



WORKSHOP and RESIDENCY ACTIVITIES

“Singing Workshop” – *introductory vocal session*

Participants will experience the pleasure of singing folks songs from Eastern Europe and will also receive an introduction to the cultures from which the songs originate. Members of Svitanya will lead exercises to find your "folk voice" and then teach 2-3 simple songs representing different cultures and musical traditions. The workshop includes discussion of the meanings of the songs and their cultural context: translation, significance in rituals, and musical aspects including rhythms and harmonies particular to the culture. Sheet music with lyrics is provided.

In circumstances where time, the plans of the concert presenter, and the desires of the workshop participants permit, workshop participants can be included into Svitanya's concert, joining us on-stage to perform the songs they have learned.

“Singing & Dancing Workshop” – *vocal session with dances & instruments*

As the title implies, the vocal component of the workshop described immediately above is enhanced with the chance to try traditional dances which accompany the songs being learned. Participants who are instrumentalists can add further enhance their experience by playing along.

Any workshop activities can be tailored to virtually any audience, regardless of age or abilities. We are always expanding the details of what we can do. Please share your needs or ideas with us!

Outstanding teaching and performing. I especially enjoyed the moment in your concert when our group of amateur singers formed as a chorus with you for the expanding circle of dancers. —Bart Carpenter,
Susquehanna Folk Music Society