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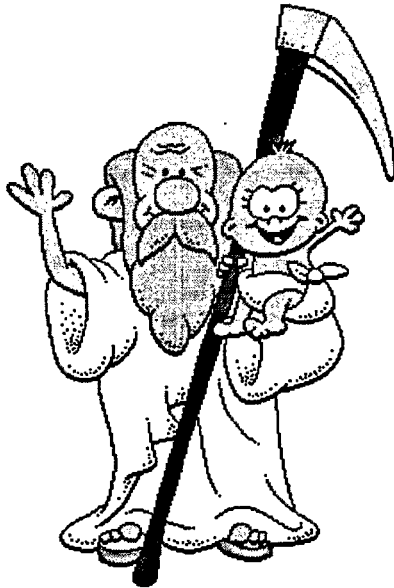
Winter Edition

Alumni Newsletter

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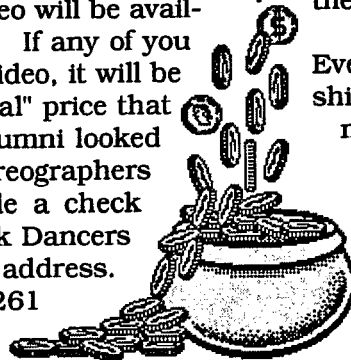
Christmas Around the World—Alumni Reunion deemed great success! A big heartfelt thanks to you all for helping us make this event happen. Thanks also to the many who traveled (some quite a distance) to be with us. It was wonderful to see you and renew old friendships. It had been a long time since we had seen some of you and we were thrilled to have you here. Those of you who couldn't make it this time; we missed you. We hope we will see you next time.



Over 10,000 people attended the concert on Thursday and Friday evenings. An additional 9,000 elementary students attended a special matinee. It was one of the most successful concerts ever.

Special thanks to the Reunion Committee for the superb job they did in putting everything together. We couldn't have done it without them. We especially want to thank Bryce Bassett for heading up the festivities and Yayoi Matsuoka Swapp for keeping it all so well-organized.

The '94 Christmas Around the World video is in the process of being finished. This video will be available to the alumni after March 10. If any of you are interested in purchasing this video, it will be available for \$25.00 (this is the "real" price that students pay). By the way, the alumni looked super in their numbers. Your choreographers were very pleased. Please include a check made payable to International Folk Dancers with your request and return address. Send it to Folk Dance Office, 261 RB-BYU, Provo, UT 84602.



Message from Mary Bee

Christmas came early with the 35th Christmas Around the World and the Alumni Reunion. As I met each of you I received a gift of memories. Each experience - of which you were a part - seemed like yesterday. Kristen Pinegar said in her narration: "The great charm of the Christmas season is not one particular place or time, but a feeling of warmth, generosity, sincerity and goodwill."

How important you each were to carry this message to the people and cultures of the world. Thank you for one of the most inspirational and happy occasions of my life.

Mary Bee Jensen

Bits and Pieces

The Performing Arts Company will be In Concert at the Dance Studio Theater, 166 RB on April 15, 1995. There will be two concerts—a 4pm matinee and a 7:30pm evening performance. We hope to see many of you there. Seating is limited, so tickets will go fast. Tickets go on sale April 10. You can purchase them in person at the ticket office, 165 RB, or you can obtain them by telephone, 801-378-5859, between the hours of 1-4pm each day.

Message from Bryce Bassett Alumni Reunion Chairman 1994

For one weekend in December, more than 200 folk dance alumni returned to BYU to remember the good old days. What a thrill it was to be out on the floor of the Marriott Center once again after all these years!

Even more fun was the chance to renew old friendships. The parties at alumni homes on Friday night after the show turned out to be the highlight of the weekend. On Saturday there was dancing, food (including Y-sparkle and mint brownies, of course), and a special program to honor Mary Bee, Ed, and others who have given their lives to the program. It brought back lots of memories of what Folk Dancers has meant to each of us.

To all who came to the reunion, thanks for making the effort. It was great to see you again. To those who couldn't make it this time, we missed you. Everyone agrees— let's not wait another 15 years before we do this again. (Ed is now accepting applications for the next reunion chairman or woman!)

I'd like to give a special thanks to our alumni committee, party hosts, alumni choreographers, and the many others who worked to make the reunion a terrific success.

See you next time!

Bryce Bassett
Reunion '94, Chair

PS. Videos, t-shirts, and photos ordered at the reunion should be sent out soon...thanks for being patient. We waited for all the orders before beginning.

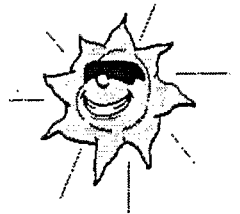
Editor's Note: This has been a monumental task for all involved and we appreciate them!

Ensemble Idaho/Oregon Tour March 10—March 18, 1995

- March 10 Burley, Idaho - Burley High School 7:30 pm
Contact: Kristine Handy (208) 678-0318
- March 11 Nampa, Idaho - Nampa Civic Center
5:30 pm & 8:00 pm
Contact: Martin Thorne (208)466-3682
- March 13 Hermiston, Oregon - Hermiston High School
7:00 pm
Contact: Ann Fialka (503) 567-3928
- March 14 Grants Pass, Oregon - Grant's Pass
High School 7:30 pm
Contact: Dave Stanger (503) 479-2667
or (503) 476-6257
- March 15 Corvallis, Oregon - LaSells Stewart Center,
Oregon State Univ. 7:30 pm
Contact: Tom Sherry (503) 758-1777
or (503) 757- 0358
- March 16 Salem, Oregon - Elsanore Theater 7:00 pm
Contact: Jack Beebee (503)375-0982
- March 17 Hood River, Oregon - Hood River Middle School
1:30 pm & 8:00 pm
Contact: Wayne Webster (503) 386-4947
- March 18 Nyssa, Oregon - Nyssa High School
Auditorium 8:00 pm
Contact: Marie Wilson (503) 372-2981

Summer Tour

The group will be traveling to Eastern Canada and the Central United States July 3 through August 2. Some of the cities they will be performing at will include the Drummondville Festival in Drummondville, Quebec, Canada, Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo, New York; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Cleveland, Ohio; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; as well as Chicago, several places in Michigan and Toronto, Canada. Look for them at a city near you!



Alumni Directory Available

Nearly 1400 alumni are listed in a directory with current address and phone, plus a cross-index by maiden name and tours. Send \$10 to the office. (The address is listed above.) Get your copy so you can keep in touch! (We have found some errors as is often the case with big projects. We will be correcting those that we are aware of and will send out some sort of addendum to those who have the directory in the future. Thanks to those who continue to send us updated addresses and if you move, be sure to keep us informed!)

Scholarship Recipients 1994-95

Heidi Nielson (Mariteragi), Mary Bee Jenson
Endowment
Kyley Jex, Mary Bee Jenson Endowment
Amy Thurston, Excellence in the Folk Arts
Thomas Sutton, Excellence in the Folk Arts
John Allen, Excellence in the Folk Arts
Rebecca Horton, Viltis
Wendy Callister, Viltis



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