



Tiszavirág Folk Dance Ensemble
Municipality of Deszk
CIOFF Hungary

INVITATION

We are pleased to inform you that, based on the agreement between the CIOFF National Sections of Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy and Austria, the "Neighborhood – International Folklore Gathering" (SZOMSZÉDOLÁS) will be held in Hungary in 2025.

We cordially invite you to participate in the SZOMSZÉDOLÁS International Folklore Gathering!

Location: DESZK, Hungary
Host: Municipality of DESZK

It is the home of the Tiszavirág Folk Dance Ensemble, situated in the northern corner of the area known as Marosszög, within the Torontál Triangle, just 9 kilometers southeast from Szeged. The population of Deszk is growing year by year and currently numbers almost 4200 people, 3% of whom are of Serbian nationality.

Landmarks: The former Gerliczy Mansion, constructed in 1884 in an eclectic-classical style, surrounded by a 7-hectare park. The Roman Catholic church, built in 1904 in neo-Gothic style, is located in the immediate vicinity of the mansion. A true architectural rarity even in Hungary, the Serbian Orthodox church – built in 1859 in Classicist style – stands out with its eclectic iconostasis.

The Tiszavirág Folk Dance Ensemble was founded in 2016 and includes groups from Deszk, Röske, and Szeged. Currently, nearly 250 dancers belong to the Tiszavirág family. The last 10 years have been filled with dedication, hard work, and great achievements. Who are we? Above all, we are a FAMILY! For all of us, dance and community represent an island in our everyday lives – a place where worries fade into the background and where we can draw strength from the time we spend together.

The meeting is part of the "Village Days" (*Falunapok*) event.

Website: www.deszk.hu

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tiszaviragneptanc/>

Date: September 5-7, 2025

Arrival: September 5, 2025, at 14:00

Arrival location: Deszk, Tempfli tér 8.

Maximum group size: 30 (including driver, musicians, and group leaders)

Meals provided:

- First meal: Dinner on September 5, 2025
- Last meal: Breakfast on September 7, 2025

Accommodation:

Participants will be hosted by families of dancers from the Tiszavirág Folk Dance Ensemble, as well as in community accommodation in Szeged.

Our host families are very enthusiastic and are looking forward to welcoming their guests with great warmth and hospitality. This is the first large-scale event of this kind in the life of our association and the village of Deszk.

We kindly ask all participating ensembles to receive the hospitality of our host families with joy and appreciation.

Planned Program of the Meeting

The Deszk Village Days ("*Deszki Falunapok*") will be held for the 30th time on the first weekend of September. Under the motto "The Stage is Ours!", the event features cultural performances by local and guest artistic groups, a cooking competition, and a fireworks show, all welcoming visitors to Deszk.

Friday, September 5

16.00 – Exhibition opening at the Village Hall (*Faluház*), followed by a shared dinner at the Sports Hall and a folk dance party (*táncház*) – an evening of socializing and getting to know one another.

Saturday, September 6

Morning program:

- Free time / sightseeing in Szeged
- International cooking competition of mayors (with participants from Hungary and invited international partner towns)
- Official welcome by the Mayor of Deszk for all participating ensembles – meeting the mayor and exchange of gifts

15.45 – Parade and march dance (processional folk dance through the village)

17.45 – "The Stage is Ours!" – International Folk Dance Festival

Performing groups from Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, Austria, and Hungary

20.00 - International Dance House – with dance groups from Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, and Italy

20.45 - Fire fantasy - fire juggling show

21.05 - Fireworks

21.15 - Street party with live music by the Black Five band

Participating groups are kindly asked to prepare a 15-20 minute performance.

Sunday, September 7

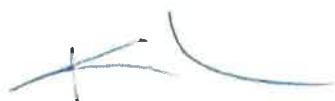
10.00 - Festive Mass and departure

We reserve the right to make changes to the program. Detailed schedules will be sent to the participating groups soon.

Please return the attached registration form by July 15, 2025 to the following email address:

tiszavirag.deszk@gmail.com

Deszk, June 18, 2025



Mayor of Deszk



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