

Course: Communication in Folk Culture and Music
(Singing and Using Folk Music Instruments in the Carpathian Basin)

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Credit Point Value: 6	Number of Lessons per Week: 2	Type of Course: Seminar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Method of Evaluation: Oral Examination <input type="checkbox"/> In-Class Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Course Description:

The aim of the course is to present folkmusic traditions in the Carpathian basin through the peasant way of life, regional characteristics and historical aspects. Besides the genres of vocal folkmusic students learn about the presentation techniques, stylistic layers and instruments of instrumental folkmusic. They get to know the relationship between Hungarian folkmusic and that of the neighbouring peoples as well as the traditional relationship between artistic music and folkmusic.

Furthermore, the subjects aim at acquainting students with the functions, forms, historical layering of Hungarian folk music so that they are able to place it within the culture of peoples in the Carpathian Basin. They will study folkmusic functionally, as a part of a continually changing culture. Students get to know the characteristics of every region and genre by original sound recordings: they will learn folksongs that represent a certain genre and/or region.

Throughout the course, the instructor (a qualified cultural anthropologist and a distinguished folk singer) will point out how vocal and instrumental folk music genres function(ed) as forms of communication in the wider frame of traditional folk culture in Hungary.

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3.	Irén Lovász: Power of Sustainable Heritage through the Healing Voice of Traditional Singing. In: Hoppál, M. (Ed.) Sustainable Heritage, 227-238. 2010. Digitális népzenei olvasókönyv, <i>A magyar népzene</i> , www.hagyományokhaza.hu

Discography:

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2.	<i>A magyarságnépzeneje</i> , Összeáll.: Vargyas Lajos, szerk.: Paksa Katalin CD sorozat, Budapest, Fono Records, 2002.
3.	<i>Pátria: Magyar népzenei gramofonfelvételek</i> , 3 cd rom. Budapest, Fono Records 2001