

Folk Dancers on the Move

This is going to be another stellar semester for the ensemble. Already they have performed for Lord Chamberlain to the Queen of Denmark. In March they will be performing at the Fine Arts Ball in honor of Margaret Thatcher's visit to campus to receive an honorary doctorate and United Kingdom Week. The dancers have also been invited to perform at the annual tour participants meeting for President Bateman and all the performance groups representing BYU this summer.

Their final two performances, *In Concert*, will be at the BYU Dance Theater on April 13th at 4:00p.m. and 7:30p.m. Tickets will be available beginning Monday, April 8, at the Dance Ticket Office between the hours

of 1-5p.m. daily. Tickets can also be reserved with a credit card over the phone at 801-378-5859. Seating is limited so get your tickets early.

The students will then take their 10th annual trip to Binghamton, New York to participate in the Two Rivers Ethnic Festival. This is a highlight for the dancers due to the great food (lots of it) and the wonderful people they get to associate with. A group will then continue on to Denmark for the spring tour of Scandinavia which will end in St. Petersburg, Russia after stops in Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland. The group is in perpetual motion until the first of June.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PERFORMANCE SITES

The Folk Dance Ensemble will be traveling and performing throughout Southern California March 15-24. They will be at the following sites:

Mar. 15	Dixie Center St. George 8:00 p.m.	Bob Dalton (801) 673-4811 Gail Bunker (801) 678-2076	Mar. 20	Charles E. Probst Center for Per. Arts Thousand Oak, CA 7:30 p.m.	John Hunter (805) 654-2236
Mar. 16	Ron Dalley Theatre Overton, NV 7:00 p.m.	Nelda Messer (702) 397-2512	Mar. 21	Oxnard Civic Center Oxnard, CA 7:30 p.m.	John Hunter (805) 654-2236
Mar. 18	Ca. Theatre for Perf. Arts San Bernardino, CA 8:00 p.m.	Colin Strange(909) 381-5037	Mar. 22	Escondido Center for Perf. Arts Escondido, CA 8:00 p.m.	Frank Millward(619) 444-8294
Mar. 19	Cheng Hall, Irvine Barclay Theatre Irvine, CA 7:00 p.m.	Tom Murray (714) 551-0506	Mar. 23	Valencia H. School Placentia, CA 7:30 p.m.	JoAnn Thorum (714) 529-0063

We hope to see many of you there!

Donations Are Coming In

We extend our heartfelt thanks to those of you who have so generously donated money to the Folk Dancers as a result of Bryce Bassett's challenge to the alumni. We hope many more of you might feel inclined to open up your hearts and pockets and donate. This is such a tremendous assistance for students as they go through school and work jobs to fulfill all their many commitments.

One simple way to "kill two birds with one stone" is to donate to the Folk Dance Program when you donate to BYU as you receive an annual request from the Development Office. Just indicate on the form they send you that you would like to donate to the **Mary Bee Jensen Endowment Acct. # 30-187-272** or the **Folk Dance Alumni Scholarship Acct. #6-29395**. Suggested amount: \$25.00...or of course...more.

We certainly appreciate your support of the programs and students in the Folk Dance Ensemble.

Lost Alumni

In just the short space of one year we have "lost" the following people:

Caroline Johnston
Troy Taylor
Bobbie Bullock Anderson
Michael Horito
Gina Scribner Gines
Robert C. Anderson
Jason & Lynell Patten Lemon
Susan Jensen Kiser
Norm & Cyndi Pullins Brower
Grant Bromley Hodson
Jeremy Hoopes
Shanna Smith
Glen Boulter
Linda Donahoo

If any of you know where these alumni are, please drop us a note. Thank you to those who have already sent in address changes. And please—keep them coming!

If you want continuous folk dance information...join the **National Folk Dance Organization of the United States (NFO)**. Learn from others who are doing the same kinds of things you're interested in and receive quarterly newsletters networking you with creative and knowledgeable people.

Christmas Around the World

This year's concert was another smashing success for well over ten thousand viewers. The performance opened with a stunning new women's piece, *Chu Diao*, from China. Also premiered were *Shawl Dance* and *Quadrille* from Russia with some hot clogging from two guest groups from Utah and Idaho as well as our own BYU dancers. It was delightful to see Don and Mary Bee Jensen as always. A special treat for those who have danced since 1987 was the presence of Bob and Millie Truesdell, our very gracious hosts from the *Two Rivers Ethnic Festival* in Binghamton, New York. We had a wonderful time hosting them here during the week.

JOIN NFO TODAY!

Call Ed Austin for more information:
801-378-3384

Costumes For Sale

If you are interested in purchasing a set of costumes for a school, community group, a dance festival--or maybe just for yourself--please contact Colleen Anderson, 801-378-3271. We will negotiate and do our best to meet any reasonable offers. The following costumes are now available:

Russia

16 Women's Birch Tree (blue) no blouse

Israel

10 Men's shirts and pants
11 Women's dresses
and--
15 Men's red shirts
15 Women's Red dresses

Philippines

6 Men's shirts

Mexico

9 men's shirts (Vera Cruz)
8 Women's Lacey blouses (Vera Cruz)
9 Women's silky plain blouses (Vera Cruz)
4 Women's silky skirts-set (Vera Cruz)
3 Women's skirts-set (Vera Cruz)
6 Women's skirts-set (Vera Cruz)
7 Plain black aprons (Vera Cruz)

Poland

16 Women's white Krakowiak blouses (originals)

United States

15 Women's pink clog dresses
12 Men's pink clog shirts
6 Men's pioneer shirts
6 Women's pioneer dresses
25 Men's western plaid shirts
20 Men's western shirts (white w/red trim)
42 Men's western shirts (red w/white trim)
32 Men's western shirts (turquoise w/white trim)
9 Men's western shirts (black w/white trim)
12 Women's appalachian dresses
12 Men's applachian shirts
10 Women's Satin pink poodle skirts
6 Women's white sweaters
4 Women's pink jitterbug jumpers
5 Scarves
9 Women's belts
12 Men's cardigan Sweaters (jitterbug)

Faculty Take Time Off

Susanne Davis is on Professional Development Leave this winter semester. She has joined the ranks of the 27,000+ BYU students on campus as she takes classes in Anthropology. Colleen

Anderson is acting as the Division Administrator in her place.

Peggy Little Wright is also taking the semester off due to having a baby. She and Kevin

had their fourth daughter on January 29, 1996. Her name is Kalinja Chanelle.

We wish both Susanne and Peggy well in these ambitious endeavors.

Jeanette Karnil Geslison, our newest faculty member, had a little boy in November. His name is Isaac Nikulas. The baby was named by his big sister, 4-year-old Alina, with the Icelandic spelling for his father's heritage.

Folk Music Ensemble -- Invited to Folkloriada

The musicians of the International Folk Dance Ensemble have been invited to represent the United States at the first world folk festival, Folkloriada. It will be held July 12-21, 1996, in Brunssum, the Netherlands. The first gathering of 67 member nations of the International Council of Folk Festival Organizations and Traditional Arts (CIOFF) will be a week of music, dance, artisans, and storytellers, etc. from throughout the globe. The musicians will travel with two dancers and have also accepted a separate invitation to Iceland.

(The Folk Ensemble continues to blossom and develop under the direction of Mark Geslison. The group is beginning to fulfill Ed's dream -- to provide live music for the International repertoire. In Southern California, the group will add French-Canadian, English, Irish, and Macedonian to their American repertoire to enhance the concert while accompanying the dances.)

1995-1996 Scholarship Recipients

Mary Bee Jensen Endowment

Gary Larsen
Amy Thurston

Excellence in the Folk Arts

Kyley Jex
Dan Prestwich

Viltis Award

Tara Christopher
Winston Eiton

Cougar Clogging Classic '96

The 1996 Cougar Clogging Classic is scheduled this year for June 20-22. If you are interested in intermediate and advanced clogging techniques and dances, sign up now for this three-day weekend. It is a great way to meet and dance with instructors and students from throughout the country.

For information, call DaNae Anderson at 801- 378-4854.

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New Choreography From Hungary

Winter has also been culturally rewarding as guest instructors for Hungarian dance have been on campus knowledge with the ensemble and setting choreographies.

The first choreography is an interesting and unique style of Hungarian gypsy. This was taught and set by Rosina Didyk (BYU alumnus) and Istvan Szabo, both presently dancing with *AMAN*, Los Angeles, California.

The second group of dances was set by Caroline St. Martin and Bocz Arpad, both presently dancing with *MACKINAW*, Quebec, Canada. They brought a women's bottle dance from Mezöföld and set a new choreography of Szatmar dances. Mezöföldi Üveges, the bottle dance will be premiered on Midsemester tour in Southern California.