



# Dances of Universal Peace



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### Leaders Guild News and Update

#### Dance leaders can be 'pen pals'

The [Leaders Guild](#) is already a large family, with over 1000 mentored dance leaders, speaking more than a dozen languages, and spread across nearly 40 countries.

Now the [Beyond initiative](#) is set to bring the dances to further diverse areas across the Middle East, in Africa and Asia.

It can be a wonderful experience to dance in a large circle with many nationalities and languages, and to find our common ground in the legacy of Murshid S.A.M. even when we may not have a common language with our dance partners. We may only rarely be able to travel, but we can connect in other ways heart to heart - by email, using skype or zoom.

We already have some trend-setting dance leaders who are enjoying a pen pal connection; they are building long-distance connections with each other and their circles, sharing experiences across cultural traditions between USA and the Balkans.

We would like to facilitate such contacts, and Nur Ana Wilansky has kindly offered to coordinate such requests for 'pen pals'.

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Possibilities for sponsorship might arise, between individuals or between dance circles, but the contact need not have a financial aspect. You may be looking to connect within your country, if distances are considerable, and be open to any opportunities, or be looking for a more specific dialogue. The established [Leaders Guild Agreements](#) will apply to these contacts.

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### **Pen pals - is this for you?**

Yes! If you are a mentored dance leader who is interested in developing and maintaining contact with a distant dance leader over a sustained period of time and, if you become a dancing pen pal, we would like to hear from you maybe once or twice a year to share about your experience in the newsletter.

If this appeals to you, please contact Nur Ana [here](#), with a brief note about your situation and the type of contact you are seeking, and Nur Ana will try to match you to another dance leader with similar interests.

In our next newsletter we hope to hear from the first pen pals in California and Bosnia -



Noori Dove (with her mentor Bhavani), and Samra Aziza Nuri, pictured here.



### **Malika Endres - ya Salaamo**



Dances of Universal Peace International wishes to commemorate the dedicated leadership and diligent work that Malika Merrill Endres contributed to furthering the Dances in the world. A Sufi initiate for many years, Malika brought devotion, compassion and true capacity to mentoring and organizing Leaders, and spreading the Dances, over many years.

A founding member of the first international dance organization, Peaceworks Center for the Dances of Universal Peace, she also worked as its first administrative secretary in the early years. Taking to the Dance work herself, Malika became a mentor in 1993 and guided 19 mentees over some 25 years. She was part of the first outreach of the Dances, travelling with seed groups bringing the Dances to the Soviet Union, Mexico and Columbia. She also traveled to India and Turkey on Sufi pilgrimages.

In the late 1990's Malika worked closely with Radha Buko in creating the Foundation Dance Manual. Working alongside Darvesha MacDonald, Malika co-presented a three-

year, bi-lingual Dance Leader training at Mar de Jade (Mexico). This training was fundamental to seeding the incredible wave of Latin America Dance expansion that would follow.

Besides mentoring Leaders and leading dance circles in California, in 2008-10 Malika was instrumental in 2009-10 working with our team to develop the revised Certification protocol for Dance Leaders.

In her struggle with dementia, Malika brought the same courage, strength of heart and compassion which marked her many years as a mentor and leader of the Dances. We will miss her steady guidance and incisive intellect, both of which left their mark on our lineage and our Dance organization.

Murshid Saadi writes:

Malika Merrill Endres passed away on Good Friday in Sonoma County, California, where she lived and had been ill for a while. She was surrounded by loving, chanting friends from her many years of serving the Dances of Universal Peace.

Malika was part of the core team that helped to begin the original Center for the Dances of Universal Peace (which later became the Dances of Universal Peace International) in 1983. One feature of the early Dance network at that time was that we all could do very competent secretarial and accounting work, and did. Malika was no exception. She also served on our original Board of Trustees. When she became involved with the Dances she was mureed of the Sufi Order International and became an excellent dance leader, mentor and later senior mentor, serving in the Mentor Teachers Guild and later the Guidance Council. For many years, Malika also worked as professional psychotherapist. She will be missed. We wish her soul well on its further journey. Ya Hayyo Ya Qayoom!

### **Khabir Kitz- ya Salaamo**



Many tributes have been paid to Murshid Khabir Kitz, who left us recently. A remembrance page has been set up to record memories of Khabir, and to honor his time with us on earth.

[remembrance.sufipaths.net](http://remembrance.sufipaths.net) will take you there.

Please also visit <http://www.sufimovement.us/murshid-khabir-kitz.php>

### **Additions to the resource library**

We continue to add dance write-ups to the resource library.

In [https://dancesofuniversalpeace.org/leaders/Dances\\_list.php](https://dancesofuniversalpeace.org/leaders/Dances_list.php)

you can check periodically by clicking on "Rev Date" to display the most recent additions and changes.

### **Leader recognitions since the last newsletter**

The Guidance Council would like to congratulate and acknowledge all the Walks and Dance leaders who have been certified or recognized as Mentors in Training or Mentors or Senior Mentors since the most recent listing in our newsletter:

#### **Mentor**

Alys Zaynab Allwardt

OR, USA

**Mentor in Training**

Connie Delaney	ID, USA	
Munajat Marti Dimmock	WA, USA	
Malika Lyon	KS, USA	since 2018
Robert Salik Orange	England, UK	

**Certified**

Mariana van Bergen	Chile	
Latif Peter Brinck	Chile	
Krishna Antonio Crespo	Ecuador	
Adriana Duran	Ecuador	
Anja Epstein	South Africa	
Harold Epstein	South Africa	
Ana Gaby Fernandez	Mexico	
Dorene Garvin	CA, US	
Kalissa Gloria Grace	Australia	since 2018
Angela Gross	OR, US	since 2018
Khadijah Abigail Highland	CO, USA	
Jana Hornung	Germany	
Anna-Christin Martinson	South Africa	
Samra Sadicovic	Bosnia	
Heinz Scheffler	Germany	
Savina Schildknecht	Germany	
Genis Schmidt	IL, USA	
Sonia Stairs	Canada	since 2018
Vimlan VanDien	CA, US	