

GÜMÜŞEFE FOLK DANCE SPORTS CLUB

OUR PASSION FOR FOLK DANCES IS OUR PASSION FOR OUR HOMETOWN



In the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye, we established Gümüşefe Folk Dance Sports Club, headquartered in Bergama. Our club, whose origins date back to earlier times, demonstrates a determined stance in preserving and transmitting both men's and women's *zeybek* dances of our region to future generations.

At the festivals we attend both domestically and abroad, our goal is to increase recognition and interest in our national dances. In addition, we carry out educational social activities and social responsibility projects to ensure the transmission of tradition.

Gold is valuable, we know it;
We do not feel like bronze, we know our place.
We are neither evil nor good,
We are neither the first nor the last.
We are those who rose again with the arrival of a
blue-eyed *Efe* in Bergama in 1934.
We shine like silver; unbending heads,
We are steadfast spirits, fearless hearts.
We are the *gümüşefes* from the past to the
future."



Bizim Oyunlarımız,
Milli Oyunlarımız.

In our folk dances, there exist unwritten knowledge, accumulated experiences, and rules passed down through generations. We love performing our folk dances, which define who we are. For Gümüşefe's, folk dances are the outward manifestation of the enthusiasm within our soul. That is why our traditional shouts (*nara*) echo into the sky with a sound carrying over from the past. This is a journey from the past to the future

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Our club delivers dynamic, authentic, and high-energy performances on festival stages with its extensive costume archive and an instructor staff specialized in their field. Bergama, the city of firsts, is the first place where men and women perform *zeybek* together.



Initiated upon the directive issued by Atatürk during his visit to Bergama in 1934, the Bergama Kermes is Türkiye's first and the world's second oldest local festival.



Nurtured by the rich culture of the Madra Mountains, Yunt Mountains, and the Bakırçay Basin, we bring the nobility, valor, pride, and agility of the *Efes* to the stage. Dozens of general and women's *zeybek* dances compiled in our region reflect our rich dance heritage.



In collaboration with our sister organization, the Bergama Sword and Shield Association (*Bergama Kılıç Kalkan Derneği*), our performances reach a crescendo with the region's registered sword and shield dance. Performed by rhythmically striking the sword and shield in harmony, this dance stands out from most other folk dances due to its absence of musical accompaniment.

We have no ambition for greatness,
Our target lies ahead in the future.
We desire only a world
Where our deeds begin with prayer.



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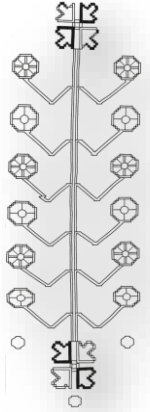
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SOME OF THE FESTIVALS AND EVENTS WE HAVE ATTENDED

International Bergama Kermes Festivals
Romania International Ceahlău Folk Dance Festival
Kahramanmaraş Liberation Commemoration Events
Kınık Harvest Festival
Galenos Daisy Festival
Buca Belenbaşı Cherry Festival
National holidays, local ceremonies, and social
responsibility projects



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