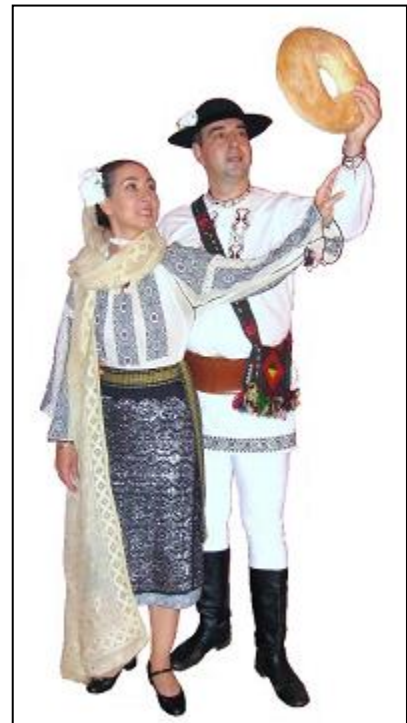


# Folkdance Workshop With Sonia & Cristian

## Teaching dances from Romania

Presented by the Oak Ridge Folk Dancers at the Square Dance Center  
828 Tulip Street, Knoxville, TN 37921, 3/31-4/2, 2017

Sonia Dion and Cristian Florescu are professional dancers who now spend most of their time teaching recreational folk dance groups all over the world. They are known for their vibrant energy, warmth and exciting choice of dances and music. Cristian danced with different folk dance ensembles in his native Romania. He received his certificate as a recognized solo dancer and choreographer in the field of folklore from the Romanian Ministry of Culture. In 1993, he joined Les Sortilèges, the oldest professional folk dance company in Canada, based in Montreal. Sonia was born in Québec. She was lead dancer, choreographer and artistic director, among other roles, for Les Sortilèges. It was there that the two met and formed a professional and personal partnership. They studied and worked with various specialists, including Ahmet Lüleci, Yves Moreau, Zeljko Jergan and Theodor Vasilescu. They have taught at l'École Supérieure de Danse du Québec, and have been part of the Artists in Schools program sponsored by the Québec Ministry of Education. As guest teachers at workshops in many different countries, they are known for their joyful yet rigorous teaching, and their delight in welcoming participants of all levels of experience and ability. They discuss the origins of the dances, demonstrate them and break them down into small segments for participants to learn more easily. They always come to workshops with carefully prepared material, including CDs, DVDs and meticulous dance descriptions. Workshop organizers constantly ask Sonia and Cristian to come again for, without fail, the atmosphere is filled with smiles and laughter, beautiful dances and music.



[www.soniacristian.net](http://www.soniacristian.net).

There will be an optional, ethnic, vegetarian-friendly, lunch, prepared by Fay Campbell, on Saturday at the Square Dance Center. The cost is \$10.00. Fay has been entertaining family and friends with her culinary delights for years. Originally from the Boston/NY/NJ area, this re-potted Yankee is deeply into organic gardening and creative cooking, catering for private parties and formerly teaching cooking classes at Erin's Meadow Herb Farm.

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## Schedule

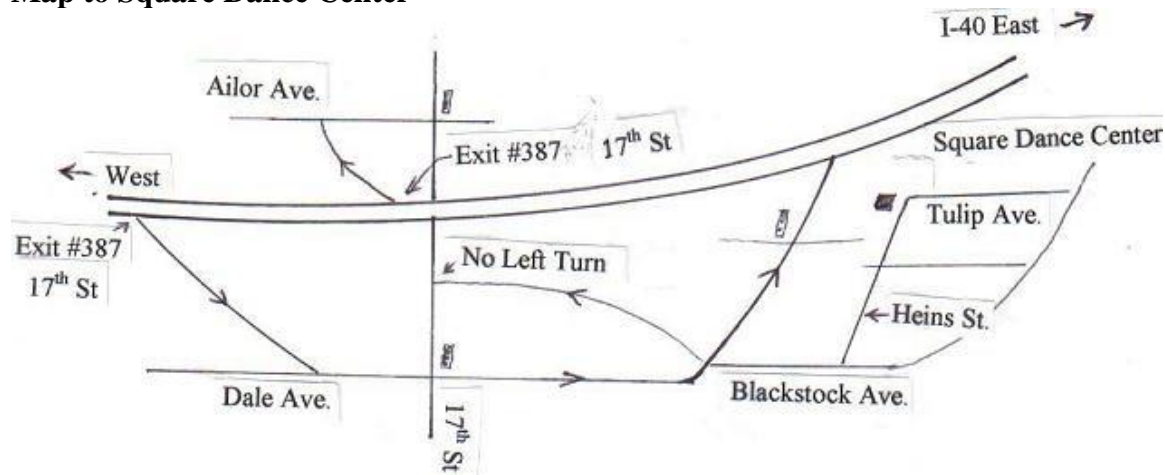
**Fri. 7:30–8:30 and 10:00–11:00 Registration and request dancing,  
8:30–10:00 Teaching.**

**Sat. 9:30–11:30 Teaching, 11:30–1:30 Lunch (at Square Dance Center or on your own),  
1:30–4:00 Teaching, 4:00–4:30 Culture Session  
4:30 to 7:30 Dinner (on your own), 7:30 to 11:00 Dance Party.**

**Sun 10:00–12:00 Review Session**

**All the dance material—CD, DVD and syllabus—will be available for sale on site.  
Out of respect for everyone, kindly refrain from filming.**

## Map to Square Dance Center



**Directions:** Heading east on I-40, exit on 17<sup>th</sup> St exit (#387), merge onto Dale Ave. Cross 17<sup>th</sup> St at the traffic light (there will be signs for I-40 east and I-275 north). (continued below)

Heading west on I-40, exit on 17<sup>th</sup> St exit (#387), turn right on Ailor Ave, and then right on 17<sup>th</sup> St, at the light. Cross under the interstate and turn left at the light onto Dale Ave.

As Dale Ave curves to the north (left), turn right on Blackstock Ave (a small road). Turn left on Heins St, which deadends at the parking lot for the Square Dance Center.

## Registration Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost:** \$70 before 3/19, \$80 after, payable to Oak Ridge Folk Dancers

Session costs: \$20 for each teaching session and \$10 for Saturday evening

Students, college and below, are half price. Saturday lunch (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Need Sleeping Bag Space \_\_\_ (Limited) Send Motel Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Paul Taylor, 2215 Fitzgerald Road, Knoxville, TN 37931