

## CYNTHIA HERNANDEZ

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DANCER

Cynthia began dancing at a young age thanks to her mom, who taught her to love dance and movement. As a child, Cynthia and her sisters performed in a folklorico group for kids in Illinois. After moving to Texas and later to Arizona, Cynthia took a break from dance and pursued music and theater.

While studying at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Cynthia rejoined the folklorico world with Grupo Folklórico Miztontli- The U of A's first and only Mexican folk dance group. There, Cynthia relearned steps from her childhood folklorico group and more, challenged by a multitude of exciting, new dances from the regions of Jalisco, Sinaloa, Baja California, Veracruz and Guerrero. Cynthia spent three years with Miztontli, learning, teaching, and volunteering in various roles of the Group's Executive Committee. Through Miztontli, Cynthia performed at many different venues and events on campus and throughout Tucson, including the annual food festival for the city, Tucson Meet Yourself.

For her final year of undergrad at the U of A, Cynthia joined Ballet Folklórico Tapatío to study under Director José Luis Baca. As a dancer with Tapatío, Cynthia underwent rigorous training to add more dances from Jalisco, Sinaloa, Veracruz, Chihuahua, and Colima to her repertoire. Performances with Tapatío included the halftime show at a U of A football game during Hispanic Heritage month. During this time, Cynthia and her mom created a new folklórico program at Craycroft Elementary School in Tucson to pass on their expertise and ignite a passion for dance in the next generation.

After moving to Washington, D.C. in 2016, Cynthia practiced steps at home, listened to folklorico music, and watched countless Youtube videos of folklórico to stay engaged in the dance. Cynthia found Corazón Folklórico DC in 2018 and has enjoyed every minute with the group since. As a volunteer, Cynthia serves as the group's Publicity Chair.

## EDUCATION

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