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**BYU** ALUMNI

## SUMMER DANCE CAMPS



@BYUFolkDance

**T**his summer send your children on an adventure of music, culture, dance and fast paced rhythms at either the International Folk Dance Camp or the Clogging, Tap and Step Dance Camp. Or, how about both? Each camp is a unique experience sure to be the highlight of your children's summer. Comments from those who have attended in the past include: "I had a blast! It was so much fun. I loved making new friends with other dancers and I learned a lot. I would love to come again." and "The counselors were super awesome, the instructors had great dances, the THEME was amazing, and the food was fantastic. Loved every minute of it." The directors, all former members of the International Folk Dance Ensemble, have enjoyed seeing so many of our alumni send their children to camp over the years and look forward to meeting many more. Registration for all dance camps opens on February 15. See links below for more details.

International Folk Dance Camp, June 19-21, 2017  
[https://dancecamps.byu.edu/folk\\_dance](https://dancecamps.byu.edu/folk_dance)

Clogging, Tap, and Step Dance Camp, June 22-24, 2017, <https://dancecamps.byu.edu/clogging>



## TRADITIONZ

**Traditionz, (formerly known as SPAC), is in full swing again, preparing a show called "Migrations" for Spring 2017!**

"Migrations" features music, dances, games, and stories from the Phillipines, Mexico, Turkey, Czech Republic, Israel, India, Hungary, the USA, Uganda, and Ukraine, as we explore how dances travel the world with people as they move from place to place.

Performance dates are May 2-May 26.

We still have a little bit of room in our schedule, so if you would like more information about scheduling a performance, contact Vickie Austin at [traditionz@byu.edu](mailto:traditionz@byu.edu), or visit us on the web at [traditionz.byu.edu](http://traditionz.byu.edu). If you would like to attend our showcase in the RB, please join us April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in room 278

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT | DENNIS WRIGHT



*DANCED 1985-1991*

## Q&A

### **How did you get involved with FD?**

When I was a senior in high school I went to Christmas Around the World and loved it! One of my friends who had graduated a year before me was in it and I thought to myself "I'm going to do that someday". The next fall I auditioned on the first day of classes and made 9 WILK. I was in three dances the next Christmas around the World!

### **How long did you dance?**

One year before my mission including the first official Spring PAC (1985). Then for almost four years after.

I did Spring PAC again (1988), Russia-Poland-England tour (1989), New England-Canada tour(1990), Portugal-Spain-France tour(1991).

### **Favorite Experience/ Memory?**

SO many!

I loved Spring PAC, Binghamton Folk Festival in New York, every Christmas Around the World, Mid-Semester Tours, Firesides, and International Tours. A couple of stand outs - Taking pictures in front of St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow, Performing in Warsaw Poland, and one magical outdoor performance during that same trip (I can't remember the name of the town) where the audience was seriously electric!

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT (CONTINUED)

### How has Folk Dance influenced your life?

Being a Folk Dancer gave me amazing opportunities, a chance to strengthen my talents, and the opportunity to meet lifelong friends. I love staying in contact with all of my folk dance friends! (One of my partners is now the director!) I will be forever grateful for the years I spent as a dancer learning, performing, and growing at BYU.

### What are you doing now?

This Fall I started my dream job as a professor at BYU teaching costume design in the Theatre Department. After twenty years out of Utah I am thrilled to be back! I love working with students and being able to do what I love in such an amazing environment.

I also have a daughter who is now a folk dancer and will be performing with this year's Traditionz team (Spring PAC) in May.



## MARY BEE JENSEN IS TURNING 100



**M**ary Bee Jensen's 100th Birthday Party is set for Saturday, May 20th at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Dr. Clayne and Elouise Jensen, 3131 N. Cottonwood Lane in Provo. Along with good friends and fun memories, there will be a special performance by "Traditionz", the Spring Performing Arts Company. It will be a night to remember and EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Any questions relating to the party please call Jim Jensen (801) 690-5631.

(More details to follow in an alumni email around April so please be on the lookout for that!)

## INTERNATIONAL FOLD DANCE ENSEMBLE

IFDE will be very busy this spring, traveling both here in the U.S. and abroad. Their entire performance schedule can be found at:

<https://pam.byu.edu/group/international-folk-dance-ensemble/?P=performance-schedule>.

### IFDE HIGHLIGHTS

- They traveled to Nevada and northern California Feb. 24-Mar. 5. They would love to see alumni support them at their shows. bring your friends, too!
- On March 30th they will perform at the Covey Center in Provo, Utah. This will be their only local performance this spring. For tickets and information please visit:

<http://www.provo.org/community/covey-center-for-the-arts> or call: 801-852-7007.

- Finally, they will be in Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam May 1-24, 2017. They will be in Hua Hin, Pattaya, and Bangkok, Thailand; Siem Rip and Phnom Penh, Cambodia; and Ho Chi Min City and Hanoi, Vietnam. A highlight will be a benefit performance for the Nokor Tep Women's Hospital in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Other highlights include workshops with the Ho Chi Minh City School of Dance in Vietnam,

and the Vietnam Dance College in Hanoi.  
**OTHER IFDE UPCOMING EVENTS**

Filming of "Suzy", an American clogging video in March. Watch for this to be published on their YouTube Channel.

Several student performers will be sent to folk dance workshops this summer for experiential learning at either Stockton Folk Dance Camp or Ti Ti Tabor Hungarian Folk Dance Camp. Anyone can attend these camps, so check out their websites and dust off your dancing shoes!

<http://www.folkdancecamp.org/> and <http://www.tititabor.org/>

### SPRINGVILLE WORLD FOLK FEST

Don't miss the Springville World Folk Fest and the Bountiful Summerfest! *(Both in Utah)*

<http://www.worldfolkfest.dreamhosters.com/>

<http://bdac.org/summerfest-2016/>

### **Questions, Suggestions, Comments, please contact:**

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