

BYU international folk dance ensemble

CHRISTMAS
around
the WORLD

2008 edition

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Production & Design



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Director
Folk Music Ensemble



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Master of
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JEANETTE GESLISON
Team Director
10:00 Team



DELYNNE PEAY
Team Director
Back-up Teams



COLLEEN WEST
Team Director
1:00 Team



EMILEE WRIGHT
Team Director
9:00 Team



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guest musicians

Annie Clark
Grant Ensign
Brandon Farmer
Liz Graden
Ross Morrill
Annie Roseyear
Peter Shirts
Carley Stitt

Harp
Bagpipe
Trumpet
Trumpet, Vocals
Bagpipe
Flute
Clarinet
Vocals

special guest performers

BYU Men's Chorus, directed by Rosalind Hall

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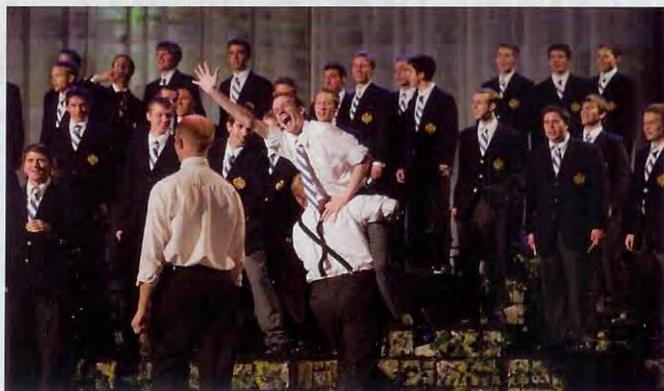
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SPECIAL MUSICAL NUMBERS ARE PERFORMED BY
MOUNTAIN STRINGS, OUR FOLK MUSIC ENSEMBLE ORIGINATING
IN THE BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

Poland PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY *Piekna jest Polska*, “Beautiful Poland,” is a montage of music and dance representing the rich cultural traditions of three diverse regions: Śląsk, Łowicz, and Lublin. The suite begins with a Chodzony, and after highlighting each region, culminates in a National Oberek.

CHOREOGRAPHY: ADA DZIEWANOWSKA, MICHAEL MALICH

India 9:00 TEAM *Balle, Balle* depicts the new dance craze rooted in classical and modern Bhangra dance—popularized in recent Bollywood films. The style evolves even more through a blending with Western dance forms that create an energetic whirling and bouncing performance.

CHOREOGRAPHY: EMILEE WRIGHT

Mexico 10:00 TEAM *Los Machetes* showcases a dance tradition of West-Central Mexico, near the Jalisco-Colima border. The high spirited men prove their skills by boastfully displaying their mastery of the machete, an important tool used in daily agricultural life.

CHOREOGRAPHY: GONZALES LUIS; ADAPTATIONS: JEANETTE GESLISON

China PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY *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

Canada PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY *Turlutte* is a captivating form of “mouth music” found in the music of Québec.

SOLOISTS: MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN, JUSTIN MORGAN, COLIN SLADE

PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY *Refabrique au Quebec* blends the old and new as the blend of contemporary and traditional music inspires innovative movement and steps.

CHOREOGRAPHY: GARY LARSEN; SOLOISTS: COURTNEY CARTER, TESSA JONES, THOMAS RAWCLIFFE, MICHAEL STEELE; MUSICAL ARRANGEMENT: MOUNTAIN STRINGS

Klezmer MOUNTAIN STRINGS *Oy Chanukah*
MUSICAL ARRANGEMENT: PETER SHIRTS

Israel PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY *Eretz Hakodesh*, “Land of Holiness,” is an expression of love for this refreshed desert land, its inhabitants, their strength and determination in life, and for sacred symbols—long forgotten. *Movement II* reflects the energy of youth in today’s Israel: young, spirited and vital.

CHOREOGRAPHY: EDWIN G. AUSTIN, JR.

Scotland The “Reel” Thing combines the traditional steps of Scottish Highland Dance and National Dance.

CHOREOGRAPHY: KIMBERLEE COUPER, MCKENZIE MORRILL; SOLOISTS: KIMBERLEE COUPER, VICTORIA COUPER, MCKENZIE MORRILL; MUSICAL ARRANGEMENT: MARK GESLISON

MEN’S CHORUS *Highland Cathedral*

MUSICAL DIRECTION: ROSALIND HALL; MUSICAL ARRANGEMENT: DAVID McDAVITT

Wales MEN’S CHORUS AND PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY *Inside Out and Kickin’* is a creative collaboration of Welsh folk music and dance depicting the spirit of this Celtic nation and features its unique form of “stepping.”

MUSICAL DIRECTION: ROSALIND HALL; CHOREOGRAPHY: EDWIN G. AUSTIN, JR.; MUSICAL ARRANGEMENT: DAVID McDAVITT, GEOFF GROBERG

Ireland MOUNTAIN STRINGS *Hannika’s Reel*
MUSICAL ARRANGEMENT: MARK GESLISON

PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY *Keltatak* features the Irish techniques of soft shoe and hard shoe dancing; a dazzling fusion of traditional movement with electrifying music and dramatic staging.

CHOREOGRAPHY: JOHANNA EDLINGER LAMBERT, TINA EDLINGER SHELLEY

Armenia 9:00 BACK-UP TEAM *Aghcheek Neroon* combines three selections from throughout various regions of Armenia—Loree, Shirak, and Yeravan.

CHOREOGRAPHY: TOM BOZIGIAN

Turkey PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY *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



United States 1:00 **TEAM** *Boot Kickin' Boogie* depicts a popular form of western partner dancing. Country Line and Western Swing have captured the hearts of North Americans everywhere.

CHOREOGRAPHY: COLLEEN WEST; SOLOISTS: DAVID MARRIOTT, LYNDSLEY WULFENSTEIN

PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY *Last Night* exhibits the pure exhilaration of 21st-century American clogging.

CHOREOGRAPHY: GARY LARSEN, DELYNNE PEAY (ORIGINAL STEPS BY SCOTTY BILZ); ADAPTATIONS: EDWIN G. AUSTIN, JR.

MOUNTAIN STRINGS *Rocky Top* MUSICAL ARRANGEMENT: MARK GESLISON

Romania 9:00 **BACK-UP TEAM** *Szomszédok*, "Neighbors," portrays dances from the neighboring regions of Moldva and Gyimes in northern Transylvania. It is performed by the Csángo (ethnic Hungarians living in Romania) and Romanians alike.

CHOREOGRAPHY: ISTVÁN SZABÓ

Philippines 10:00 **BACK-UP TEAM** *Barrio Fiesta* features two Filipino favorites: *Dance of the Lights* precedes the ever popular *Tinikling* depicting the Tikling bird as they move through the tall grass, over branches, and in the rice paddies.

CHOREOGRAPHY: DELYNNE PEAY

Ukraine **PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY** *Poltavskiy Duet* is a humorous character dance illustrating the frustrations and antics of a taller, high flying woman dancing with an unlikely and unsuspecting partner.

CHOREOGRAPHY: RICHARD WACKO; SOLOISTS: GREG RAWLINGS, CINDY SWENSON, MATTHEW THATCHER

PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY *Hopak*, the national dance of Ukraine, was historically performed by men during the famous Cossack period. Today the dance tradition includes beautiful young women who add their lyrical beauty to the spirit of this Ukrainian hallmark. Our version begins with the traditional ceremony of Bread and Salt.

CHOREOGRAPHY: EDWIN G. AUSTIN, JR., COLLEEN WEST



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD cast

9:00 team

Chelsea Alley
Trenton Allred
Josh Bishop
Ion Cervinschi
Angela Clark
Kiarah Cox
Christina Craven
Emily Dance
Joshua Dance
Jessalyn Davis
John Gibbons
Robert Harrison
Brianna Haynie
James White
Daniel Kim
Melissa Klein
Mark Larsen
Dallin Lauritzen
Rachel Maxwell
Mary McDonald
Jeff Peters
Kaylene Rogers
Sara Seamons
Bryan Sebesta
Melissa Sevy
Justin Smith
Dan Steinbeigle
Natalie Stevenson
Purevsuren
Sukhbaatar
James White
Ryan Whiting
Ada Yan

10:00 team

Kaitlyn Bastian
Eric Bendall
Josh Bentley
Cassidy Berghoff
Diana Blauer
Carly Cowser
Spencer Craft
David Curtis
Jennifer Daniel
Mykin Diamond
Deidre Edmunds
Kylie Felix
Heather Gemperline
Lucas Handy
David Hansen
Helen Hitimana
Nathan Honka
Bryan Jensen
Steven Kearnes
Justin Kelly
Ethan Kitzmiller
Michael Larson
Aaron Mateer
AnnaLee McClain
Andrea Melton
Melody Meyer
Sarah Olsen
Cameron Pinegar
Jason Sanders
Nancy Smith
Ethan Unklesbay
Mary Vance
Jonathan Welling

1:00 team

Tina Adams
Ronnie Andersen
Jacob Bigler
Spencer Burhoe
Justin Call
Ashley Carter
Erika Coleman
Levin Dotimas
Tiffany Dunn
Samuel Farnsworth
Kyle Frogley
Jarelle Fuller
Austin Gardenhire
Jenny Gibson
Ashley Ha
Jacob Jackson
Mary Jackson
Jeff Johnson
Kendon Kurzer
Joshua Kutterer
Julie Lamb
Rachel Mildenstein
Amy Mitchell
Dallin Mix
Kasey Rasmussen
Taylor Richards
Jolysa Sedgwick
Kira Shurtz
Rachel Spencer
Bryan Stroud
Mitchell Westhoff
Elsie Wong

9:00 back-up team

Matthew Adams
Alan Babcock
Jesse Baldrige
Brittany Christensen
Megan Dance
William Farnbach
Brandon Gassaway
Liahona Hamblin
Julianne Hansen
Claire Hopkin
Scott Johnson
Kyle Lauritzen
Catherine Leavy
Scott McDermott
McKenzie Morrill
Danielle Murray
Alex Rudd
Jessica Simpson
Emily Smith
Brian Stewart
Amelia Stone
Tyler Walker
Lindsey Wright

10:00 back-up team

Karen Alder
Cheri Amas
Chandler Brown
John Campbell
Nathan Chelious
Danielle Cluff
Riley Cooney
Amanda Cowley
Brett Dillon
Daniel Draper
Dustin Flanary
Bryce Gandy
Ashley Sloan
Bethany Hull
Daniel Jackman
Brian Jacobson
Michal Johnson
Katrina Lewis
Ben Lloyd
Abbey Olson
Sead Osmani
Emma Peckham
MaShay Reynolds
Mark Pitcher
Joshua Pluim
Nathan Reber
Jessica Riches
Aleksandra
Rzeczycka
Jan Sanderson
Dallin Shaner
Austi Whetten
Alicia Yan

WORLD dance DIVISION faculty

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Vickie Austin	Delynne Peay	Emilee Wright
Susanne Davis	Greg Tucker	Lyndsey Wulfenstein
Jeanette Geslison	Maria Tucker	Rustin Van Katwyk
Cynthia Gubler	Kau'i Tuia	

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