

Fall 2001

Dear Folk Dance Alumni,

This fall is so packed with events and projects that this fall's newsletter is going to be—a letter! Many of the items below will be highlighted with more detailed descriptions in the winter edition of *THE FOLKDANCER*.

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## Highlights—

**This past summer** the ensemble danced with all their hearts for seven wonderful weeks in Canada, Belgium, The United Kingdom and Ireland. The tour reached out to many Church members, and also to many non-LDS at two major festivals—Drummondville in Quebec, Canada, and Billingham in northern England.

**Gary Larsen** has returned to BYU this fall as a faculty member in the Folk Dance Division. It is wonderful to have him back for this year!

**The Performing Arts Company** will be featured during a segment of the Opening Ceremonies, Utah Winter Olympic Games 2002. In addition, they will perform in the Conference Center with 9 additional alumni couples in the Church production of *Light of the World*, which will coincide with the Olympic Games in February.

**Christmas Around the World** presents *A Celebration of Peace* Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. There will also be a Saturday afternoon performance in addition to our evening performances. A mosaic of Russian songs and dances will open this year's program. In addition, guest artists will perform the music of Hungary and French-Canada. New choreography will feature the Phillipines, South Africa, and Armenia.

Please join us at the special reception for alumni, past tour leaders, and special friends immediately following Saturday night's performance. It will be held in the Cougar Room located adjacent to the ticket office.

## How You Can See Us—

**CAW tickets** will be available beginning Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8 a.m. by calling the Marriott Center ticket office at 378-BYU1 or 1-800-322-BYU1. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday's matinee will begin at 2:00 p.m.

**Light of the World Tickets** are on sell now at the LDS Conference Center Events Ticket Office Center, with more than 100,00 tickets already sold, 801/240-0080. You can also order over the internet through [events.lds.org](http://events.lds.org). Then click on *Temple Square Events*. There is a limit of 10 tickets per customer.

**Turn on Your Television** to see us in the opening ceremonies of the Utah Winter Olympic Games, 2002.

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