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IV° DANCES OF UNIVERSAL 2023 PEACE CAMP IN SPAIN

FROM 8TH TO 13TH OF AUGUST IN PIÑUÉCAR (MADRID) SPAIN



Dances of Universal Peace (DUP) are a very simple practice, suitable for all people and at the same time very special, because in the circle we relate and harmonize in intimacy: we hold hands together, we share glances, we listen to and sing the same chant, we tune together to the universal messages, we show gratitude to the source of life, we breathe and remember, discovering an understanding by experiencing and integrating the sacred phrases (mantras) at different levels of depth, opening ourselves to our emerging qualities, what we are, what is alive in us, often outside our awareness..

This year we have called the DUP Camp "Love's Flute", an invitation of resonating with the teachings of masters Mevlana Rumi and Hazrat Inayat Khan, inviting ourselves for being an instrument for the divine music, emptying ourselves for letting the divine beauty become a melody through our lives in harmony and rhythm with this unique and urgent times as humanity. As Rumi said "at the sound of love's flute, even the dead tear open their shrouds". This is a call to concentrate on The Dervish, the Bodhisattva and Updating our Practice To Meet Challenging Times.

Whether it is your first contact with the DUP or you already know them and are willing to deepen into them, or perhaps learn how to lead the dances, this camp is a very special opportunity for all. The program is designed for all levels. There will be laboratories for the dance leaders to benefit from the feedback of more experienced dance leaders.

For this gathering, besides having many of the guides of Dances of Universal Peace in the Iberian Peninsula, we are going to have two very special people, teachers and mentors of great trajectory in the DUP, musicians and creators of many DUP and who have been sharing their experience and wisdom in many parts of the world for a long time. It is a privilege to welcome them together in this 4th DUP Camp that we host in Iberia (1st DUP Camp was in 2018 with Fiba Sylvia Murillo and David Jamal, 2nd DUP Camp was in 2019 with Pir Shabda Kahn and Lakshmi Tamariz and 3rd DUP Camp was in 2022 with Jorge Arjun Calero and Jilani Cordelia Prescott):

## Murshida Darvesha Macdonald



Murshida Darvesha leads groups internationally in meditation, deep ecology, and the Dances of Universal Peace. She believes that if we come to know ourselves as interdependent, our caring for all beings increases; and as we come to understand contingency, we strive to create conditions which bring about peace and happiness for all life. Our practice and our life should be one. Darvesha is the Chair of the Ruhaniat Ziraat Council and the Ruhaniat Guidance Council, and President of the Board of the Dances of Universal Peace International.

**Grace D Marie** 



Grace D Marie is an international teacher and facilitator, teaching Dances of Universal Peace since the mid-1990's, voice, Harmonic Temple, 5 Rhythm Wave, Nia, Barre Fitness, and movement meditation that are interwoven in her experiential workshops guiding the journey of the body, heart and soul. She is a Fitness Instructor believes in balancing health for the Body, Mind and Spirit.

Grace is an initiator with the Sufi Ruhaniat International, and a Dances of Universal Peace Mentor. She has organized and co-facilitated Dance meetings, camps and leader trainings worldwide.

Grace co-facilitates and organizes group Dance journeys and pilgrimages worldwide, blending the group within the culture.

Working directly with many wisdom traditions worldwide, Grace has enriched the DUP repertoire, adapting traditional prayers into meaningful songs and accompanying them with original, insightful and inspiring Dances.

Grace's style is joyful, deep and ecstatic. Her 4 albums, Kunda, One Love, All My Relations, and Life as a Garden, recorded in Peru and the US, are listened to worldwide.



## **EVENT DETAILS**

**WHERE:** Nueva Tierra, C/ Alta, 26, 28737 Piñuécar, Madrid. Visit the website to learn more about where we will stay: <a href="https://www.nuevatierra.net/">https://www.nuevatierra.net/</a>

Piñuécar is a village with a special charm and with a landscape of great ecological value as it is at the entrance of Sierra del Rincón, which was declared a Biosphere Reserve. The site has an area of 10 hectares, with large meadows, ash trees, oaks and great diversity of plant and animal species. The place has a swimming pool and 7 kilometers away is Buitrago de Lozoya, a very pretty town with the Lozoya river also suitable for swimming. We recommend using Google Maps to arrive at Nueva Tierra.

If you don't have a car or you don't find other people to come by car to Piñuécar, you can also come by public transport from Madrid to Buitrago de Lozoya on bus 191. Somebody from the organization can go to pick you up from Buitrago de Lozoya if that is necessary.

**WHEN:** The arrival is on Tuesday, August 8th from 5:00 pm. where the payment and installation in the different rooms will be done. There will be a welcoming and dinner together at 8:00 pm. The first dance circle will be at night after the dinner. The camp ends after lunch on Sunday, 13th of August.

**WHAT:** It is a residential spiritual retreat of 5 days and 5 nights. Mainly a meeting of Dances of Universal Peace (you can find more information about this practice on the web <a href="https://www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org/">https://www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org/</a> or by consulting videos on YouTube). They are magnificent practices, open to people of all traditions and contexts.

It is also a retreat with a background from ancient traditions, where we will share talks, teachings, dances and related practices such as meditations, breathing techniques, talking circles, Meditative Walks, Zikr, workshops, training labs for guiding DUP and mentoring emergent DUP guides, new dance creation process talk and practices working with the Body in the understanding and integration of mind, body, spirit.

**WHO**: The meeting is for people who are interested in deepening their knowledge and practice of the Dances of Universal Peace, meditative walks, the spiritual path and the general cultivation of the inner life. No previous experience is required.

**HOW MUCH:** The cost of the gathering in full board of breakfast, lunch and dinner with ovo-lacto-vegetarian menu, accommodation in Nueva Tierra, with all activities and practices included is:

 280 EUR\* (sleeping in your own tent, van or caravan or in shared rooms and bungalows with beds and bunk beds with capacity for 5 to 8 people in Nueva Tierra) \*If you need it, you can contribute a cheaper price "with a discount, for €240" or/and if you can afford it and want to offer a larger contribution, there is the price "with a donation, for €320".

## **HOW TO REGISTER:**

1) Fill the next registration form: <a href="https://forms.gle/YVKcGxjpom5c9Cn8A">https://forms.gle/YVKcGxjpom5c9Cn8A</a>

## **ADDITIONAL INFO:**

- There will be translation of English to Spanish and Spanish to English during the gathering.
- It's possible to come with children, in this case, ask us about conditions.
- About what to bring, we recommend that you come with your own sleeping bag or blanket (you can also rent a quilt for 3€/retreat), bedding if you stay in bungalow (bottom, pillowcase and sheet 90x190) or all your camping equipment if you stay in tent, towel, cool clothes for the day and warm clothes for the night, umbrella or raincoat, good shoes to walk around the village and surroundings, flip flops or sandals and a swimsuit as there is a swimming-pool and nearby rivers, thick socks for the room, a flashlight, thermos or bottle to refill with water, objects for the altar, music instruments, a notebook and pen.
- There will be a bazaar during the week in which you can bring your crafts, products or creations and sell them in a self-managed way.
- For more information: by email <u>dancepraysing@gmail.com</u> or by phone or WhatsApp +34697827043 (Eliana Latifa).

Thank you for joining this gift of living and experiencing Love together.

