

Vadrózsák Folk Dance Group

The **Vadrózsák Néptánccsoporth** (Wild Roses Folk Dance Group), is a native Hungarian youth folk dance group from the Berde Mózes Unitarian School in Székelykeresztúr, Transylvania (Cristuru Secuiesc, Romania). Once a part of Hungary, Transylvania was ceded to Romania after World War I.

Vadrózsák's founder and leader is Levente Józsa, the school's folk dance teacher. He teaches the folk dance classes in all grades of the school. His wife Annamária Nemes is the school's music teacher and teaches the dancers the folk songs that are often part of the dances.

Levente and the dancers are ethnic Hungarians, who live in a region of Transylvania with a vast majority concentration of Hungarians. They are a proud ethnic minority with a long history of cultural and religious oppression and keeping their folk traditions (dance, music, dress, etc.) alive makes it possible for them to maintain their identities and heritage.

The Vadrózsák main facebook page is at:

<https://www.facebook.com/vadrozsak.neptanccsoporth/videos/>

There are two youtube videos of them performing in Gyömrő, Hungary in 2017 at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c02Xt8_iLb4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bFyjuIp2KF4>

The school also has a small folk dance band called, "**Lelkes Zenekar**" roughly: "Soulful Band". The violinist is the daughter of the Unitarian minister in Székelykeresztúr

<https://www.facebook.com/Lelkes.Zenekar/>

You can see some of the Berde Mozés school's teachers and other townspeople at the March 15th Hungarian National Holiday celebrations in the center of Keresztúr with some Berde Mózes students reading poetry, singing patriotic Hungarian songs, and some of the younger Vadrózsák dancers performing, accompanied by the Lelkes Zenekar band at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbQDTcrWQIA>

Note: March 15th commemorates the day in 1848 when Hungarians began a revolution that would become a war of independence against the Hapsburgs.

Lastly, the **Folk Társ Egyesület**, or Folk Partners Association, together with Vadrózsák, Lelkes Zenekar, the Berde Mózes Unitarian school, the Keresztúr Unitarian congregation, and the Unitarian Providence Relief Foundation, sponsors the **Keresztúri Táncház** (Keresztúr Dance House) sessions, which welcomes townspeople of all ages to join in folk dancing and folk dance instruction on weeknights and weekends.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/folktars>

Their Keresztúri Táncház events are posted at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2386432998063745/permalink/2588271717879871/>