



Scottish Country Dance Weekend and Ball in Budapest, Hungary  
 22-24 September 2023  
 for intermediate and advanced dancers  
 Musicians: Judith Muir (keyboard), Ian Muir (accordion)  
 Teacher: Antoine Rousseau

Dear Dancing Friends,

We are very happy that the time has come again to meet you at an international Scottish Dance Weekend and Ball in Budapest, where we can also celebrate the 100th anniversary of RSCDS.

Judith and Ian Muir promised to us to come to Budapest two years ago and now they will be with us in Budapest keeping their promise and playing for us. It will be the first time that Antoine has come to teach in Budapest, we are eagerly looking forward to his workshops.

The venue is special. It is in a central spot in Budapest on the Pest side of Elisabeth bridge near the Inner City Parish Church, just off Váci street, which was the first pedestrian street with shops during the communist times and was used as a showcase. Whenever foreign statesmen came to visit Hungary, they were taken to Váci utca. We are going to dance in the sport hall of the Piarist Centre. The building was awarded a special European architectural prize for its renovation. You will see why.

#### Course

The Scottish country dance weekend will start with a welcome dance on Friday but those who can come earlier can join our club members at their usual Thursday dance, where Ian (and perhaps Judith if a keyboard is available) will be playing.

If there are enough people who would like to have dinner in a local restaurant, we will find one for Friday evening.

The first workshop will be held on Saturday morning (from 9:00 to 12:30 am) and the second on Sunday morning. The Sunday morning workshop will start at 10:00 to leave enough time to recover for those who stayed up late after the ball.

The highlight of the weekend will be the Saturday evening ball, which will be preceded by a Gala Dinner, which will also commemorate the 100th anniversary of RSCDS.

#### Course fee: EUR 180

This includes the two evening dances, the two workshops, two sandwich lunches (Saturday and Sunday) the interval coffees, teas and home-made pastries.

We also have an **Early Bird price: EUR 160**, if you transfer the whole amount to the BSDC bank account by **15 March 2023**.

You can secure your place by paying EUR 100 after your registration has been confirmed, and you can pay the rest in September on arrival. You can also opt for paying the full amount (EUR 180) after your registration has been confirmed.

The fees are net fees so please pay for all the bank charges (+ 5 euros).

If you have any problems with bank transfer, write to us at [ball.budapest@gmail.com](mailto:ball.budapest@gmail.com).

Cancellations: Cancellations before 15 August 2023 will incur a EUR 50 cancellation fee (unless the place can be filled). Unfortunately, no refund will be payable after this date, but you can transfer your booking to a new applicant.

Please ensure that you have adequate insurance to cover all eventualities!

Payment details will be included with your confirmation.



All applications and payments will be acknowledged, and notification of acceptance (or waiting-list status) will be sent out in order of received applications.

### Dance Programmes

The programmes of the evening dances were compiled by two of our club members: Catriona Bennett (WD) and Zsolt Molnár (Ball).

You will find the dances on our website: [www.bstk.hu/ball2023](http://www.bstk.hu/ball2023) or on the following links:

Welcome Dance: <https://my.strathspey.org/dd/list/37468/>  
Ball: <https://my.strathspey.org/dd/list/36287/>

### Accommodation

Accommodation is NOT included in the course fee, and you need to organise it yourself, but we agreed with Danubius Hotel Erzsébet City Centre (about 7 minutes' walk to the dance hall) that it would offer a limited number of rooms to course participants (e.g. a double room for EUR 120-130).

If you are interested in staying in Hotel Erzsébet, ask for a Booking Form in your application form and you will receive it with the confirmation, which you have to submit to the hotel.

### Gala Dinner

We would like to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the RSCDS in addition to our dance weekend, so we have been looking for really nice venues.

The Empire style room of the Astoria Hotel seems to be an ideal venue. We will see how many of you are interested in a buffet dinner there (35-38 euros if most people attend).

We will also look at other possibilities, depending on the number who are interested.

In previous years we have organised **tourist programs** outside Budapest but this year we would like to discover more of Budapest and surroundings.

It is not really possible to make a fully costed plan for everything beforehand as prices are going up so fast. We would base the schedule on the number and interests of those who would like to stay on after the dance weekend (thank you for completing the items in the registration form, it is very helpful).

One thing is sure. Judith and Ian have accepted to give a short concert in Nádor Hall, one of the most beautifully designed concert halls of Budapest, which has the largest stained-glass window assembly in Hungary. So, on Sunday afternoon after the dance weekend is over we will start the tourist program by a visit to Nádor Hall, an Art Nouveau concert hall. Everybody is welcome who is still in Budapest at the time of the visit and concert: 16:00 – 17:00, 24th September 2023.

Let us keep in touch until we start dancing!  
See you in September.

Ágnes Borbély and Szilvia Láng  
Main organisers

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