



Join Us for a Folk Dance Workshop with **Group Anatolia!**

Learn about the rich cultural heritage of Türkiye through music and dance.

Date: April 2, 2023

Time: 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: Balboa Park Club, Balboa Park, San Diego

Group Anatolia was established in San Diego in 2002 with the goal of celebrating the rich cultural heritage of Türkiye by performing Turkish music and folk dance and sharing Turkish culture with the San Diego County and Southern California community.

At the upcoming Folk Dance Workshop, Group Anatolia will be instructing dances from the region that was hit hard by the recent devastating earthquake in Türkiye to honor the region's historical heritage spanning thousands of years and colorful musical and folk culture.

Join us for an unforgettable experience as we celebrate the vibrant and diverse Turkish culture through music and dance and also contribute to the ongoing efforts to help the victims and survivors of the earthquake.



Group Anatolia performing at various events in San Diego and Los Angeles

Since its establishment, Group Anatolia has performed at various local and international festivals in Southern California, such as the Balboa Park Events and Irvine Global Village Festivals.

Folk dances in Türkiye have distinct characteristics based on region and location and are commonly performed during weddings, gatherings, festivals, sending sons off to military service, and religious and national holidays.

At the upcoming Folk Dance Workshop, Group Anatolia will be instructing dances such as Halay, Ciftetelli, Karsilama, Kasik (Spoon) from cities such as GaziAntep, Adiyaman, Adana, Mersin (Silifke) alongside a special dance from Thrace during the workshop.

Dances with spoons, such as "bengi," "mengi," and "guvende," are an ancient Turkish tradition, formerly performed for emperors with two plates and two spoons. This type of dance is popular in the Middle Anatolia and southern parts of Türkiye, particularly in Konya, Ankara, Nigde, Kirsehir, Afyon, Antalya, Isparta, and Mersin.

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