



# WORKSHOP OF GREEK DANCES FROM ASIA MINOR

In Bilbao  
With Christos Theologos  
October 15 and 16, 2022



3rd Workshop of Greek Dances  
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Organized by:  
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## About the teacher

Originally from the island of Chios, Christos completed several master's degrees (on the teaching of group dances and on cultural development) and a doctorate in pedagogy and teaching of folklore from the University of the Aegean. He recently left his position as Deputy Director of the Rhodian secondary school of music to take up the duties of Director of the secondary school of Ialisós on the island of Rhodes. Since 1982, he has dedicated his entire life



to the study and teaching of music and dances, in particular those brought to Greece by the refugees from the Turkish Aegean coast and Cappadocia.

He has been artistic director and choreographer in numerous associations of Asia Minor and, today, he continues to be the artistic director of the prestigious Greek Women's Lyceum of Rhodes "Ergani Athena", of which he is a founding member. He is also president of

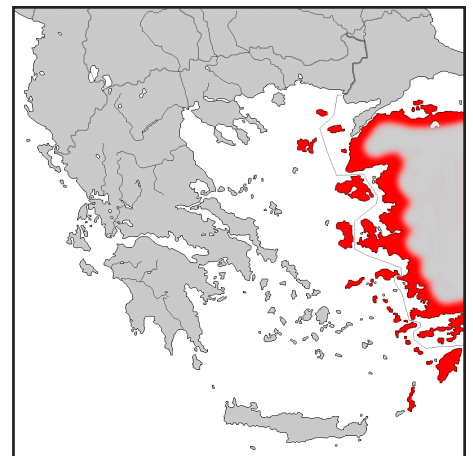
the ETEPO Art and Culture Laboratory, based in Athens. Since 1988, he has organized and participated in countless seminars, festivals, congresses, scientific conferences and television programs on dances from Asia Minor and the East Aegean Islands, both in Greece and abroad.

This year, and in homage to the 100th anniversary of the Smyrna Catastrophe, he will delight us with dances and songs that the refugees from that tragedy imported to Greece and that gave birth to the famous musical culture of the rebetiko.

## Dances of Asia Minor and their influences on the Aegean islands

With the sympathy and passion that characterize Christos, we will go back in time to learn a bit more about the dances in vogue in the opulent Istanbul and Smyrn at the beginning of the 20th century before embarking, just as the refugees of the Catastrophe of Smyrn had to do, on a voyage to the islands of the eastern Aegean.

There we will discover melodies, instruments, dances and rhythms halfway between the European, Byzantine, arabic and oriental traditions, and we will learn to appreciate the groundbreaking and exotic twist that these influences brought to current Greek music and dance.







## Workshop venue and accommodation

The workshop will take place at the Seminario Bilbao hotel in Derio, located 5 minutes from Bilbao airport and 15 minutes from the center of Bilbao by car.

Lessons will start on Saturday at 3pm. In the evening, we will have dinner at the hotel before continuing with the seminar on Sunday from 9am in the morning. At noon, the members of the philhellenic sociocultural association Periplo will join us to celebrate a meal enlivened with live music with four musicians brought from Greece.



**The workshop will start on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 3 pm and will last until Sunday October 16 at 7pm.**



### Hotel Seminario Bilbao

Larrauri Street, 1

48160 Derio, Vizcaya

Phone: +34.94.465.97.00

[www.hotelseminariobilbao.com](http://www.hotelseminariobilbao.com)

(Exit 10 of the BI-631 highway from Bilbao to Munguia)

The hotel has Wi-Fi, cafeteria, daily menu service, free parking and a free airport transfer service from 5am to 10am.





## Price

This year, and on the occasion of the tribute to the Catastrophe of Smyrn, we have decided to expand our offer by bringing several musicians from Greece to celebrate a big party along with the members and friends of the Asociación Periplo. We have also opened our seminar to the world and increased the number of participants. Therefore, we have had to change location and we have improved all the services, from accommodation to food. The full workshop costs €200 and includes:

- 10 hours of dance lessons
- several snacks
- dinner on Saturday
- accommodation on Saturday night in shared double rooms (other options on request)
- breakfast on Sunday
- the lunch-party with musicians brought from Greece on Sunday

If you do not want accommodation or cannot attend the lunch-party, please contact us. If you wish to stay a few more nights at the hotel, before or after the seminar, let us know when filling in the form here below.

## Registration, confirmation and payment

### **STEP 1: Registration and confirmation**

To sign up, fill in the online registration form (in Spanish) here below:

<https://forms.gle/iSpVacGShnTH8Mut7>

We will confirm as soon as possible if there are places available since their number is limited. If you prefer, you may sign up by phone or Whatsapp (Eñaut, +34.696.08.86.74) or by email ([bilbaoencoro@asociacionperiplo.es](mailto:bilbaoencoro@asociacionperiplo.es)).

### **STEP 2: Wire transfer**

Please be sure to make the payment as soon as we confirm that there is a place left. Also, be sure to indicate your name when making the payment so we can track your payment!

#### **Bank account:**

Asociación Sociocultural Filohelena Periplo

Bank: Triodos Bank

IBAN: ES28 1491 0001 2820 7704 1925

State “[your name and surname] + BIO-OCT22” as the object.

Example: “Mary Smith BIO-OCT22”



**Print this sheet to have all the useful information at hand**

## Schedule:

**Saturday, October 15, 2022**

15:00-21:30 Dance lesson in the hall "Las vidrieras"

21:30-22:30 Dinner at the hotel restaurant

**Sunday, October 16, 2022**

08:00-09:00 Breakfast at the hotel restaurant

09:00-13:00 Dance lesson in the hall "Las vidrieras"

14:00-19:00 Lunch with live Greek music in the hall "Las vidrieras"

19:00 Goodbye

## Venue:

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(Next to Bilbao airport)

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48160 Derio

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<https://g.page/hotel-seminario-bilbaoaeropuerto?share>



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## How to get there:

We will try to transfer from Bilbao the participants who do not have a car (information later).

- The nearest bus leaves you 10 minutes walk from the hotel.
- By taxi from the airport (around €15).
- By taxi from Bilbao (around €28).
- The hotel has a free parking lot.

## Information and contact persons:



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## Tourism

For those coming from abroad and who plan to stay a few extra days to visit Bilbao, we recommend you to stay in another hotel in the center of Bilbao before or after the workshop because there's no easy way to go downtown from Derio. Please find here below a few hotels in the center and a few recommended visits. We highly recommend you the Casco Viejo and the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao and to spend one day in the magical San Sebastián, which is one hour away in bus from the Bilbao Termibus station. In San Sebastián, don't miss the panoramic view from the Urgull mount!

### General information:

Bilbao (Lonely Planet): <https://bit.ly/3wO6IA8>

Guggenheim Museum (Lonely Planet): <https://bit.ly/3JZcd2Y>

San Sebastián (Lonely Planet): <https://bit.ly/3IQQmcx>

Map of interesting sites in Bilbao : <https://bit.ly/3wP1OTJ>

### Accommodation in Bilbao:

Bilbao Hostel (€): <https://bit.ly/3NxBIdF>

Casual Gurea (€€): <https://bit.ly/3NBAGh0>

Hotel Conde Duque (€€): <https://bit.ly/3tNOj4H>

More options on Booking: <https://bit.ly/3IRQDvy>

### Guggenheim Museum:

Website: [www.guggenheim-bilbao.eus](http://www.guggenheim-bilbao.eus)

Hours: 10am-8pm, closed on Monday

Price: €13

