



# *The Folk Dancer*

Spring 2016

## **Message from the Editor:**

*In December, the folk dance alumni had another wonderful reunion combined with our Christmas around the World Concerts in December, 2015.*



*It was held in the Hinckley Center between the two Saturday programs and it was great fun to see many of you in attendance. At that time, we announced the transition from our Past President, Brent Lewis with the announcement of our New Alumni President, Tamara Marshal Chamberlain. Tamara is dedicated to grow our alumni organization and take us into the future. She has excellent credentials including Past BYU Alumni Phoenix Chapter Chair with husband, Tom. Tamara performed and toured with the International Folk Dance Ensemble 1988-92. She met her husband (a talented Young Ambassador) in 1991.*



## **President's Corner:** **Tamara Chamberlain**

Hello Folk Dance Alumni-

First of all—I want to thank Brent Lewis for being such an amazing President for the past 10 years (applause here!). He and his wife, Maria, are stalwarts in this program and it wouldn't be what it is today without them. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

This is going to be a banner year for the BYU International Folk Dancers! We are celebrating 60 YEARS (1956-2016) this year and there are some fun ideas in the works.

**Keep your calendars open for BYU Homecoming weekend as we are in the process of planning our Anniversary Celebration for the entire family on the Friday night before Homecoming 2016!**

If you would like to be part of the 60th Anniversary Celebration planning, please contact me at: [tntmusic92@gmail.com](mailto:tntmusic92@gmail.com). I would love to have alumni from all decades represented at our planning meeting on April 1, 2016. We are an amazing group of people who share a common legacy. Let's keep that "Spirit of the Y" alive as we keep our Folk Dance Alumni Organization active and producing meaningful alumni activities!

Tamara Chamberlain  
*Folk Dance Alumni President*

## **International Folk Dance Ensemble (IFDE)**

If you haven't been to Christmas Around the World or another concert in a while, now would be a great time to get a ticket and see the Folk Dancers perform during their Mid-semester tour to Idaho and Washington. You will be in for a treat as you see how the group continues to evolve. THEY ARE SO GOOD! For information on tickets please go to [pam.byu.edu](http://pam.byu.edu) and click on IFDE



## Winter Performance Schedule

Caldwell, Idaho  
 Everett, Washington  
 Seattle, Washington  
 Olympia, Washington  
 Moses Lake, Washington  
 Yakima, Washington  
 Kennewick, Washington  
 Covey Center, Provo, UT **(on sale now)**

February 26 7:00 pm  
 February 27 7:00 pm  
 March 1 7:00 pm  
 March 2 7:00 pm  
 March 3 7:00 pm  
 March 4 7:00 pm  
 March 5 7:00 pm  
 March 31 7:30 pm



## Spring Performance Schedule

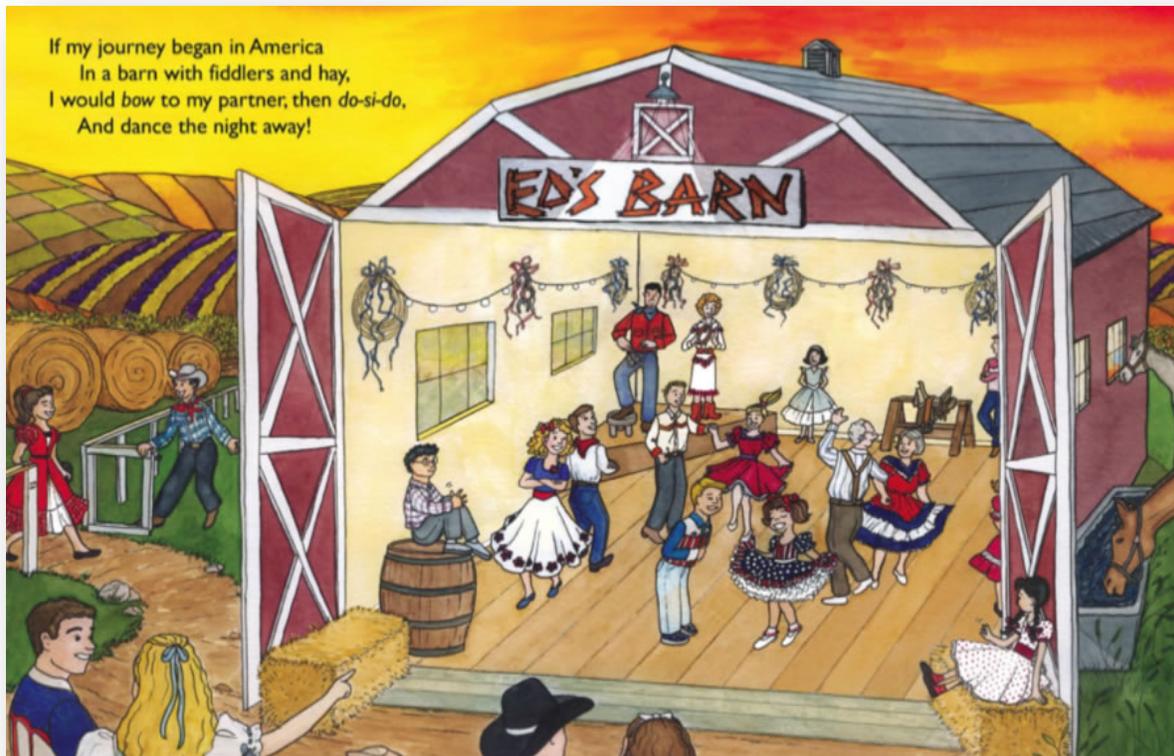
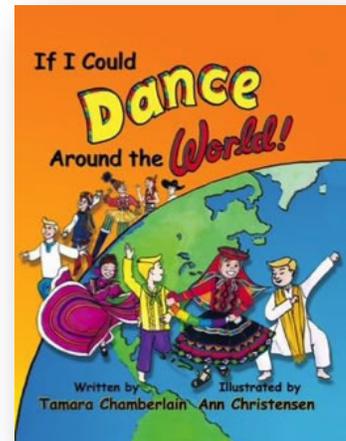
Nauvoo, Illinois  
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

June 6- 19  
 June 20-21



## NEW CHILDREN’S BOOK AVAILABLE “If I Could Dance Around the World”

A beautiful book for children entitled “If I Could Dance Around the World” is now available to all of our folk dance alumni. Tamara Chamberlain (author) teamed up with Ann Brown Christensen (illustrator). Together these talented artists created this enchanting children’s storybook. As you turn through the pages it will take you back to your folk dancing days at BYU as you view the beautiful costumes and exotic poses you once performed. Perhaps you will even recognize yourself in one of the pictures. Tamara has generously offered to give a portion of the proceeds from the book to the BYU IFDE Scholarship fund. The book can be found at [www.suncrestpublishing.com](http://www.suncrestpublishing.com).

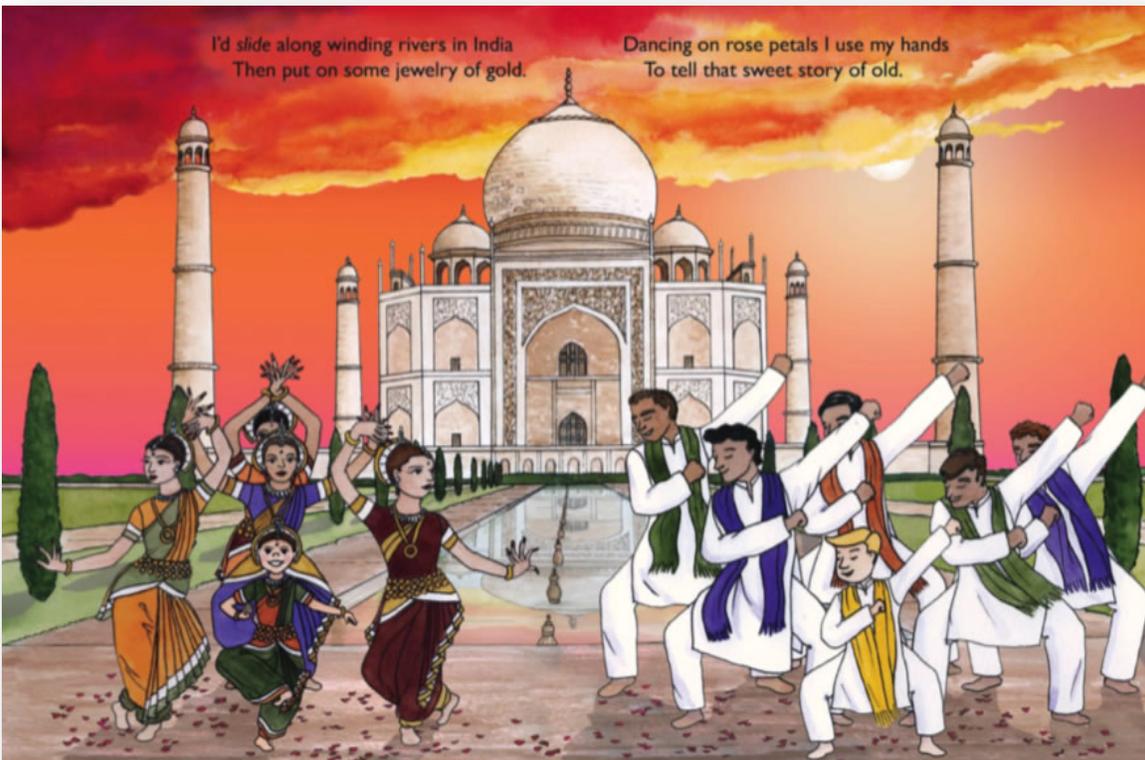


Through the snow in the Ukraine I'd march  
Where dancers do spins and kicks.  
After bread and salt are presented to me,  
I would love to join in their tricks!



I'd slide along winding rivers in India  
Then put on some jewelry of gold.

Dancing on rose petals I use my hands  
To tell that sweet story of old.



## Summer Camps Offered

The exciting and dynamic World Dance camps are again accepting registration for June, and we invite you to sign up your youth for one of these outstanding camps—*Folk Dance for Youth* and *Clogging, Tap and Step Dance*.

**Folk Dance for Youth** runs June 13-15. This camp will be directed this year by alumni Becki Brimhall Love and Amy Thurston Jex. This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to enjoy the BYU campus and explore the cultures of the world through folk dance taught by a variety of expert teachers.

**Clogging, Tap and Step Dance** camp is directed this year by Greg and Maria Tucker and runs June 16-18. This camp is always lots of rip roarin' fun and excitement as the youth and enrolled instructors engage in diverse percussive dance classes and activities. This is an on-campus activity at its best!

## Traditionz 2016 (Elementary Outreach)

We will be performing in Utah schools April 26- May 20. There are a few spots left. Please contact Vickie Austin if you would like to schedule them in your schools.

## Archive Project Continues

Ryan Purcell is engaged in a huge archiving project of Folk Dance pictures, histories, films and memorabilia. He is doing a marvelous job getting items scanned and digitized. If you have **anything** that might be of historical interest to the folk dance program, please let him know. His email is <[rp.audio@comcast.net](mailto:rp.audio@comcast.net)>. You can also contact Vickie Austin at <[byuvs@yahoo.com](mailto:byuvs@yahoo.com)>.

### ❖ Urgent Archive Question

Does anyone have an entire set of class pictures from 1977? AND we are also looking for information and pictures regarding the 1981 Arizona Mid-semester tour.

