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CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

A Tapestry



of Peace

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Live musical accompaniments and special musical numbers are performed by Mountain Strings, our folk music ensemble originating in the School of Music, Brigham Young University.

Turkey

The Tides of Anatolia creates a modern blend of traditional Women's and Men's dancing originating around Trabzon, a fishing center on the Black Sea. The movements celebrate life's animations familiar to a fishing community; such as the motion of the sea, the recovering of nets, and the twisting of newly caught fish.

Choreography: Ahmet Lüleci

The Philippines

Barrio Fiesta features two Filipino favorites: Pandango Sa Ilaw or Dance of the Lights comes first in this short medley, followed by the popular Tinikling.

Choreography: Delynne Peay

People's Republic of China

Mo Li Hua, meaning Jasmine, is also a famous Chinese folk song. The flower, though not particularly beautiful, gives off a fragrance that gladdens the heart and refreshes the mind—symbolizing internal beauty and humility.

Choreography: Jiamin Huang

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

Ireland

Three Hand is an energetic soft shoe of three dancers creating intricate figures.

Choreography: Loughgeil Irish Dancers

Restaged by: Hillary Bowen **Musical Arrangement:** Lunasa

Soloists: Jennifer Garrard, Erin Maxwell, Lyndsey Wulfenstein

The Dance Master uses the keepers of tradition as a theme. These masters of intricate Irish footwork traveled throughout Ireland giving dance instruction.

Choreography: Tina Shelley **Musical Arrangement:** Natalie MacMaster

David's Jig

Musical Arrangement: Mark Geslison

The United States

Southern Reflections is a montage of song and dance from the plantations of the southern United States. Our nineteenth century ball begins with the popular song, Down to The River to Pray, and then continues with the Spanish Waltz and Waltz Round.

Restaging: Edwin G. Austin, Jr. **Musical Arrangement:** Mountain Strings

Appalachian Patchwork pieces together the music and dance of the Appalachian Mountains. The Running Set, Big Circle Mountain Dance, and Handpattin' or Hambone are all featured in this work.

Choreography: Edwin G. Austin, Jr. **Musical Arrangement:** Nate Olson

Uncle Pen

Musical Arrangement: Mark Geslison

Western Wildfire Rhythm is a precision form of Appalachian clogging—American step dance with European roots. Clogging was originally influenced by the dance steps of Native Americans and black slaves. More recently, we have seen the influence of American tap dance and the French-Canadian jig to our north.

Choreography: Greg Tucker, Maria Tucker

Musical Arrangement: Nate Olson

We're All In This Together features 150 dancers from throughout Utah performing American clogging at its very best.

Choreography: Greg Tucker, Maria Tucker

Austria

Alpine Volksleider unites the clear sounds of the Alpine horn and the high-pitched warble of the yodeler echoing in the Alpine Mountains. Bankl Tanz, a playful example of a schuplattler with benches, is followed by Rosentaler Steierer.

Choreography: Traditional, presented by Morrey Gelman and Michael Gelman

Restaging: Edwin G. Austin, Jr.

Norway/Sweden

Nordisk Stemning includes two beautiful songs, 30 Year Jig and Lunden Grønn, with the Halling, an acrobatic hat competition.

Musical Arrangement: Mark Geslison

Russia

Khorovodnaya Pliaska, St. Petersburg Nights, is based on the khorovod, 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—energy and emotion.

Choreography: Vera Golubkova

Slovakia

Lúčnica, ForeverYoung, best describes this suite of dances from Slovakia: Verbunk, Syracovy, Karička, and Polka. It also is the name of the Slovak National Folklore Ballet, our friends in Bratislava.

Choreography: Ervin Varga

Hungary

Táncos Magyarok is a suite of three dances from Somogy: a delightful women's bottle dance, a shepherd's stick dance, and a whirling, friss or fast csárdás.

Choreography: Jeanette Geslison

Férfi Mulatcság typifies a dance form originating in the Romanian-speaking village of Mehkerek inside southeastern Hungary. This slapping, clapping dance style has become popular in Hungary's Tanchaz movement today.

Choreography: Gary Larsen

Romania

Dantu din Oaş, also known as a De-nvîrtit or turning dance, originates in the Maramureş region of Northeastern Transylvania. It is an experiment in musical fusion—segments of two contemporary Hungarian compositions have been combined and layered over traditional Oaş sounds. Combined with the stamping of dancers' feet, the original choreography transforms.

Choreography: Barry Goldman

Ukraine

Starovichyna, Ancient Lore, reflects this proud, freedom-loving people, the Hutsul. Over the centuries, this unique culture has been preserved high in the Carpathian Mountains in this remote part of southwestern Ukraine.

Choreography: Colleen West

Christmas Around the World Cast

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