

# THE FOLK DANCER

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### THE FOLK DANCER

Int'l Folk Dance Ensemble  
Alumni Newsletter

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## FOLK ENSEMBLE PERFORMS FOR B.P.E.C.

This past weekend the group was flown to San Francisco and featured in the *Opening Event* of the B.P.E.C., Annual Business Partner Executive Conference, hosted by IBM. The dancers were seen by over 5,500 business executives representing 75 nations. The event itself was overseen by top and high-powered executives of IBM corporation.

Craig Low, a BYU alumnus, with the assistance of Pete Codella, Performing Arts Management, was responsible for connecting BYU with IBM.

The six-minute event was a complex, multimedia spectacle which integrated sophisticated lasers and other special effects. Of special interest, REI, BYU, and Mazda were featured. Two giant screens introduced the audience to BYU's website beginning with our homepage, and then, working its way through Arts & Museums, Performing Groups, International Folk Dance Ensemble and video clips, ended with the students performing *Cry of the Celts* (our Irish hardshoe) on stage.

It was extremely professional and high profile. Our division is hoping for future doors to open as a result of this single event. It is another opportunity that has put BYU in front of the world.

Those producing the event (stage managers, technicians, etc.), were extremely

impressed by the quality of the performance, and of the students. We left "hard-core" professionals with tears in their eyes. They relayed to us as we left, that they hoped for the day they could work with us again. They even said that they would "spread this experience around" to their colleagues. One of the stage managers had just finished working with *Lord of the Dance*, in Hawaii. She complimented the students over and over regarding the high quality of their performance. She also expressed, if one could start each day with people of our students' caliber, and what they represent, how the world would be a better place.

## AMERICAN FOLK DANCERS IN VIETNAM

May 6<sup>th</sup>-June 11<sup>th</sup> will find the American Folk Dance Ensemble in new and exciting territory as they travel to Viet Nam for performances in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) as well as Hanoi. The troupe will also be traveling to Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines.

May 8-10	Bangkok, Thailand
May 11-12	Chaing Mai, Thailand
May 13-14	Bogor, Indonesia
May 15-17	Jakarta, Indonesia
May 18-19	Jogyakarta, Indonesia
May 20-24	Singapore
May 25-27	Hanoi, Vietnam
May 28-29	Hue, Vietnam
May 30-June 3	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
June 4-10	Manila, Philippines

# FIND US ON THE WEB

Check out video clips and tour schedules of the Folk Dance Ensemble on the Internet. Just follow these simple steps to reach our homepage:

- 1a. First go to the BYU Homepage  
<http://www.byu.edu/home2.html>

OR

- 1b. Go directly to the Folk Dancers' Homepage by typing in the URL  
<http://ucs.byu.edu/alumni/pam/folkdanc.htm>
2. Select *Arts & Museums* from the right column.
3. Select *Performing Groups* from the right column.
4. From the Performing Arts Homepage you can go to the homepages of all BYU Performing Groups, i.e. International Folk Dance Ensemble, Ballroom Company, Theatre Ballet, Living Legends (Lamanite Generation), other dance companies and various groups from the music department.
5. Look up tour dates and locales, search for your face in the Quicktime Movies, peruse articles about recent tours, or head over to the Dance Department Homepage:  
<http://www.byu.edu/~ddance/>
6. Write us with any other information you would like to see, care of Vickie Austin, 259 R.B.-BYU, Provo, UT 84602

## Mid-semester Tour 1998

New Mexico and Texas

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| March 13 <sup>th</sup><br>7:30 p.m. | Red Rocks<br>Stake Park Auditorium<br>Churchrock, NM<br>Keith Harris<br>(505) 863-6607 |
| March 14 <sup>th</sup><br>7:30 p.m. | Shuler Theater<br>Raton, NM<br>Barbara Carlini<br>(505) 445-2052                       |
| March 16 <sup>th</sup><br>7:30 p.m. | Lubbock Mem. Civic Center<br>Lubbock, TX<br>Bill Shannon<br>(806) 795-2865             |
| March 17 <sup>th</sup><br>7:30 p.m. | San Angelo Civic Aud.<br>San Angelo, TX<br>Zoe Gibby<br>(915) 658-5780                 |
| March 18 <sup>th</sup><br>7:30 p.m. | Socorro HS Auditorium<br>El Paso, TX<br>Keith J. McClellan<br>(915) 852-2156           |
| March 19 <sup>th</sup><br>7:30 p.m. | Flickenger Center Perf. Arts<br>Alamogordo, NM<br>Susie Hall<br>(505) 437-2202         |
| March 20 <sup>th</sup><br>7:30 p.m. | Kiva Auditorium<br>Albuquerque, NM<br>Ray Segó<br>(505) 865-4541                       |
| March 21 <sup>st</sup><br>7:30 p.m. | Henderson Perf. Arts Center<br>Farmington, NM<br>Bob Gandrup<br>(505) 599-0462         |

The Utah Arts Council will sponsor the following performances:

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| February 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Kanab, UT      |
| February 28 <sup>th</sup> | St. George, UT |
| April 27 <sup>th</sup>    | Vernal, UT     |

Of course, you don't want to miss the final concert of the season for the general public. The International Folk Dance Ensemble IN CONCERT will be presented April 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the BYU Dance Studio Theater located in the Richards Building. Tickets will be available beginning Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Dance Ticket Office between the hours of 1-4 p.m. daily. Tickets can also be reserved with a credit card over the phone at 1-801-378-5859. Remember, seating for this concert is very limited.

## Saturday Folk Dance Parties

If you live near Salt Lake City, come visit a Folk Dance party at The First Unitarian Church, located at 569 South 1300 East. A party is held one Saturday of each month, featuring recreational folk dancing to both live and recorded music.

Those who come typically bring a potluck "snack" dish, such as chips & dip, cookies, brownies, salads, or ethnic food. A \$3 donation (per person) covers facility use and live music. For more information, call (801) 486-6723.

You can also go to the U of U Union Ballroom on Monday nights for folk dancing from 7:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Contact Margaret Strickland for Monday night F.D. information at (801) 487-8036.

*Saturday F.D. Party dates:*

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| March 7 <sup>th</sup> | April 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| May 9 <sup>th</sup>   | June 13 <sup>th</sup>  |

# Resources

## New Books

*Holidays, Festivals & Celebrations of the World Dictionary*, 2nd edition. Edited by Helene Henderson and Sue Ellen Thompson. 1997. More than 2,000 observances from all 50 states and more than 100 nations. Popular, secular, and religious events. 822 pages, \$84. Order from Omnigraphics, Inc., 1/800/234-1340.

*Polish Folk Dances and Songs: A Step by Step Guide*, by Ada Dziewanowska. This long awaited work is considered to be the most comprehensive in the English language on the subject. 800 pages with more than 400 illustrations of dance movements, over 90 music transcriptions with lyrics in Polish and English plus translation and pronunciation. 3352 N. Hackett Ave., Milwaukee WI 53211; 414/964-8444.

*Musical Instruments of the World, an Illustrated Encyclopedia*, by the Diagram Group (New York: Facts on File Inc., 1976). This great resource has more than 4000 drawings of a global range of traditional, historic, and contemporary instruments from all cultures, divided into the instrument types of aerophones, idiophones, membranophones, chordophones, mechanical and electrical instruments, and more. Available commercially and from music education catalogs, \$19.95.

## New Videos

"Russia: Hidden Memory." This is a delightful documentary shot on location in small villages in Russia highlighting the people, their music, and dance. Most recently seen on PBS. \$19.95 plus \$2.95 for shipping and handling from the Office of Technology Transfer, A-268 ASB, BYU, Provo, Utah 84606-1231; 801/378-6266.

"Bulgarian Folk Dances Introduced by Yves Moreau," Volume I & II, Folkloro Balkana. These tapes show Yves demonstrating some of the Bulgarian dances he has presented to the folk dance community since 1967. He does not teach, but shows each dance as he originally taught it. Cost is \$35, and accompanying audio tape is \$10. Please add \$5 for postage and handling. Yves Moreau, PO Box 158, St-Lambert, Quebec, Canada JP 3N8, e-mail: [yvmoreau@odyssee.net](mailto:yvmoreau@odyssee.net)

"Living Ethnic Dances for Kids & Teachers." Sanna Longden's third video. This instructional video shows Sanna teaching kids and folk dancers, as usual, but also shows context and styling with scenes from real ethnic events. \$32.95 from FolkStyle Productions, 1402 Elinor Place, Evanston, IL 60201; (847) 328-7793; [SannaMars@aol.com](mailto:SannaMars@aol.com) Has free syllabus and accompanying audiotape, \$8; CD in production.

**July 3-12** – FESTIVAL MONDIALE DE FOLKLORE DE DRUMMONDVILLE, Drummondville, Québec. CIOFF Rep Maurice Rheume, 405 St. Jean St., Drummondville, Québec J2B 5L7, (819) 472-1184

**July 7-12** – WORLDFEST FESTIMONDE CORNWALL, Cornwall, Ontario. CIOFF Rep Guy Landry, C.P. Succursale Delorimier, Montréal (Québec) H2H 2N6, (514) 524-8552

**July 11-18** – SPRINGVILLE WORLD FESTIVAL, Springville, UT. Write to the Festival at 50 South Main, Springville, UT 84663

**July 16-26** – FOLKMOOT USA, Waynesville, NC. Write to the Festival at PO Box 523, Waynesville, NC 28786

**August 1-8** – INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL, Rexburg, ID. Contact Donna Benfield, (208) 356-5700, e-mail [rexc@cyberhighway.net](mailto:rexc@cyberhighway.net), or [www.rexcc.com](http://www.rexcc.com)

**1998** – CARBON COUNTRY INTERNATIONAL FOLKFEST, Helper, UT. Write to the Festival at 100 Stack Street, Helper, UT 84526

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## NORTH AMERICAN FESTIVALS

(Hosting performance groups from abroad)

We thought many of you might like to visit one of these excellent festivals during the coming months. Recall old memories and let your families see what folk dance is all about.

**April/May** – SILVER DOLLAR CITY'S INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL, Branson, MO. Write to the Festival at Box 791, Branson, MO 65616

**May 8-15** – INTERNATIONAL FOLKFEST MURFREESBORO, Murfreesboro, TN. CIOFF Rep Steve Cates, 1019 East Northfield Boulevard, Murfreesboro, TN 37310, [APPDANCER@ad.com](mailto:APPDANCER@ad.com), (615) 890-6450



## New sflash

This fall we will be working on a new suite of Scottish national dances with Reuel Zielke, director of the Caledonian Scottish Dancers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He visited BYU in February to get a feel for our program, and was quite excited by what he saw.

We are also thrilled to bring back Ahmet Lüleci, a renowned Turkish dancer and choreographer, who is putting together a new suite of Black Sea (Kara-Denis) dances for us. Ahmet "set" the Artvin Dansları suite on our group almost a decade ago, and he looks forward to working with the ensemble again.

# Alumni Directory Update

We continue to update the folk dance alumni directory. By the time 1999 rolls around we would love to have it as correct and up-to-date as possible. If you have any changes in your address or phone number, or have any information about one of our "lost souls", please send your information to Vickie Austin, 259 RB-BYU, Provo, UT 84602. And don't forget to include *E-Mail addresses*. Thanks to those who have kept us informed. You have been a great help.

## Here is our current "lost" list:

*Robert C. Anderson*  
*Richard C. Anderson T67*  
*Marcia Nash Arter T72-Germany*  
*Douglas R Barker T70*  
*Angus Barnes T79*  
*Paul Beck*  
*Robin Mercer Beck*  
*Mark Bennett T83*  
*Larry Bickmore T72-Yugoslavia*  
*Charles N Blake T76*  
*William A Bond T71*  
*Glen Boulter*  
*Norm & Cyndi Pullins Brower T78*  
*Gaye Brown T82*  
*Thomas Brown T79*  
*Barry Bullock*  
*Del Cabe T83*  
*Clayton Chamberlain T89-Japan*  
*Manuel & Patricia Chavez T80, 81*  
*Kim Booth Christensen*  
*Greg Duerden T71*  
*Robert Erickson T72-Germany*

*George Estacapio T72-Germany*  
*Elizabeth Wright Turner*  
*Tiana Fatutalie T78*  
*Lowell & Yvonne Marray Glenn*  
*Jacques Gohier T72-Germany*  
*John & Karen Hafen*  
*Roni Hammond T72, 73*  
*Laurie Jordan Hansen*  
*Robert A Hawker T72-Germany*  
*Jan Hemming T82*  
*Susie Hinson Howard T64*  
*Elwyn N Hull*  
*David Jensen*  
*Michael Jensen T86, 89*  
*Lorna Johnston*  
*Dean Kerr T71*  
*Mark B Larsen*  
*Doug Lee*  
*Joan Larsen Lunt T71*  
*Lani Henderson Lynch*  
*Matthew Maclean*  
*Marilyn Blauer Mann*  
*Jay Martin*  
*Andy Martinez*  
*Rena McDaniel T78*  
*Beth Rains McGowen T85*  
*Randy Moe*  
*Steve Murdock T71*  
*Erik Neilson T75, 88*  
*Kirk Nielsen T77*  
*Kim & Geri Nielsen T68*  
*Chris Nokleby T68*  
*Maryann Miller Pearson T73*  
*Jack Peterson T71*  
*Brad Powell*  
*Justin Rucker*  
*Barbie Richardson Savage T80*  
*Tadd Schwendiman T87*  
*John Seymour T68*  
*Jack Spencer T72-Germany, 76*  
*Reed Stockdale T81*  
*Ben & Rachel Tolman Terry T95*  
*Ryan Thornton*  
*Michael Van Slooten T77*  
*Ralph Wahlquist T71*  
*Jeff Webster T72-Germany*  
*Matthew Webster*

## SEND US YOUR NEW ADDRESS!!!

### To Update Information

✂ clip this portion and send to Vickie Austin, 259 RB-BYU, Provo, Utah 84602

Name:  
Address:

Telephone:  
SS#:  
E-Mail:

(all SS# info for office records only)

### Other Addresses You Know

Name:  
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