

## English

There is an ethnic group living in the North of Hungary, mainly in the two counties Nógrád and Heves. With its unique dialect, its traditions in music and dance, its folk costume, its decorative art and its mythology, this Roman Catholic group represents a specialty in the Pannonian Basin. They are the Palóc.

The Palóc Néptáncgyüttes, a group dancing traditional Palóc dances, was founded in 1998 in the center of the Palóc, the town of Szécsény (Nógrád County). Besides the music and dance heritage of its own region, the group explores the traditions of many ethnic groups of the Pannonian Basin. With many dances in their repertoire, they are regular participants of Hungarian and international festivals. They toured through Europe, from Belgium to Turkey and collected a series of awards, such as the main price of the Beskid Festival in Poland and the „Silver Axe” price of the Festival of Zakopane.

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