

...the House of Lovers...



Easter Weekend, 18th ~20th April
with Shamsia , Silje Devi and Yelena Swarana



In the house of lovers the music never stops,
the walls are made of songs, and the floor is
divine ecstasy.

Jalāl al-Dīn Muḥammad Rūmī

جلال الدين محمد رومی

This is where we meet, where we really meet. As Samuel Lewis who gave us the gift of the Dances of Universal Peace said, "real meetings are mergings: they change the parties involved leaving them more fully themselves."



A circular portrait of a woman with short, dark, wavy hair, smiling gently. She is wearing a green and blue patterned top. The portrait is set within an ornate, arched wooden frame with intricate carvings. The background of the entire image is a dark, atmospheric interior of a mosque or similar structure, with visible arches and decorative elements.

Silje Devi

Our Beloved Friend Silje Devi has been leading Dances of Universal Peace since 1998. Besides Estonia, she has led DUP and Sufi events in Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Ukraine and UK. She has been co-organizer of the Dance camps and Sufi retreats in Estonia over the last 26 years. Murshid Saadi is her inspiring Sufi guide, but she has learnt a lot from many other great teachers, including Murshid Saul Barodofsky from Dervish Healing Order. Silje likes to share the joy, peace, harmony and feeling of Unity through the Dances and Sufi practices and we especially all melt into wonderful zikrs.

A portrait of Yelena Swarana, a woman with long, wavy blonde hair, wearing a dark patterned top. She is framed by an ornate, arched doorway with intricate carvings. The background behind her is a bright, slightly blurred outdoor scene with greenery and a blue sky. The overall image has a dark, moody background with the portrait and text overlaid.

Yelena Swarana

Yelena Swarana encountered the Dances in 2006. Since then, she has been compelled to serve as an organizer for Dancing Heart camps and events, a role she has continued for the past 19 years. Her passion lies in traveling and sharing the Dances in various locations, including the Baltics, Poland, the UK, New Zealand, Turkey, Israel and Sri Lanka. In collaboration with Vasudeva from Russia, they initiated the first Indian annual camp, attracting both international leaders and local dancers.

For a decade, Yelena has spent several months in India, visiting the holy mountain Arunachala, which she considers her home.



Shamsia

Shamsia lives, Dances and Walks in Wales and has done for over 30 years. She follows the Path of the Heart, the Path of Love. Shamsia is a leader and mentor of Dances of Universal Peace. She loves the retreat process that draws on the rich tapestry of wisdom teachings and practices, the rhythms of nature which empower us to be more of who we truly are. She both leads and attends retreats. Just like her 2 sisters, Shamsia is a conductor in the Dervish Healing Order and is dedicated to service on the healing path and the path of peace.

Our program

Dances of Universal Peace
Zikr – a practice of Remembrance
the Healing Service of Hazrat Inayat Khan
poetry, moments of stillness, of reflection...





Friday 7.00 ~ 8.30pm,
Saturday 10.30am ~ 8.30pm,
Sunday 10.30 ~ 4.00pm

£65 for the whole weekend
(concessions available)

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