

DVDs REVIEW:

First Annual Lyrids Folk Dance Festival (2014, Burnaby BC),
3-DVD set produced by **Dale Adamson** (Surrey BC),
www.singularproductions.com

Comparisons are inevitable, and **Lyrids** has continued the **Salt Spring Island Folk Dance Festival** tradition admirably: beautiful hall, delicious food (judging by the video), lively dancers, appropriate dances, great music (live and recorded), and first-class teachers.

Bata Marčetić taught Serbian dances, many of them variations of patterns that you would recognize, such as *čačak*, *u šest*, and the 6-count pattern that Don Buskirk aptly calls the "taproot" pattern.

Ahmet Lüleci taught and performed beautifully dances from many regions of Turkey, including a fascinating spoon dance. The DVDs present for each dance the teaching session followed by the dance. If you wish to review the dances, you will not need a printed syllabus such as the one that used to accompany the Salt Spring Island DVDs. As an archivist, however, I miss the syllabus, but I'm probably the only one.


Performers videoed at the 2014 Festival included the Serbian groups **Gradina** and **Vuk Karadžić**, the IFD group **Kariatis** from Victoria BC, the **Turkish Choir of the Turkish Canadian Society of Vancouver**, and **The Pirates Band** from Burnaby BC.

Obviously, a lot of work went into the planning of this festival, and a lot of care went into the production of the three DVDs. You really should attend the festival, or at least acquire the DVDs.

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LYRIDS

FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL



Bata Marčetić

Dances of Serbia



Ahmet Lüleci

Dances of Turkey

April 25th to 27th, 2014