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F.O.B.B.A.D. (Friends of Baila! Baila! Artists and Dancers) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that exist to support Baila! Baila! and our dancers. This support includes scholarship assistance to students, maintenance of costumes and the development of community programs. Contact us if you are interested in volunteering and/or participating on our board.

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BAILA! BAILA! DANCE ACADEMY AND THE
NATIONAL HISPANIC CULTURAL CENTER PRESENT

CHRISTMAS IN NEW MEXICO

AND AROUND THE WORLD
2024

DECEMBER 7TH & 8TH
SATURDAY 2PM & 7PM
SUNDAY 2PM

Albuquerque Journal Theatre
@ The National Hispanic
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**SPECIAL GUEST,
MARIACHI TENAMPA**

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Production

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER.....ISRAELA M. GARCÍA
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 STAGE MANAGERS.....JADE WOODALL
 LIGHTING DESIGN AND PROJECTION.....JOSÉ "PEPE" GALLARDO
 SOUND DESIGN.....MARQUES LISTY
 COSTUMES.....NAOMI OCKERMAN, LUCIANA BUSTOS

COUNTLESS DANCE MOM (AND DAD) VOLUNTEERS!



From the director

The first thing I must do is give all glory and praise to God! I must also thank all of our Baila! Baila! families for all of their support throughout the past 36 years. So many people have had a hand in making Baila! Baila! a successful, integral part of the community. Baila! Baila! has become a name synonymous with professionalism and performance excellence, but only through the hard work and dedication of countless dancers throughout the years. Family and community support have been essential factors in the growth of the company. The company has seen students become professionals in all fields, and some have even returned with their own toddlers for us to teach! Many of the dancers have formed relationships that have lasted over 30 years and made acquaintances with a myriad of others. Coming into contact with so many young people has taught me many lessons and enriched my life in different ways. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with people of all ages and nationalities, and I hope to continue the vision we started 36 years ago.



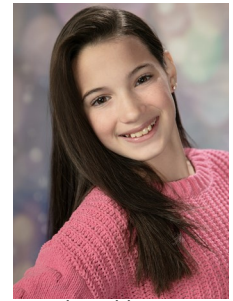
Maribella Larribas, 9
Dancing 1 year 2
months



GraceRain Munguia, 11
Dancing 9 months
Carlos Rey Elementary
School



Victoria Obeso, 8
Dancing 8 months
New Mexico
International School



Korah Roddy, 12
Dancing 1 year
Mountain View Middle



Allison Rodriguez, 12
Dancing 8 months
McKinnley Middle



Layla Saenz, 9
Dancing 7 months
Bernalillo Elementary



Liliana Villanueva, 12
Dancing 9 months
Homeschool



Group D3, combined
has in total experience of



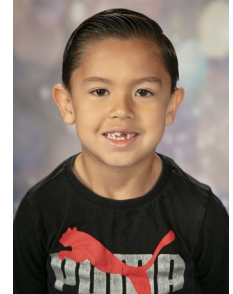
Salma Acevedo Estrada, 7
Dancing 1 year



Lanaya Benavidez, 6
Dancing 1 year
Atrisco Elementary



Ellie Gonzalez, 7
Dancing 1 year
Estancia Elementary



Lucas Jaramillo, 5
Dancing 9 months
New Mexico Interna-



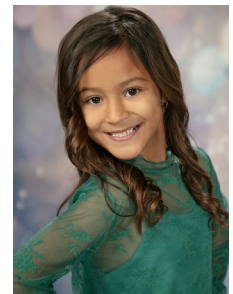
Nicholas Mendoza, 7
Dancing 5 months
New Mexico Interna-



Dayanara Mendoza
Casillas, 6
Dancing 7 months



Santiago Romero, 7
Dancing 1 year
Ventana Ranch Ele-



Lorena-Rae Saenz, 6
Dancing 7 months
W.D. Carroll Elemen-



Allyson Retana, 12
Dancing 1 year 4
months



Amaryliz Romero-
Morales, 14
Dancing 1 year 10



Group D1, combined
has in total experience
of



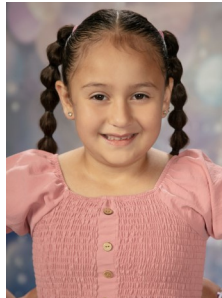
Amelia Altamirano, 7
Dancing 1 year
Hope Christian School



Yaneli Castillo, 5
Dancing 1 year 8
months



Flor Hernández Men-
doza, 7
Dancing 2 years 9



Camila Lozano, 6
Dancing 2 years
Atrisco Elementary



Khaleesi Moreno, 6
Dancing 1 year
Coronado Elementary



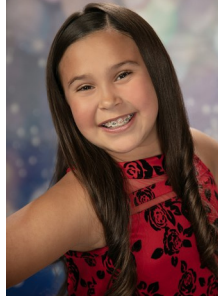
Jewellyssa Rivas, 6
Dancing 2 years
Coronado Elementary



Thalia Tonini, 7
Dancing 3 years
Corrales International



Group D2, combined
has in total experience
of



Ellieanna Acosta, 10
Dancing 10 months
South Mountain Ele-



Joseline Bernadac
Robles, 8
Dancing 5 months



Jacqueline Bernadac
Robles, 10
Dancing 5 months



Angelique Esparza, 9
Dancing 1 year
Manzano Mesa Ele-



Camila Geronimo, 8
Dancing 3 months
Carlos Rey Elementary

Biography

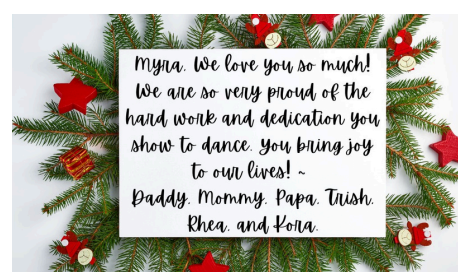
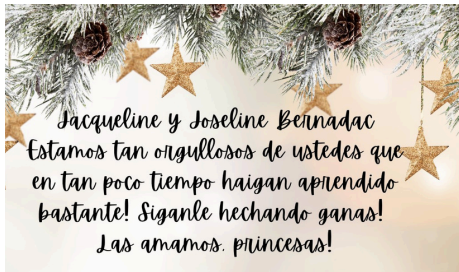
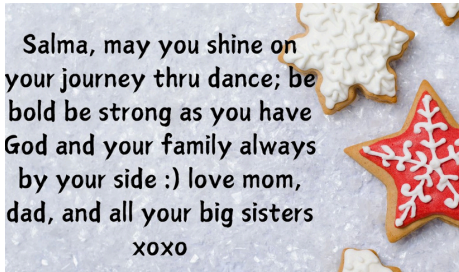
Baila! Baila! Dance Academy was founded in January of 1990 with the goal of "Preserving Our Culture through The Arts". We have come a long way since then and have been able to spread our love for Folklorico dance to thousands of students and spectators throughout the world. Baila! Baila! has received several first place awards in national dance competitions throughout the United States as well as having performed at the Magic Kingdom and Epcot Center for several years. Other accolades include performing in the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York City in 1998 and receiving the World Championship title in dance at the 1999 World Championships held in Hollywood, California. Baila! Baila! entertained thousands during the 2000 Summer Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia and again at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London, England. They have performed several times on board Caribbean cruises. Baila! Baila! performed and competed at the Hawaii International Dance Festival in Oahu where they won several Gold Medals, one Silver Medal and six First Place Trophies in various categories. Baila! Baila! competed at the "International Dance Challenge" dance competition in Las Vegas, Nevada where they received national recognition as they were awarded top awards and chosen as one of only five acts for a nationally televised program. Baila! Baila! continues to perform in Hawaii, Disney World, New York City, Washington DC, Caribbean cruises and beyond. Baila! Baila! is active in the community and works to educate children in regards to respect for culture through history and dance. Baila! Baila! offers dance lessons to children of all ages at an affordable price in order to give all students the opportunity to participate as well as providing all costumes to students for performances at no extra cost. Baila! Baila! takes pride in their community involvement and in preservation of culture. We hope to continue for many years to come ...



King: Nicholas
Queen: Sarahi

Princess: Ellieanna
Prince: Anatascio

Ambassador: Shaileen
Not Pictured:
2nd Princess: Romandita



Julissa Mondragon, 10
Dancing 2 years
Alvarado Elementary



Emiliano Moriel, 9
Dancing 4 years
S.R. Mafmon Elemen-



Scarlett Ponce, 9
Dancing 4 years
CIS



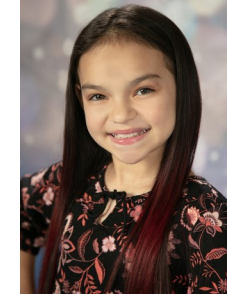
Sibyl Salazar, 8
Dancing 5 years
Homeschool



Marissa Sanchez, 8
Dancing 3 years
Lavaland Elementary



Myra Santistevan, 8
Dancing 1 year 9
months



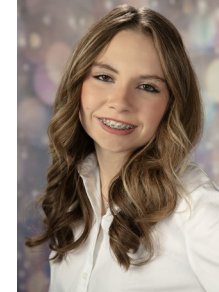
Avy Tesch, 10
Dancing 5 years
Bosque Farms Elemen-



Malahni Trujillo, 9
Dancing 3 years
Chaparral Elementary



Group C2, combined Joelle Aragón, 15
has in total experience Dancing 2 years 5
of months



Sarahi Carrete, 11
Dancing 8 years
Truman Middle School



Andrea Escudero, 12
Dancing 2 years
Jimmy Carter Middle



Gabriella Garza, 12
Dancing 6 years 6
months



Jonathan Marroquin,
11
Dancing 3 Years



Itziri Mendoza, 11
Dancing 2 years
Cottonwood Classical



Mareth Mendoza, 12
Dancing 6 months
New Mexico Interna-



Santana Alvarado, 14
Dancing 12 years
Taylor Middle School



Autumn Arellano, 15
Dancing 9 years
Nex+Gen Academy



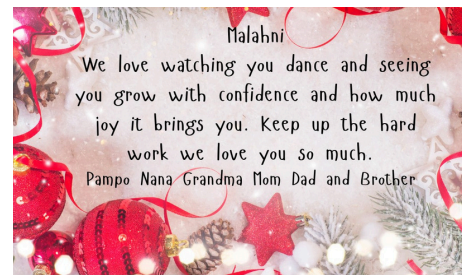
Isabella Arreola
Vazquez, 13
Dancing 5 years



Sarai Barrón, 13
Dancing 5 years
Truman Middle School



**EMMA! YOUR BRIGHT SPIRIT SHINES
LIKE THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS,
BRINGING JOY AND CHEER TO
EVERY SONG AND STEP ON STAGE.
WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!**



Malahni
We love watching you dance and seeing
you grow with confidence and how much
joy it brings you. Keep up the hard
work we love you so much.
Pampo Nana Grandma Mom Dad and Brother



Lana Chavez Carlson, 12
Dancing 5 years



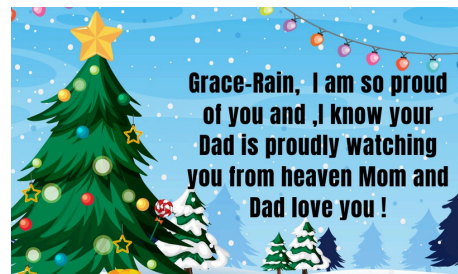
Aylani Dominguez, 12
Dancing 5 years
South Valley Academy



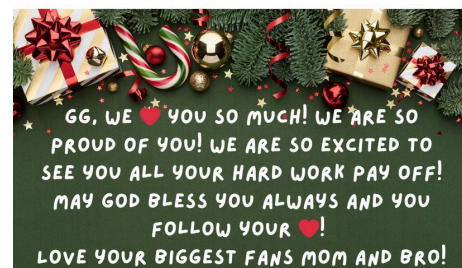
Adriela Lopez, 12
Dancing 10 years 11
months



Noah Lutz, 11
Dancing 3 years
Valle Vista Elementary



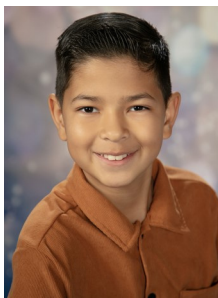
**Grace-Rain, I am so proud
of you and I know your
Dad is proudly watching
you from heaven Mom and
Dad love you !**



**GG, WE ♥ YOU SO MUCH! WE ARE SO
PROUD OF YOU! WE ARE SO EXCITED TO
SEE YOU ALL YOUR HARD WORK PAY OFF!
MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS AND YOU
FOLLOW YOUR ♥!
LOVE YOUR BIGGEST FANS MOM AND BRO!**



Kamila Moriel, 13
Dancing 8 yrs
Christine Duncan Herit-



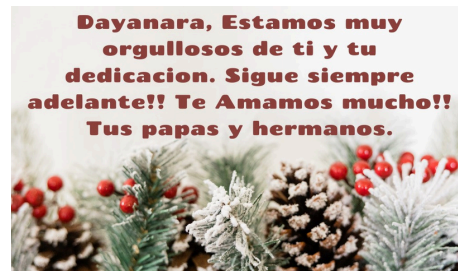
Sebastian Ponce, 11
Dancing 3 year
CIS



Katalina Romero, 12
Dancing 5 years
The International



Luciano Romero, 13
Dancing 8 years
South Valley Academy



**Dayanara, Estamos muy
orgullosos de ti y tu
dedicacion. Sigue siempre
adelante!! Te Amamos mucho!!
Tus papas y hermanos.**



**I'm so proud of you Avy! You are
becoming a very talented dancer!
Keep up the good work. Love
Mama and Amylea**



Susan Salinas
Pacheco, 11
Dancing 7 years



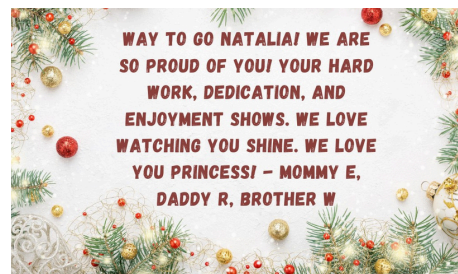
**CHRISTMAS
GROUP
C1
IN NEW MEXICO**
Group C1, combined
has in total experience of



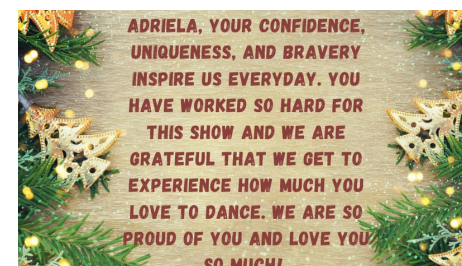
Pilar Brent, 8
Dancing 2 years 5
months



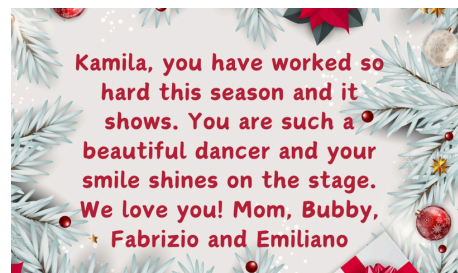
Itsayetzi Cortés-
Quinonez, 9
Dancing 3 years



**WAY TO GO NATALIA! WE ARE
SO PROUD OF YOU! YOUR HARD
WORK, DEDICATION, AND
ENJOYMENT SHOWS. WE LOVE
WATCHING YOU SHINE. WE LOVE
YOU PRINCESS! - MOMMY E,
DADDY R, BROTHER W**



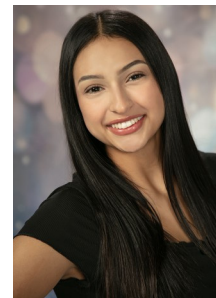
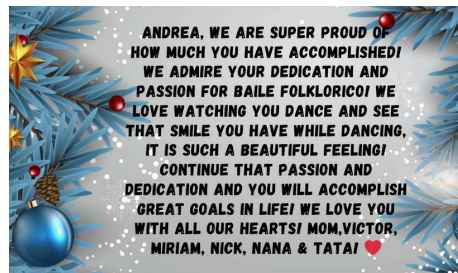
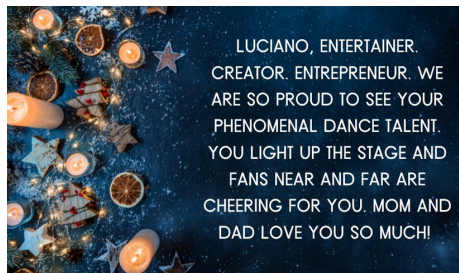
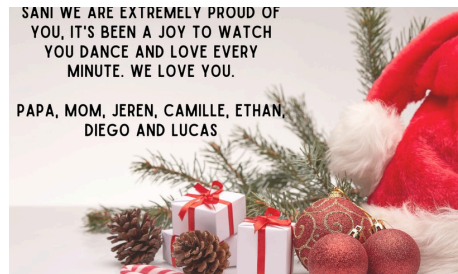
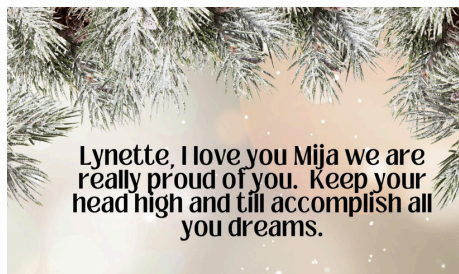
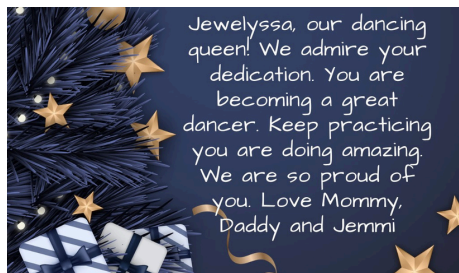
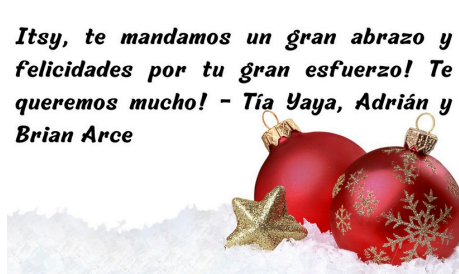
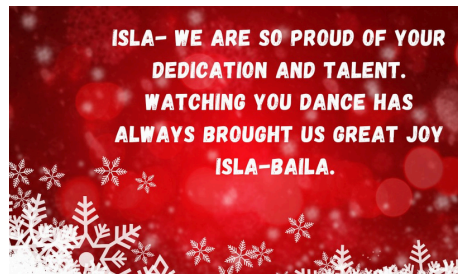
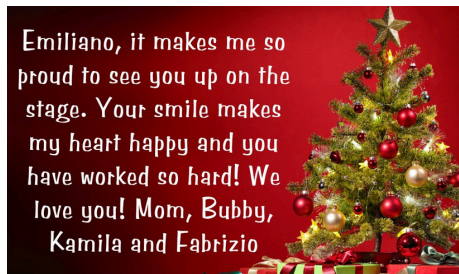
**ADRIELA, YOUR CONFIDENCE,
UNIQUENESS, AND BRAVERY
INSPIRE US EVERYDAY. YOU
HAVE WORKED SO HARD FOR
THIS SHOW AND WE ARE
GRATEFUL THAT WE GET TO
EXPERIENCE HOW MUCH YOU
LOVE TO DANCE. WE ARE SO
PROUD OF YOU AND LOVE YOU
SO MUCH!**



**Kamila, you have worked so
hard this season and it
shows. You are such a
beautiful dancer and your
smile shines on the stage.
We love you! Mom, Bubby,
Fabrizio and Emiliano**



Lanaya
We are all so proud of you!
You're amazing kiddo! Never
forget how special you are to all
of us. We love you! Love, Your
Family.



Itzel Chavez, 15
Dancing 2 years
Albuquerque High



Gloria Ellena Connally, 24
Dancing 20 years



Anita Delgado, 58
Dancing 18 years
Healthcare



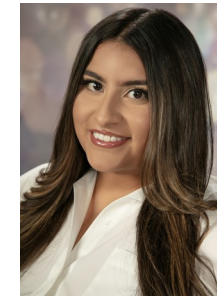
Daniela Gallegos, 15
Dancing 8 years
West Mesa High



Aylin Macias, 15
Dancing 6 years
Highland High School



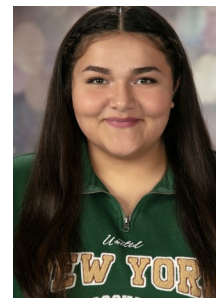
Analicea Meraz, 17
Dancing 6 years
Nex+Gen Academy



Alondra Muniz, 22
Dancing 9 years
Richi's Auto Wholesale



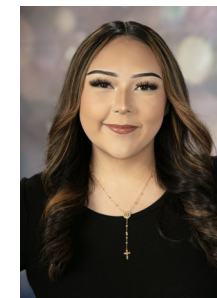
Cassandra Muniz, 24
Dancing 11 years
Richi's Auto Wholesale



Maribella Ortiz, 15
Dancing 7 years
Manzano High School



Biancea Ortiz, 16
Dancing 7 years
Manzano High School



Alicia Ortiz, 17
Dancing 2 yrs
Valley High School



Monica Ponce, 33
Dancing 1 year
UNM



Mariana Rodriguez, 17
Dancing 12 years
Sandia High School



Maya Rodriguez, 17
Dancing 12 years
Sandia High School



Nicole Tesch, 38
Dancing 20 years
Yemaya Energy



Group B, combined
has in total experience
of



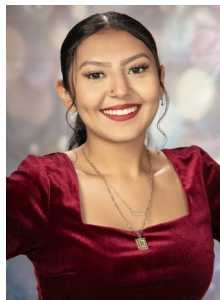
Anna Centeno Listy,
Dancing 58 years
Baila! Baila!



Group A1, combined
has in total experience of



Liliana Chacón, 21
Dancing 11 years
UNM



Daphne Chaparro Mar-
tinez, 17
Dancing 7 years



Celeste Delgado, 24
Dancing 21 years
UNMH Neurosurgery



Gabrielle Gallegos, 28
Dancing 25 years
UNMH



Stephanie Gomez, 16
Dancing 13 years
West Mesa High



Giselle Loya, 17
Dancing 8 yrs
Atrisco Heritage Acad-



Karla Lutz, 34
Dancing 1 year 8
months



Alfredo Nahum, 31
Dancing 5 years
CDM Smith



Carolina Ockerman, 20
Dancing 15 years
Baila Baila, Boot Barn,



Shaileen Rubio Diaz,
15
Dancing 10 years



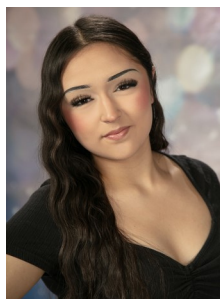
Edgar Salinas Pacheco, 15
Dancing 2 years



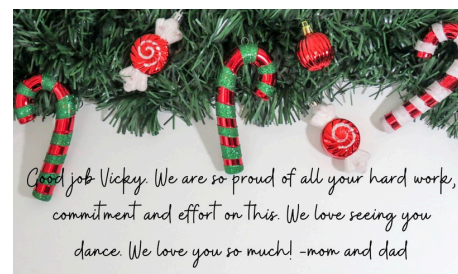
Brysa Vidal Salas, 17
Dancing 9 years
Rio Grande High



Group A2, combined
has in total experience of



Nicole Campos, 16
Dancing 6 years
Valley High School



ACT 1

Estado de Veracruz

VIVA VERACRUZ III
EL CANELO

Revolucion

LAS ADELITAS
CORONELAS
ADIOS DEL SOLDADO
JUANA GALLO
VAMOS AL BAILE

Zacatecas Cuadro Nochistlan

VALS LA CHIRRONA
MEDIO TORO
JARABE DOS

Fiesta Taspana and Nayarit Costa

LA ARDILLA
LA CUICHI
LAS TECUALEÑAS

Aguascalientes

VISTA ALEGRE
PELEA DE GALLOS



Baila! Baila! Teachers



A HUGE THANKS TO THESE LADIES FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT,
DEDICATION AND LOYALTY. THANK YOU MANY TIMES OVER!

TOP ROW: Carolina Ockerman, Stephanie Gomez, Giselle Loya, Yarely Becerra Huizar, Sheila Duran, Liliana Chacón, Gabrielle Gallegos, Itzel Chavez

MIDDLE ROW: Karla Lutz, Daphne Chaparro Martinez, Anna Marie Centeno Listy, Brysa Vidal-Salas, Bailey Baker
FRONT ROW: Amaryliz Romero-Morales, Analicea Meraz

Not pictured: Jacob Olsen, Nicole Lucero

ACT 2

Christmas in New Mexico and Around the World

CIRIBIRIBIN – ITALY¹
TRITSCH TRATSCH POLKA – VIENNA²
ONE – NEW YORK CITY³
SCHUHPLATTNER – GERMANY⁴
CHRISTMAS SCENE
MEDIEVAL WALTZ
LAS POSADAS
LITTLE STAR

Estado de Jalisco

EL GAVILAN
LA CHARREADA
LA MARIQUITA
EL JARABE TAPATIO
EL JINETE
EL AUTLENSE
GUADALAJARA
EL SON DE LA NEGRA
Finale
FIESTA ESPECTACULAR
NEGRA REPRISE



¹Buon Natale! We salute our Italian friends with a beautiful Waltz which was composed by Alberto Pestalozza in 1898. This melodic rendition of "Ciribiribin" is arranged by Mantovani. In Italy, Christmas began as a celebration in Rome. On Christmas Eve, children place their shoes by the fireplace before they go to bed. During the night, "La Befana" (a kindly old witch) fills the shoes with candy and gifts. Legend says that the three wise men stopped to ask directions from La Befana on their quest to find the Christ child. They also invited her to come with them, but she refused. After they left, she changed her mind and gathered toys from her own child who had died. She flew off to find Jesus and lost her way. She has been flying around ever since. On Christmas Eve, La Befana stops at every child's house and leaves a gift – just in case Jesus is there! ("La Befana" is portrayed by Anna Listy).

²Fröhliche Weihnachten! We salute our Viennese friends with a lively polka which was composed by Johann Strauss II in 1858. This rendition of "Tritsch Tratsch Polka" is arranged by the Vienna Strauss Orchestra. Tritsch Tratsch is interpreted as "chit chat" which refers to the Viennese passion for gossip. Christmas is Austria's most important and religious holiday. The Christmas season begins at the end of November with various "Christkindlmarkts" or classic Christmas markets that can be seen on almost every street corner. The Christmas tree or "Christbaum" is decorated with colorful toys and small bells. Some of Vienna's favorite holiday goodies include hot, candied chestnuts, gingerbread and warm wine and punch.

³One-Christmas on Broadway! We salute our own NYC with a celebration of "One" of the most popular dances on Broadway.

⁴Up Mit Deutschland! Enjoy the traditional Schuhplattler of Germany which is performed during the holidays by an all male ensemble.