

# INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Newsletter Winter 1991

Hello to all BYU Folk Dance alumni! We start this month with what we hope will be a biannual newsletter to our alumni. We're interested in you and hope you'll maintain interest in the group that gave each of us so much.

## CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Christmas Around the World was held this year November 30 and December 1.

The concert directed by Ed Austin, assisted by Delynne Peay and Peggy Wright was deemed a great success. This year's concert premiered 12 new dances including dances from Poland, Israel, Mexico, Italy and Canada. The group also premiered 5 new sets of costumes.

On Saturday, December 1 at a reception after the concert, we welcomed and greeted a large group of alumni. Many we hadn't seen in some time. We enjoyed seeing you and appreciate your support!

Put us on your calendar now for tentatively the first weekend in December, 1991.

## SPRING TOUR

The Performing Arts Company will be on tour March 15-24, 1991 in St. George, Utah; Las Vegas, Nevada; and various areas of Southern California. If you haven't seen the group in a while, we think you will be extremely pleased in what you see. The show continues to expand in repertoire and the group in ability and technique.

Included in the program will be the new suites performed in Christmas Around the World as well as a new Russian suite choreographed for the group this January by Richard Wacko of Edmonton, Canada. Favorites of the past 2-3 years will also be included. In all, folk dances from over 12 countries will be presented.

We invite you to come to one of our shows near your area. We would love to see you!

Please refer to the following agenda for dates, time, location, and contact number for further information.

### Southern California Tour March 15-23, 1991

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| March 15 | 8:00 pm | Dodge Center Auditorium<br>St. George, Utah                         | (801) 673-4811<br>x352 |
| March 16 | 7:30 pm | Cashman Theatre<br>Las Vegas, Nevada                                | (702) 254-8735         |
| March 18 | 7:30 pm | Sturges Center for<br>Performing Arts<br>San Bernardino, California | (714) 381-5037         |
| March 19 | 7:30 pm | Delano High School<br>Delano, California                            | (805) 725-7080         |
| March 20 | 7:30 pm | Oxnard Civic Auditorium<br>Oxnard, California                       | (805) 646-3240         |
| March 21 | 7:30 pm | Lanterman Hall<br>La Canada, California                             | (818) 240-1948         |
| March 22 | 7:30 pm | Riverside Municipal<br>Auditorium<br>Riverside, California          | (714) 681-3010         |
| March 23 | 7:30 pm | Valley High School<br>Santa Ana, California                         | (714) 964-2139         |

## DANUTA JAMPOLSKA

Exciting news reached us this past week. Danuta Jampolska, our guide in Poland on our 1989 USSR-Poland tour, was baptized in Warsaw on Dec. 27, 1990. Danuta was especially helpful to the group and was lots of fun. She has maintained contact with the group and has a special friendship with Cathy Black, Modern Dance faculty, who accompanied us that year as Public Relations person.

We are thrilled for Danuta and look forward to her visit to the states in June.

## FUTURE PERFORMANCES

The Folk Dancers will be performing at Kingsbury Hall in Salt Lake City on March 8, 1991 prior to their Southern California tour. Also a performance at Promised Valley Playhouse April 5, 1991 will be presented in conjunction with conference.

The first weekend in May the group will fly back to Binghamton, New York to perform and participate in the Two Rivers Ethnic Festival for the 5th year in a row. This is a much anticipated performance and a highlight of each year.

Our American Folk Dance Ensemble is preparing for a six week trip to Southern France, Spain and Portugal. This group will be directed by Assistant Director, Delynne Peay. It will be mostly a festival tour with several full concerts at the end in Portugal and Spain.

Spring PAC continues to be a successful program. This is our specific opportunity to train students for entrance into the Performing Arts Co. as well as provide an excellent opportunity to educate young people in Elementary Schools and Junior Highs. This year's Spring PAC is being directed by faculty member, Colleen Anderson, assisted by students Mark Jensen and Blain Empey. The 32 students in this year's group will present 75 programs during the month of May.

## MARY BEE JENSEN SCHOLARSHIP

This year's (1990-91) recipients of the Mary Bee Jensen scholarship are Nancy Whetten and Mark Jensen.

Nancy is a senior in History from Mesa, Arizona. She is in her third year on the Performing Arts Company. She is a beautiful dancer and a very good teacher.

Mark is a senior in Business Management from Brigham City, Utah. He is also in his third year on the Performing Arts Company. (He teaches in the program assisting the Spring PAC group the past two years.)

With increasing education costs we are happy to help a couple of our students. We would like to help more -- but we can't do it without your help!

We appreciate your support and contributions and ask for continued assistance.

Please send your contributions to:

Mary Bee Jensen Endowment  
261 RB  
Brigham Young University  
Provo, UT 84602

We like to hear from you and learn of your activities and lives. Please continue to keep us up to date. We especially appreciate those who let us know of address changes. If you are not receiving any information from us, or know of someone who isn't -- let us know their/your current address.

From the Folk Dance Division, Directors, and Dancers, we wish you all a very happy New Year with great hopes for greater understanding and peace among all peoples in the world.