

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS

present

"CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"
10th Anniversary Dance Spectacular

with BYU Ballroom Dance Team

PROGRAM OUTLINE

1. Fiesta Mexicana (Mexican Fiesta) -- Folk Dancers
 - a. El Jarabe Tapatio (Hat Dance)
 - b. La Negra
 - c. Las Copetonas
 - d. El Jabali (Boar Dance)
 - e. Los Viejitos (Old Man's Dance)
 - f. El Huateque
 - g. El Zapateado
 - h. El Tilingolingo
2. Latin Suite -- Ballroom Dancers
 - a. Argentine Tango
 - b. Paso Doble
 - c. Paso Doble
3. English Sword Dance -- Folk Dancers
4. Austrian Suite -- Folk Dancers
 - a. Schuplattler
 - b. Praxlattler
5. Ballroom Solo -- Roy and June Mavor
6. Russian Peasant Medley -- Folk Dancers
7. Polish Suite -- Folk Dancers
8. Exhibition formation Dancing -- Ballroom Dancers
 - a. American Waltz
 - b. International Waltz
 - c. Quickstep
9. Israeli Suite -- Folk Dancers
 - a. Dayagim
 - b. Debka Medley
 - c. Haroa Haktana (Little Sheperdess)
 - d. Hanokdim
10. Viennese Ball Scene -- Ballroom Dancers
 - a. Blue Danube
 - b. Do I Hear A Waltz
 - c. Solo -- Doug Allred & Candi Davis
 - d. Emporer's Waltz
11. Ukrainian Suite -- Folk Dancers
 - a. Hutsul Mountain Dance
 - b. Duchonka
 - c. Hopak
12. Finale - Combined Folk and Ballroom Dancers

(This program subject to change without notice)

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

What more exciting time of the year to witness the costumes and dances of our friends from around the world!!

Mexico, land of colorful costumes and their exciting rhythms and their dances. Christmas celebration in Mexico starts nine days before December 25th. As guests arrive at the fiesta, the merrymaking begins with such Mexican games as breaking the pinata and distributing the sweets, fruits and toys it contains. The remainder of the party is made up of lively dancing, and we join our Mexicans now as they begin their Mexican dancing.

1. El Jarabe Tapatio
2. El Huateque
3. Los Viejitos (Old Men's Dance)

In South America on Christmas Eve, festivities begin as families gather for the traditional Christmas feast and worship at midnight mass. Following the service, groups of musicians carol through the streets and the exciting rhythms of the Tango, Samba, and Paso Dobra fill the air as the dancers celebrate their Christmas on the ballroom floor.

4. Tango
5. Samba
6. Paso Dobra

Let's return to the Mexican fiesta. We are just in time to watch a group of dances including the Boar Dance and the favorite La Bamba.

7. Las Copetonas
8. El Jabali (Boar Dance)
9. La Bamba
10. El Tilingolingo

The immortal carol "Silent Night, Holy Night" and the "Tannebaum" are contributions to the joyous Christmas season by Germany. Their greatest contribution is the Christmas trees which decorated in utmost secrecy is lighted on Christmas Eve and is a never-failing source of enchantment for young and old alike. From the Bavarian area our Schuplattler Leandler and Praxplattler.

11. Schuplattler Leandler
12. Praxplattler

In England at holiday dance festivals of Northumberland and Durham, teams of rapper dancers may dance around the village. The swords used were also used in the last century for scraping coal dust in the back of pit ponies. This particular traditional dance comes from the pit village of Winlaton brought to us by Byron Purves.

13. English Sword Dance

Around the world people love the beauty of the waltz at Christmas time as we present our renown world champions, Roy and June Mavor.

14. Roy & June Mavor

Russia, the enchanted northland, fantasy of perpetual snow and storybook ice palaces, of nutcrackers magically coming alive on Christmas Eve. Baboushka brings the gifts and our gift to you is the exciting Russian medley.

15. Russian Peasant

In Poland at Christmas time, hay or straw is placed under the tablecloth and a vacant chair and plate are set out for the Holy Child. The Polish people love to dance and we share with you two of their favorites; Krakowiak and the famous Oberek.

16. Krakowiak
17. Oberek

To England, the home of international dancing, the music strikes up a lively note and the celebration turns to dancing as the lords and their ladies glide elegantly through the figures of the Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, and Quickstep.

Many people from all parts of the world make their pilgrimage to Bethlehem at Christmas. Here they crowd into the Church of the Nativity to see the very place where Christ was born. The people of Israel have always loved to dance and since 1948, when they gained their independence, hundreds of Israeli dances have been shared with the people of the world at Christmas time.

"Silent Night, Holy Night," the simple song that went from Austria all around the world at Christmas claims a cherished place in the hearts of people all around the world. Another song has come from Austria; the majestic Blue Danube. Let us visit the royal palace in Vienna where strains of Strauss grace a glittering company. The Emperor and Empress will make an appearance at the Imperial Christmas Ball.

Tradition has been protected and cherished in the hearts of the Ukrainian people. They are independent and show their love for their country through the excitement of their dances. From three areas; the Hutsel Mountain Dance, the Duchehonka, and the Hopak.

Back to Mexico to the excitement of the Mexican festival and the International folk festival where the dancers join together in the excitement of the Mexican rhythms.