64 years. I guess I got started in Balkan and international as a student at UC Berkeley in the early 1970s, when Sunni Bloland was on the faculty.

I also am a singer and musician specializing in traditional folk songs. I sing and play percussion with the Interfolk band. We perform for folk dancers, mostly for the Veselo Selo and Narodni groups. At various camps and festivals, I have enjoyed singing workshops with Tzvetanka Varimezova, Tatiana Sarbinska, Ruth Hunter and Mary Sherhart, among others. I keep up with happenings and discussions within the Balkan music and dance community by subscribing to the listserv of the East European Folklife Center (eefc.org). I highly recommend the EEFC's summer camps for wonderful dance, instrumental and vocal music classes.

I look forward to seeing you on the dance floor at Statewide and local festivals.

Shana Winokur



Shana Winokur, fourth from left, with members of Interfolk

ARMENIA

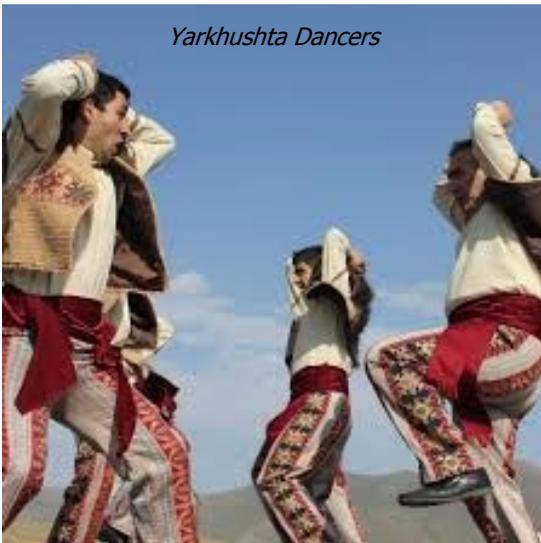
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ARMENIAN CULTURE

Dance

The Armenian dance heritage has been considered one of the oldest and most varied in its region. From the fifth to the third millennia BCE, in the higher regions of Armenia, the land of Ararat, there are rock paintings of scenes of country dancing. In the fifth century Moses of Khoren (Movses Khorenatsi) had heard of how the old descendants of Aram (that is Armenians) make mention of these things (epic tales) in the ballads for the lyre and their songs and dances.

Traditional dancing is still popular among expatriate Armenians, and has also been very successfully 'exported' to international folk dance groups all over the world. Armenian dancers wear the traditional costume to embody the history of their culture and tell their ancestors' stories. The design of these costumes is influenced by many factors, such as religious traditions, family methods, and practicality. The traditional coloring and exquisite beading of the costumes tie the dance and the tradition together. The beautiful movements of the Armenian cultural dance are adored by audiences around the world.



Yarkhushta Dancers

One of the most energetic Armenian dances is the martial dance *Yarkhushta*. *Yarkhushta* is believed to have its origins in the early Middle Ages as it is mentioned in the works of Movses Khorenatsi, Faustus of Byzantium, and Grigor Magistros.

Yarkhushta has traditionally been danced by Armenian soldiers before combat engagements, partly for ritualistic purposes, and partly in order to cast off fear and boost battle spirit. The dance is performed by men, who face each other in pairs. The key element of the dance is a forward movement when participants rapidly approach one another and vigorously clap onto the palms of hands of dancers in the opposite row.

Folk Music

Armenian traditional folk music stretches back to antiquity. Early in Armenian history, instruments like the *gamancha* were played by popular, travelling musicians called *ashoughs*. Sayat Nova, an 18th-century *ashough*, is revered in Armenia. Under Soviet domination, Armenian folk music was taught in state-sponsored conservatories. Instruments played include *qamancha* (similar to violin), *kanun* (dulcimer), *dhol* (double-headed hand drum), *oud* (lute), *duduk*, *zurna*, *blul* (*ney*), *shvi* and to a lesser degree *saz*. Other instruments are often used such as violin and clarinet. The *duduk* is Armenia's



Duduk

national instrument, and among its well-known performers are Margar Margarian, Levon Madoyan, Saro Danielian, Vatche Hovsepian, Gevorg Dabaghyan and Yeghish Manoukian, as well as Armenia's most famous *duduk* player, Djivan

Gasparyan.

Armenian emigrants from other parts of the Middle East settled in various countries. In the United States, an especially large number have settled in California's Central Valley. The second- and third-generations have kept their folk traditions alive, such



Richard Hagopian

as Richard Hagopian, a famous *oud*-player. Another *oud* player, John Berberian, is noted in particular for his fusions of traditional music with jazz and rock in the 1960s. We in Southern California are fortunate to have had with us John Bilezikjian, one of the foremost performers on the oud. He was also a composer, singer and violin virtuoso. For many years he played at various festivals and shows, and his music was in many theater movies. He passed away last year, but his music lives on with us.

Food

Armenian cuisine is as ancient as the history of Armenia, a combination of different tastes and aromas. The food often has quite a distinct fragrance. Closely related to Eastern and Mediterranean cuisine, various spices, vegetables, fish, and fruits combine to present unique dishes. Armenia is also famous for its wine and brandy. In particular, Armenian cognac is renowned worldwide (winner of several awards), and was considered by the late British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill as his favorite.

A very important aspect of the Armenian cuisine is the traditional bread called lavash. In 2014, "Lavash, the preparation, meaning and appearance of traditional bread as an expression of culture in Armenia" was included in the UNESCO

Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

The Armenian soup, *khash*, also has a unique place in the Armenian cuisine. The name *khash* originates from the Armenian verb *khashél*, which means "to boil." The dish, initially called *khashoy*, is mentioned by a number of medieval Armenian authors, including Grigor Magistros (11th century), Mkhitar Heratsi (12th century), Yesayi Nchetsi (13th century).

The pomegranate is traditional in Armenian cuisine. The apricot is the national fruit. Since Roman times, the apricot was known as *Prunus armeniaca*, literally translated as "Armenian plum."

TRADITIONAL ARMENIAN FOLK DANCES

The following article was taken from the website <http://100years100facts.com/facts/traditional-armenian-folk-dances-include-diaspora-creations/>

The Armenian heritage embraces the art of dance. Many of the territories long-inhabited by Armenians had their own group of dances or local variants of more widespread dances. The dance traditions of Persians, Kurds, Turks, Greeks, Georgians, Azerbaijanis, and others share much in the regional cultural legacy.

Armenian dance often implies a circle dance, or "*shoorchpa*" ("*shoorchbar*" in Western Armenian pronunciation). Community events – weddings in particular – more often than not feature men and women standing shoulder-to-shoulder or pinky-to-pinky, with the leader brandishing a colored handkerchief, stepping and jumping back and forth and left and right, following the rhythm and beat, the movements dictated by that particular dance. Armenian dances include themes that range from agriculture, such as planting or collecting the harvest, to lamentations or celebrations to military activities or the hunt.

The *Tamzara* and the *Daroni*, among so many other dances, can have complicated combinations of moves. The Armenian-American community in particular – one that had an early and robust influx of Armenians fleeing the Ottoman Empire – managed to come up with diaspora dances of its own in the mid-20th century, such as one called the *Michigan Hop* and we in California have one called *Fresno*.

They were the generation that survived the genocide, arriving from regions spanning the Black and Mediterranean Seas, and interacted with compatriots now by the San Francisco or Massachusetts Bays.

An Armenian dance that is performed a great deal today is the *Kochari*. This dance has rougher, more pronounced movements, being more of a male domain, and is said to have roots – as with many other Armenian dances – in ancient, pagan culture. (More information on *Kochari* appears in this issue in the article “Armenian Kochari and its Costume”). Traditional costumes are often worn by dance troupes to add another layer of heritage when showcasing Armenian culture at home or abroad. However, the participants were in jeans and t-shirts during a *Kochari* dance performance by a group on the streets of Buenos Aires at an Armenian genocide awareness flash mob which took place in 2011. The circle dance tradition was raised to a national, or even international, level in 2005, with an attempt at a Guinness record for the largest, longest such dance, as thousands gathered on May 28 that year around Mount Ararat. Although the record was not set, Armenians from the homeland and the diaspora did come together and step in unison in unprecedentedly large numbers on that occasion.

ARMENIAN KOCHARI AND ITS COSTUME

Kochari is an Armenian traditional dance that is danced by men and women. The origins of *Kochari* stretch back to antiquity, with possible evidence of the dance found on the most ancient pottery and stone carvings. Some strong elements in *Kochari* are movements representing strength and victory.

Each region of Armenia has its own variant of the dance. Versions of *Kochari* have been and still are also danced in adjacent cultures. Because the variants can be very different from one another, it is difficult to describe the dance's essential features. The dancers usually form a circle or a line, usually with their arms over each other's shoulders. The pace of the dance is fast, with jumps and intricate footwork. It is a celebratory dance performed to this day at weddings and social gatherings. It is also performed by professional dancers, and requires a long period of study to execute properly in its stage form. For women especially, the refined hand

gestures and graceful movements can be mastered only with a lifetime of practice.

For most of its history, *Kochari* had no special "costume." Instead, people danced wearing the daily wardrobe traditional to their particular region.

In 1922, Armenia became part of the Soviet Union, later forming the Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic. As was true for all Soviet Republics, the Commissariat of Enlightenment provided funding for arts. Performing arts theaters were built, the study of dance was encouraged, and many state-funded professional performing arts companies were formed. During this period, *Kochari* was translated to the theater stage and perfected as a particular dance form, with a corps of professional masters and performers emerging.

This period also witnessed the development of the *Kochari* dance costume as such. There are as many forms of *Kochari* costume as there are variants of the dance. The costumes incorporate elements of the traditional wardrobe of the variant's region of origin.

For centuries, Ottoman sumptuary laws reserved brighter colors for the Ottoman elite. Accordingly, a tradition developed among Armenians of wearing generally muted colors: muted browns, muted shades of yellows, deep reds, and especially black. These traditions were maintained in costume design during the period of the Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic, with some exceptions. However, following the liquidation of the USSR and Armenia's national



independence in 1991, a new tendency has developed of using brighter colors in costumes.

The photograph on facing page is one of my dancers dressed in an example of a woman's or girl's costume that can be used to dance *Kochari*. The main elements include *arkhaluk*, which here is red, worn over an underlying dress. The *arkhaluk* meets at the waist, forming a "v" shape above and below. The headdress has a veil with hand embroidery. For female dancers, the hair is almost always worn in front in two long braids. The gold embroidery on the *arkhaluk* represents *kamancheh*, an ancient Armenian musical instrument. For women, the sleeves always extend to the fingers and the neckline is closed, which is considered modest.

Narine Petrosyan

Narine Petrosyan has been dancing since age four, and has performed on Armenia's national stage and at cultural festivals around the world. Her professional dance background includes international folk and classical dances, Flamenco, modern, as well as Latin dances. In 2014, she established Heritage Dance Company in North Hollywood. <http://heritagedancestudio.com>.

ARMENIAN COSTUME

Armenians have lived in an area just south of the high range of the Caucasus Mountains since about the time they separated linguistically from their Indo-European cousins some 5000 years ago. Their language is thus distantly related to English, Latin, Greek, Russian, and Persian (to name a few), but is quite different from that of the Georgians to the west of them and the Turkic peoples to the south and east. The Armenian culture, while very much its own, has also absorbed traits from these and other nearby cultures, including in particular the Persians.

When we first learn of the Armenians historically, in the early to mid-first millennium BCE, they appear already to be wearing clothing rather similar to current Armenian folk dress. At that time the Armenians formed part of Urartu, a kingdom which the Assyrian kings were fond of raiding for its magnificent crimson woolen cloth. The inhabitants raised wonderfully woolly sheep in their mountain pastures and collected a tiny red-dye-bearing insect called *kermes* (whence our word *crimson*) to color it

with. In the center of Armenia is a high mountain, standing apart from the rest, called Mt. Ararat, traditionally believed to be the mountain on which Noah's ark landed.

In recent times, Armenian local dress of both women and men was typically made from locally grown wool, silk that was either imported or cultivated locally, and plant fibers such as cotton. These they spun and dyed, then wove on vertical 2-beam looms in their homes. The most common colors were crimson, green, yellow, and black, although many other colors were used as well, especially for embroidered decoration. Richer families also purchased expensive fabrics such as plush, satin, and brocade, and gold thread for embroidery.

Women's costumes promoted a very elegant sort of modesty, covering the body but often allowing the wearer's form and movements to show. Over her basic long-sleeved chemise, the woman generally

wore a hip-length jacket or full-length fitted coat, called a *choka*, with either long or elbow-length sleeves. This garment characteristically was cut with a fairly open V- or scoop-shaped front that was not fastened together until almost at the waist. The waist, in fact, forms one of the main focal points of the costume, being tightly bound either with a



broad leather or metal belt or with a bright-colored woven sash wound several times around the body. Her skirts were long, but full enough to allow the woman to walk and climb comfortably as she carried out her tasks in this mountainous region. Sometimes the fabric was gathered at the waist, but often—especially in modern times—cut slim over the hips while spreading widely toward the bottom. In some regions, the front was covered by a large, heavily ornamented apron which might be hung from the waist or even from the shoulders. Pants were worn underneath.

The woman's "crowning glory" was her hair, which she grew as long as possible and plaited into braids—usually four of them, with great tassels and ornaments on the ends. Traditionally her hair was cut only as a sign of great disgrace. Large necklaces were common. Atop her head she usually wore a cylindrical cap, heavily ornamented with embroidery and numerous metal dangles that jingled as she walked. In some areas, or on some occasions, she also wore a large veil-like scarf down her back, held on by her cap. Her silhouette, thus clad with pillbox cap, back-veil, jacket, sash, and long skirts, is just what we see on monuments in that area already 2500 years ago, although we cannot make out the finer details.

Whereas women strove to look modest yet gracefully active, men strove to look elegantly fierce and warlike, for the entire Caucasus area has been a hotbed of constant raiding and warfare from the Bronze Age right up to the present. The man wore warm and durable, slim-legged, dark wool trousers, a shirt, and a fairly tight waist- or hip-length jacket usually cut much like the woman's—that is, open in a V-shape down the front, with fastenings starting near the waist, and over it a heavy belt or multiply-wrapped sash into which he could stow all manner of weapons, from daggers to pistols. Tall, slim black boots of soft leather completed his attire.

Elizabeth Wayland Barber

At the right, wearing a traditional Armenian man's costume is Tom Bozigian

Brief bio: Born Los Angeles, 1938-father from Gyumri, Shirag Province-mother from Boston born to Bulgarian-Armenian parents from Varna, Bulgaria. Began his Armenian dancing in 1945 at Saturday Armenian School in Fresno. Learned much of his

original Armenian songs/dances from 1945-50 from immigrants. Graduated from Cal State Univ. Fresno Master's Degree in Education with emphasis in Russian Area Study. Graduated Armenian State Choreographic School. Continues annual field study in Armenia's regional areas accompanied by wife, Sheree King.

When it comes to Armenia, I think that Tom Bozigian is the first person I would turn to for information. He is a person with a wealth of knowledge regarding Armenia. Tom brought some wonderful Armenian dances to the international folk dancers.

I personally learned many Armenian dances from Tom. He also had an Annual International Folk Dance Camp at U C Santa Barbara for about 20 years, where he taught Armenian folk dances and had teachers teaching dances from many other countries. We are still dancing some of the Armenian dances that we learned then. Tom also found and was the first one to hire many of the master teachers to teach at his camp. Many of those teachers that he discovered are still among the favorites and still very popular. Beverly & Irwin Barr were on staff, working with Tom at the Santa Barbara Camp for about 20 years, until he unfortunately had to end the camp.

Thank you Tom for all the good dances and wonderful years at camp.

Beverly Barr



Tom Bozigian

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CALENDAR

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- 3 *Bulgarian Workshop*, Gergana Panova, teacher, Friday 8-10:00 p.m., with LIFE Dancers, 10936 Santa Monica Blvd., West L.A. Workshop will be followed by an all-request dance party hosted by Sherry Cochran, \$10.
- 3-5 *Greek Festival* - Fri. 5:00-12:00, Sat. & Sun. 11:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m. at St. George, 10830 Downey Ave., Downey, CA 90241. Info: (562) 862-6461
- 10-12 *Greek Festival* - Friday 5:00-10:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00-5:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Spyridon, 3655 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92103. Info: (619) 297-4165
- 11-12 *Greek Festival*, Friday 12:00-10:00 p.m. Saturday 12:00 p.m. at St. Prophet Elias, 1035 Inland Center Dr., San Bernardo, CA. 92402. Info: (909) 885-6213
- 11, 12 *Herencia Flamenca* featuring flamenco dancer, Yolanda Arroyo, and guitar virtuoso, Paco Arroyo, Saturday 7:30, and Sunday 2:30, at the Alex Theatre, 216 No. Brand Blvd., Glendale, CA 91203. Info: (818) 243-7700
- 12 *Culver City English Country Dance*, Sunday 4:00-7:00 p.m. Caller: Renee Camus with music by Whirled Peas at Lindberg Stone House, Lindberg Park, 5041 Rhoda Way, Culver City. Info: Kevin Savage (310) 650-8570 or www.caldancecoop.org
- 17 *Zeljko Jergan Teaches Croatian Dances* Friday 8:00-10:00 p.m., LIFE Balkan Dancers at Los Angeles DanceFit Studio, 10936 Santa Monica Blvd., West L.A. Sherry Cochran will host an all-request dance party following the workshop. Info: lifebalkandancers.com or worldance1@gmail.com
- 18 *Croatian Festival* Saturday 11:00 a.m. til midnight at St. Anthony's Church 712 N. Grand Ave, L. A. Live music, entertainment, dancing, food, kids games. See ad.
- 24-26 *Greek Festival*, Friday 5:00-10:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00-10:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00-7:00 p.m. at Camarillo Airport St. Demetrios, 3100 E. Ponderosa Dr., Camarillo, CA. 93011. Info: (805) 482-1273
- 24-26 *Greek Festival*, Friday 5:00-10:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00-10:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Paul, 4949 Alton Parkway, Irvine, CA 92714. Info: (949) 738-2366
- 26 *Culver City English Country Dance*, Sunday 4:00-7:00 p.m. Caller: Victor Lindsey with music by Interfolk at Lindberg Stone House, Lindberg Park, 5041 Rhoda Way, Culver City. Info: Kevin Savage (310) 650-8570 or www.caldancecoop.org

JULY

- 2 ***Independence Day Celebration - Ice cream social with Veselo Selo, Saturday 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Unitarian Church, 511 S. Harbor Blvd., Anaheim. Info: Lu Perry (714) 828-2581.***
- 8 *Joe Graziosi Teaches Greek Dance* 8 p.m. at LIFE, 10936 Santa Monica Blvd. Info: worldance1@gmail.com
- 8-10 *American Ballet Theatre* performs the ballet Firebird Friday 7:30 p.m., Saturday 7:30 p.m. and Sunday 2:00 p.m. at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 No. Grand Ave., Los Angeles. Info: musiccenter.org (213) 972-0711
- 15-17 *Greek Festival*, Friday 5:00-10:00 p.m., Saturday 12:00-10:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Katherine, 722 Knob Hill, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. Info: (310) 540-2484
- 30, 31 *Greek Festival* at Oak Park, Saturday, 11:00-7:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00-7:00 p.m. St. Barbara, 1205 San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93111. Info: (805) 683-4492

OCTOBER

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WASHINGTON

7/31-8/7 *Ti Ti Tabor Hungarian Folk Camp*. Info: tititabor@gmail.com

FOREIGN

ARMENIA

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The Camp Hess Kramer Committee

PASADENA FOLK DANCE CO-OP

The Pasadena Folk Dance Co-op is going to do something extremely unusual this month. We are going to dance on June 3, 10, 17, and 24, and we aren't going to do that again more than twice in the next 20 years! We meet every Friday from 7:45 to 11:00 at Throop Unitarian Church in Pasadena. Visit the Dances/This Month page of our website at PasadenaFolkDanceCoop.org for the weekly dance program, dances available for request (many with links to videos as reminders), and much more.

Marc Rayman

NARODNI INFO

We haven't planned for 2 months ahead just yet, but our big event, on June 2, will be our annual Narodni birthday party with live music by the Interfolk band.

Julith Neff

VESELO SELO

June 4 Shana Winokur teaching *Giusevska Racenica*

June 11 Dances for All

June 18 Sandy Wodicka teaching *Romanian Paidusca*

and *Nevestinsko from Bitola*

June 25 Sandy Wodicka second teaching

July 2 Independence Day celebration. Ice cream social with guest Gergana Panova.

July 9 Dances for All

July 23 Shana Winokur teaching *Kune* and *Kalesh Kate*

July 30 Shana's second teaching

Lu Perry

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ETHNIC FOOD

LAYERED GARBANZO BEAN PÂTÉ (TOPIK)

2/3 cups dried Zante currants
1/4 cup mild olive oil
4 cups chopped white onions (medium dice)
1 teaspoon cinnamon, plus more for sprinkling on the pâté
3/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/2 cup toasted pine nuts
3 cups canned garbanzo beans, well drained, liquid reserved
3 tablespoons tahini paste, room temperature, well stirred
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 medium-sized yellow-fleshed potatoes, peeled and boiled
Salt

1. Place the currants in a medium bowl, add boiling water to a level one-half inch above the currants and let them stand for 30 minutes. Drain and reserve the soaking liquid.
2. In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add onions and cook, stirring, until they begin to soften, about 7 minutes. Reduce heat to medium-low and continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until onions are soft and very lightly browned, about 15 to 20 minutes, adding 2 to 3 tablespoons of the currant soaking liquid when onions begin to look dry.
3. Add the currants and another 2 to 3 tablespoons of their soaking liquid and cook for 5 more minutes, stirring. Stir in the cinnamon and allspice and cook for 2 more minutes. Remove from heat and let the mixture cool to room temperature. Stir in the pine nuts.
4. In a food processor, purée the garbanzo beans in 2 batches with the tahini, lemon juice and 4 to 5 tablespoons of the bean liquid until very smooth. Scrape the mixture into a large bowl.
5. Mash the potatoes until smooth with a potato masher or pass through a ricer. Stir the mashed potatoes into the puréed mixture and mix thoroughly. Season with salt.
6. Line an 8-inch square baking pan with plastic wrap, leaving 4 to 5 inches of overhang on all sides. Wet your hands with cold water and use them to

spread half of the garbanzo mixture evenly on the bottom. Spread the onion mixture evenly on top; it will be a rather thick layer. With wet hands, spread the other half of the garbanzo mixture on top of that. Fold in the overhang to enclose the pâté. Weight the pâté with a small cast-iron skillet, a plate topped with two 16-ounce cans or something of similar weight, and refrigerate for 2 to 3 hours.

7. To serve, bring the pâté to room temperature, invert it onto a serving plate and remove the plastic wrap. Sprinkle the top lightly with cinnamon (you can do this decoratively through a doily). Cut into squares.

RESTAURANTS

Here are some restaurants serving Armenian/Mid-Eastern food that received high ratings from Zagat:

- Alcazar - 17239 Ventura Boulevard (corner of Louise), Encino. (818) 789-0991, www.alcazar.com "Praiseworthy food awaits you, where wonderful meze and kebabs are served by a friendly accommodating team, in lushly decorated surroundings."
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POETRY CORNER

This elaborate tale is the result of Carl's wish for something special for his Limerick#50

CLOUD NINE

The newcomer's name tag read: "Heather";
Her steps were as light as a feather.
 Swept up by her beauty,
 Joe saw his clear duty,
Chose Shifting Bobbins to weave them together.

Then they coupled for To Ting, Dodi Li;
Held hands dancing At Va'ani.
 'Twas like drinking fine wine,
 Joe soared on Cloud Nine.
Oh, let the evening go on endlessly.

But Fate, for poor Joe, had no pity.
Heather said: "I'm not from this city.
 Time to leave for my flight;
 I fly home tonight."
Joe's fall from Cloud Nine wasn't pretty.

He gathered his wits - "One last dance?"
She frowned, gave her watch a quick glance.
 "Do you know Gypsy Wine?
 It's a favorite of mine."
Joe gulped, but it was his last chance.

He'd danced Gypsy Wine long ago.
Right shoulder, left ... Oh, I don't know.
 But Heather inspired,
 Joe moved as required.
For a moment Cloud Nine reclaimed Joe.
 End of the story?

Carl Pilsecker

AT THE FOLK DANCE

Something happens
When I hear the beat
Of a folk dance
From Eastern Europe.
My skin begins to tingle.
It's as if a far off memory
Locked in my DNA
Awakens in my soul.
My great-great grandmother
Comes to dance with me
And we twirl around together,
Our feet moving nimbly
To the rhythmic beat.

I see my ancestors
Stepping sprightly
To the strains
Of pounding drums
And wailing instruments,
And I know this music;
These dances are in my bones.

It's also true,
I love the dances that we do
From around the world –
Asia, Africa, South America,
And North America too.

Sometimes we glide across the floor,
Arms waving gracefully
Above our heads,
Bodies swaying to the camel step
Of an Israeli dance.
I feel emotions
Mixed with pride and sadness,
And I pray that one day
There will be a dance
Of celebration, a dance of peace.

Ruth Shapin

ANTICIPATION

Arms linked, toes poised
Music pulsing, pouring, spilling
Dance!

Camille Dull

EXPRESSION

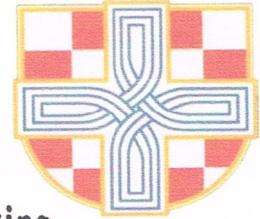
They flutter like petals in a breeze
And arc like avian flocks
A matter of delicate urgency
In a lovely sequence of motion
How did this magic come about
They have been used to show
Love and concern
They have soothed the fretful child
They have excelled at
Arrangement and decoration
So the accomplishment is
A fulfillment of their nature
And as the dance progresses
Their movement can be so entrancing
That I forget to breathe

N A Louie

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