

ISADORA DUNCAN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE
and
SKIDMORE COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF DANCE



SACRED TOPOGRAPHIES: THE BODY AND THE LAND
APOLLO AND THE MUSES

A GUIDED PERFORMANCE STUDY TOUR IN GREECE

May 20 - May 31, 2009

with

Jeanne Bresciani, Ph.D. Mary DiSanto-Rose, Ed.D. Dimitri Vassilakis

Open to professional and non-professional dancers, students of mythology and lovers of the lively and performing arts.

We journey in a *melos* - the unique Ancient Greek fusion of dance, music and poetry - throughout Mainland Greece in intensive study, rehearsal and performance, visiting sacred shrines of ancient myth, archaeological sites and museums led by Jeanne Bresciani, preeminent authority on the embodiment of myth and the art of Isadora Duncan, hailed as “the divine in motion” – Dimitri Vassilakis, “the Greek god of music” in “an infinity of poetic elegance” – and Mary DiSanto-Rose, Department Chair of Dance at Skidmore College and Muse of Duncan and contemporary dance.

In seminar on site and in the landscape – at mountain top, cave and shoreline – we move as the Muses in harmony, akin to universal rhythms on the flight of birds, the honey of bees and the radiance of the sun.

In performance the works take on the character of their remarkable settings - an ancient sanctuary, a cliffside amphitheater and a formal theater. We dance forms - archaic, classical and contemporary - to the music of Dimitri Vassilakis, to classical and avant garde composers in choreographies by Duncan and Bresciani in homage to the great treasure trove of Western mythic inheritance in our midst.

An optional rehearsal week will be held in Saratoga Springs,
NY at Skidmore College for the professional company May 11- 15, 2009.

All others are invited to perform in the vital rendering of the ancient Greek Chorus at specific
performance dates rehearsed on site.

Cost: \$2,800

This fee includes all lodging based on double occupancy, two meals per day, group ground transportation in Greece, tour guidance, seminars and materials, and admission to sites and museums.

Air is not included. The group will be flying direct from JFK-NYC to Athens on Wednesday, May 20th, Delta Flight 132 and will return from Athens to JFK-NYC on Sunday, May 31, Delta Flight 133. These flights will be met by our tour director in Greece for transfer to and from the hotel.

For information and an application, please contact:

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