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Christmas Around the World



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Tonight we welcome 100 talented young dancers selected to dance in *Fiafiaga Samoa*. Inspired by the participation of youth who danced in *Remembering the Prophet Joseph*, held this past summer, all of these young people come from Utah County. They are directed by Fili and Pania Sagapolutele.



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Folk Music Ensemble Members Travis Hall, Banjo Aaron Stewart, Percussion Amanda Bush, Celtic Harp Brittany Bush, Mandolin



The Performing Arts Company, our premier performing group, boasts 42 dancers, musicians and technicians. They are students who come from throughout the United States, Mexico and Korea. In addition to these talented performers, over 150 other students are involved in this production, making it the largest program of its kind in the nation.

For information regarding contributions to assist our students, please contact the World Dance Division, Brigham Young University, 290 Richards Building, Provo, UT 84602 or call (801) 422-5086.

International Folk Dance Ensemble 2005



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A Festival of Light

Scotland

Introduction and Prelude Soloist: Kimberly Couper

Macedonia

Sto Mi E Milo I Drago (All That is Kind and Dear to Me) embodies the rich, dissonant sounds of Macedonian folk songs and continues to be one of our favorites.

Traditional

Romania

Calusarii has been danced each Spring, primarily in southern Romania, for over 2,000 years. Groups of oath-bound men travel from house to house, leaping over children and those who are sick to bless and cure illness. The color red wards off the evil eye, while the sounds of bells and spurs frighten away iele (evil spirits).

Choreography: Joseph Kroupa, Cristian Florescu

Plaiuri Oltenesi contains two vigorous dances for women from the region of Oltenia: Sârba Pe Loc and Hora si Mereul.

Choreography: Sonia Dion and Cristian Florescu

Puerto Rico

Plena Boricua vibrates to the Caribbean sounds of African drums as the islanders party in the cabanas or on the warm, sandy beaches. Choreography: Celia Aguayo

Lithuania

Lenciugelis is a flirtatious dance between several young ladies who end up teasing one slightly overconfident young man. As he attempts to choose them all, the women decide that he shall have none of them.

Choreography: Traditional Staged by: Emilee Wright

Soloists: Myungin (Eddie) Cha, Tina Campbell, Alison Larsen, Jenni Matthews, Erin Maxwell

Malunas Didysis, (The Grand Mill), portrays the arrival of the carts, the sifting of grain, and the images of gears, belts, and grindstones converting grain into flour for bread. The final images is a representation of the mill itself.

Choreography: Traditional Staged by: Emilee Wright

India

Natyamalika is a fascinating blend of Indian dance styles. A traditional offering of flowers in the south Indian classical dance vocabulary of Bharata Natyam, leads to a festive north Indian folk celebration known as Bhangra.

Choreography: Shyamala Moorty

Hungary

Gypsy Aires is a modern interpretation of European Gypsy motifs. Original Composition: Mark Geslison, Nate Olson

Tubarozsa Csárdás, is an example of the popular Hungarian Csárdás danced in all regions of the country. Beginning with a traditional *Mars* (processional style dance), the men dance with strength and vigor, as the ladies prance flirtatiously about the floor. It ends with a flurry of spinning couples.

Original dance: Andor Ćzompo Choreography: Delynne Peay

Israel

Eretz Hakodesh reflects the youth in today's Israel: young, spirited and vital. It weaves a colorful tapestry of a diverse people in an ancient land. Choreography: Edwin G. Austin

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Republic of Ireland

David's Jig

Composed by: Natalie MacMaster Arranged by: Mark Geslison

Ireland's Best combines some of our favorite choices from our repertoire of Irish choreography: a tip reel; a slip jig and hard shoe from *Keltatak*; a soft shoe for three couples from *Celtic Crossings*; the hard shoe from *Cry of the Celts*.

Choreographers: Hillary Boeing, Tina Shelley, Johanna Lambert

Soloists: Amy McClain, Sarah Sanderson

United States

Polka Quadrille comes from our Pioneer Heritage Medley and celebrates the spirit of the Mormon Pioneer. A singing call directs the dancers through a variety of figures in this polka dance performed in a four-sided figure.

Choreography: Mary Bee Jensen

Caller: Matthew Neal

Monroe's Hornpipe extends this mountain gathering into an exciting rendition of Appalachian clogging as influences from Native Americans and black slaves combine with the jigs, clogs and step-dancing of our European forefathers.

Choreography: Kim Walker Wise

Adaptation: Cynthia Streeter, Rustin Van Katwyk

High Lonesome Angel

Traditional

Arranged by: Mark Geslison

Last Night exhibits the pure exhibitation of 21th century American clogging.

Original Dance: Scotty Bilz

Choreography: Gary Larsen, Delynne Peay

Adaptation: Edwin G. Austin

Special thanks to our students for their creative input.

Mexico

El Tilingo Lingo, is a fiesta of color representing the state of Veracruz, Mexico. Choreography: Delynne Peay

La Negra is one of the most popular dances from the state of Jalisco. It exemplifies the explosive spirit of the people and their love for mariachi music.

Choreography: Peggy Wright Adaptation: Jeanette Geslison

Samoa

Fiafiaga Samoa is a celebration of siva Samoa (Samoan dance) featuring the rhythmic clapping of Sasa and the excitement of ailao afi (twirling fire).

Choreography: Fili and Pania Sagapolutele

Russia

Khoroovodnaya Pliaska (Petersburg Nights) is based on the Khorvod, an ancient Russian circle dance. As the dance has evolved, slow dancing in intricate patterns, reminiscent of delicate lace, will sometimes be interrupted by interludes of spectacular *pliaski* (steps).

Choreography: Vera Golubkova

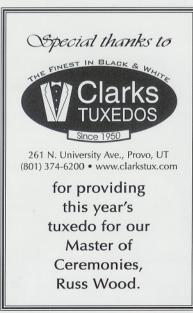
Ukraine

Starovichchyna (Hutsul Dance) from high in the Carpathian mountains, located in the southwestern part of Ukraine, the Hutsul people's unique culture has been preserved over the centuries. Choreography: Colleen West

Poltavskyi Hopak, the national dance of Ukraine, was performed by men during the famous Cossack period. Today this Ukrainian hallmark includes women. Our version begins with the traditional Offering of Bread and Salt.

Choreography: Colleen West, Edwin G. Austin







Christmas Around the World Cast

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