

Susquehanna International Folk Dancers  
present  
**Kabile Traditional Wedding Band**

Come and join us for an afternoon of traditional Bulgarian music and dance. Make new friends and enjoy wonderful home-made delicacies.



**Sunday  
August 15th, 2010  
4 pm**

Followed by a potluck dinner  
around 6:30pm  
(bring a dish to share) and  
after dinner dancing.

1996 Millville Rd. (Rt. 42)  
Bloomsburg, Pa. 17815  
(between Bloomsburg and  
Millville)

Donations: **\$10**  
Students and seniors **\$5**  
children –**FREE**

“Kabile Traditional Wedding Band” was formed in 1978 and became one of the most popular bands in Thrace. Based in the city of Yambol, the group took its name from the village of Kabile, where they performed one of their earliest gigs. The group specialized in performing native music on traditional village instruments, resulting in an acoustic experience quite different from that played on Western instruments influenced by American jazz. This form of Bulgarian wedding music has attracted world-wide attention and scholarship for its incredible virtuosity and musicianship. During its heyday, the band played almost every weekend at weddings, baptisms and cultural festivals in Thrace.

The band plays all the instruments of a traditional Bulgarian village band. The *gaida* is a bagpipe made of goat skin and pipes. The *tapan* is a large wooden drum covered with sheep or goat skin and played with two specially designed drumming sticks: the *kukuda* is a pipe-shaped stick of walnut and the *pračka* is a thin switch, usually made of dogwood or willow. The *kaval* is a flute-like instrument open at both ends, played by blowing on the smaller, sharpened end. The *gadulka* is a pear-shaped string instrument, played vertically in front of the musician. These four instruments have a centuries-old history in Bulgarian folk music; as a “modern” addition, the band also includes the accordion (ca. 1832).

The band’s six members each serve as an outstanding representative of his or her musical specialty. Individually, each member of the band has an exceptional history of scholarship and performance. Collectively they form one of the most respected ensembles in Bulgarian Thrace.

For details on the band and hear samples of their wonderful music go to <http://www.balkandance.net/kabile/>  
For more information on the event contact Oli at (570) 784 9339 or Ula at (570) 784 2890  
For directions go to our blog at <http://sifd.blogspot.com>