

THE FOLK DANCER

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Int'l Folk Dance Ensemble
Alumni Newsletter

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WORLD Dance Events

The International Folk Dance Club would like to invite alumni in the vicinity of BYU to their last **Recreational Dance Night, March 21**, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in 270-278 RB. Dance old favorites, and learn new ones. We hope to see many of you there.

On **April 11** the Folk Dance teams will host the *Spring Festival of Nations* in the ballrooms of the Wilkinson Student Center. This family event begins at 8:00 pm after the students' international potluck dinner. A pre-show, (7:45 pm,) will feature the youth program, and an appearance from *Mountain Strings*, our folk music ensemble. Our festival will then highlight all of our folk dance teams concluding with the Spring

Performing Arts Company, (SPAC,) and some dancing with the audience. SPAC will showcase the program they will take into numerous elementary and junior high schools during the month of May. Don't miss this year-end event.

March 29 and 30 are the dates of this year's **International Folk Dance Ensemble "In Concert."** This will be their only local performance this Spring. The two concerts will be held at Timpanogos High School, 7:30 pm, at 150 E 1439 N in Orem. Tickets go on sale March 5, at the Music Ticket Office in the Harris Fine Arts Center, 378-4322. You may also purchase tickets, if still available, at the door 45 minutes before each show. Tickets are general admission.

Canada and beyond

This summer the International Folk Dance Ensemble will once again travel to the World Folk Festival in Drummondville, Quebec to help celebrate their 20th Anniversary. Only the favorite groups of the past twenty years have been invited to participate. Afterwards, the troupe will travel to Belgium and the British Isles. The dancers and musicians will perform selections from their International repertoire. The ensemble will appear in such places as London, Liverpool, and Preston, England; Aberdeen, Dundee and Edinburgh, Scotland and for the first time ever in Dublin and Belfast, Ireland. They will end this exciting tour at one of our favorite places, the Billingham International Folk Festival. The Billingham Festival has distinguished our students by inviting the troupe to perform their entire international show at the festival! The group will depart July 5th and return August 19th, just in time for pre-school workshop.

Zoltán Nagy Visits BYU

February 22 & 23 we were lucky to have Zoltán Nagy, Hungarian dance and research specialist from Budapest, Hungary, come to BYU. "Zoli" was here in Utah by an invitation from a Hungarian dance group in Salt Lake City, where he taught a two-night workshop at the U of U. We invited "Zoli" to come here to BYU to teach 1) new dance material for our new Hungarian dance class, 2) work with some of our Performing Arts Company men on "Legenyés", and 3) to give a lecture in our D-477 "Cultural Aspects of Dance" class. It was very inspiring to learn from him.

Instructor Wanted:

Bob Clark ('59-'60) is looking for a folk dance alumnus living near Ogden, UT to assist him this year with an established folk dance team comprised of Weber State University students. Established in 1978, they have a large repertoire of dances and costumes. The assistantship could work into a directorship of the group.

For more details contact Bob at (801)479-4330 or email at toff7@home.com.

The position will require time and dedication to the program.

TOUR HISTORIES

Ed has been organizing his office once again, (look out!) and in the process has discovered that we have extra histories of some specific tour years. These histories will be sold on a first request basis -- \$3.00 for postage and handling. There are also extra copies of the 1999 Christmas Around the World concert. They will be available for \$5.00 -- Wow! (The live sound on the tapes are poor quality, but the taped music and the visual are excellent.) The tour histories available include:

Summer Tours Histories

1967	1
1971	1
1974	11
1980	1
1989(Japan)	3
1989(USSR/England)	2
1990	5
1992	3
1995	2
1996	2

SPAC Histories

1992	1
1996	4

.. also available for purchase are the 1999 Alumni Directory for \$6.50, and the teaching CD, Folk Classics I, for \$20.00. Please make all checks payable to **BYU Folk Dance** and send to: International Folk Dance, 261 RB-BYU, Provo, UT 84602. Please include your current address with the order.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST TOUR-2001

The Performing Arts Company will travel to Idaho and Washington for their annual mid-semester tour. We hope to

see many of you at one of the following venues:

Nampa, Idaho

Friday, March 9th, 6:00 pm and 8:15 pm
Nampa Performing Arts Center

Richland, Washington

Saturday, March 10th, 7:30 pm
Richland High School Auditorium

Vancouver, Washington

Sunday, March 11th, 7:00 pm
Fireside, Vancouver Stake Center

Monday, March 12th, 7:00 pm
Skyview High School Auditorium

Seattle, Washington

Tuesday, March 13th, 7:00 pm
Jane Adams School Auditorium

Bremerton, Washington

Wednesday, March 14th, 7:30 pm
Bremerton High School Auditorium

Tacoma, Washington

Thursday, March 15th, 7:30 pm
Temple Theater

Olympia, Washington

Friday, March 16th, 7:30 pm
Washington Center for the Performing Arts

Mattawa, Washington

Saturday, March 17th, 7:30 pm
Mattawa High School Gym

For more information regarding local contacts to furnish you with ticket information, call Lynn Elliott at Performing Arts Management, 1-800-432-3576.

Irish Dance Offered at BYU

In the last two to three years we have been able to build our ethnic dance class series in the Irish dance technique. Tina (Edlinger) Shelley has built and created these classes for us. One year ago she

traveled to L.A. for a week of Irish dance exams. The results were then sent to Ireland where the Irish Dance Committee reviewed her results and passed her. Tina is now an official certified Irish Dance teacher. For the past two years our students have filled beginning, intermediate and advanced classes. These classes have greatly strengthened our dancers in the program.

WEB SITES TO REMEMBER

www.byu.edu/dance/folk/default.htm
Alumni Website

www.nfo-usa.org
National Folk Dance Org. of the U.S.

pam.byu.edu/folkdanc.htm
Performance Management Website

www.byu.edu/~ddance/
BYU Dance Department Website.

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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*.

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 England.

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

The Performing Arts Company will be featured during a segment of the Opening Ceremony, 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 30th, and Saturday, December 1st. 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 Phillippines, 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 3rd, 8am. 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. 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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