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**International Dance Workshop with Bianca de Jong**  
Saturday, December 12, 2020

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**WORKSHOP DANCES**

**HEMŞİN HORONU**

The Hemşin are reported to have been ethnic Armenians whose ancestors converted to Islam in the 1890s through 1920s to save themselves from death. The present community of Hemşin people is exclusively Islamic and are Turkish speaking. Hemşin songs and music, as well as their dances, are quite popular nowadays. The music inspires folk musicians to arrange and thus give them a contemporary flavor. Learned from Levent Kemhacıoğlu in 2018

**ŠIRA**

Circle dance from North west Bulgaria, of which several variations are notated. This version is from Eddy Tijssen.

**UNA AVENTURA MAS**

Line dance in Caribbean style (Puerto Rico). Composed by and learned from Mike de Keijzer

**HOROVOD**

Slow women's dance from Ukraine, learned from Leanne Koziak and Doyle Marko

**VALLE E LEHTË**

Women's dance in Albanian style, composed by Yvon Despotović in the end of the sixties. Yvon was inspired in composing this dance by seeing Albanese unmarried girls dancing on a balcony somewhere in Kosovo.

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Dance descriptions, music, and videos for this workshop will be available from the Folk Arts Center's "Little Shop of Horas" at <https://store.facone.org/> under "Workshop Materials"