

## MEDITATION OF THE DANCE – SACRED DANCE

### *Meditation and self-awareness in dance*

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With Meditation of the Dance, a dance form was created which encompasses wisdom, beauty, and a third quality: mindful togetherness. With Meditation of the Dance, I am showing the way to an "alternative dance" which, in its symbolic character, also has a lot to do with philosophy and is followed with joy by both young and older people. The symbolism of the dances is reflected in the structure of the music accompanying the dance, in time, rhythm and form. The chosen topics are intended to be re-experienced and re-enacted in dance. In dance, the individual is enabled to truly explore and experience oneself and one's "instrument", the body. - Here exercises from the classical ballet are important, necessary and helpful. Only then, will the dancers begin to understand themselves. Thus, Meditation of the Dance - as a living answer to the quest for meaning - can become a path of self-discovery, whereby working in the group also breaks down the walls of loneliness which so many have built up around themselves today.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The course is open to professionals engaged in social and church work and in the fields of health and education.

This intensive seminar or annual cycle course is also suitable for those who have already practiced meditation and dance for some time, and who want to go deeper into Sacred Dance—Meditation of the dance. On completion, the participants are entitled to use the dances studied on the course, also didactically, in their own professional fields

### THE AIM

Dances and Choreographies by Friedel Kloke-Eibl, Saskia Kloke and Bernhard Wosien to classical, religious and folk music will be learned and are the subject of in-depth study – they are an aid to the individual's inner composure – and also circle and round dances from many folk traditions. Using simple exercises from classical ballet and other sources, we try to promote awareness of body and space. There will be an introduction to the symbolic content of the dances, which will be grouped thematically (e.g. meditation and prayer / symbolism of the spiritual path, etc.).

### METHODOLOGY AND SUBJECTS COVERED

- Training in body consciousness and spatial awareness
- Perception training
- Didactics
- Analysis of dances - Numerology
- Listening to music (phrasing, rhythm)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> year

4 elements / 4 seasons / Cross and Circle

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> year

Dance and Prayer / The Our Father / paths of initiation –

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> year

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## Ausbildungsinstitut MEDITATION DES TANZES SACRED DANCE



### *3-years Intensive Training*



2017 – 2019  
in Ireland

Directed by  
*Friedel Kloke-Eibl* and  
*Saskia Kloke*

## MEDITATION DES TANZES

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## SACRED DANCE

For centuries dance and religion – at least in the Christian tradition – seemed to be incompatible. Yet what would art be, what would it be announcing to us if not quite simply our \*connection with the Most High, the Divine.

## MÉDITATION EN CROIX

### Classical dance training

From its very alignment and orientation, classical dance is a meditation in the form of the cross. From the study of the positions we learn about the law of harmony which the Greeks sought and found. Thus training the body becomes a means of training the spirit.

**Date 2017** 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May

**Date 2018** 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Date 2019** 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Teachers:** *Friedel Kloke-Eibl, Saskia Kloke*

## The Aim

Dances and Choreographies by Friedel Kloke-Eibl, Saskia Kloke and Bernhard Wosien to classical, religious and folk music will be learned and are the subject of indepth study and also circle and round dances from various folk traditions. Using simple exercises from classical ballet (méditation en croix) and other sources, we try to promote awareness of body and space. There will be an introduction to the symbolic content of the dances, which will be grouped thematically (e.g. meditation and prayer / symbolism of the spiritual path, etc.).

### 1<sup>st</sup> session in 2017:

4 elements / 4 temperaments / 4 seasons / Cross and Circle - Numerology

### 2<sup>nd</sup> session in 2018:

Dance and Prayer / The Our Father / paths of initiation - Labyrinth

### 3<sup>rd</sup> session in 2019:

Misa Latino Americana

**Participants will receive a diploma on completion of the 3 years.**

**Venue:** Mount St. Joseph's Abbey, Roscrea Co..Tipperary

### Workshop Fee

A- rate € 220,00

B-rate € 180,00 (for people with low income)

*Your place will be reserved on receipt of the workshop fee and you will receive confirmation of your booking Accommodation*

### Accommodation & Meals for 2018

Accommodation and board has to be paid on site. € 210,00

*Booking Form and full amount to be sent to:*

**Carmel Lowther** – 11 Drynam Court, Swords Co Dublin

[murlowl@gmail.com](mailto:murlowl@gmail.com)

### Bank account:

A/C no. 13121622

IBAN: IE65 IPBS 9906 6113 1216 22

**Closing date: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

In the case of **cancellation** up to 4 weeks before the course the sum of € 50,00 will be retained to cover administrative expenses.

*In the case of later cancellation no refund will be made.*

## Booking Form

*for 3-years Intensive training*

**Name**

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**Address**

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**Phone No.**

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**E-mail**

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**Room request**

single room

double room, shared with:

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**Dietary Requirements**

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**Vegetarian diet**

yes

no

**Other special needs**

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**Date**

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**Signature**

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Please send the booking form to

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