

# THE FOLK DANCER

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Int'l Folk Dance Ensemble  
Alumni Newsletter

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## SPRING SHOWCASE

The International Folk Dance Ensemble will present "In Concert" Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at Timpanogas High School, 200 E 1450 N, Orem, Utah.

This season's repertoire includes music and dance selections from Bulgaria, England, Hungary, Ireland, Mexico, People's Republic of China, Romania, Scotland, Turkey, Quebec, Ukraine, and the United States.

The program will premiere several new selections including a beautiful women's piece representing China's Hun minority, a powerful set of dances from near the Black Sea in Turkey, and a lively new Scottish choreography entitled *Caledonian Salute*. There will also be favorite selections from this summer's American repertoire. And, of course, the evening would not be complete without the powerful *Cry of the Celts*, set in the style of Riverdance, and the ensemble's signature piece, *Hopak*.

This year's program will once again be enhanced by the inclusion of the ensemble's musical group, *Mountain Strings*.

Tickets will be available beginning Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the BYU Dance Ticket Office (165 Richards Building) between the hours of 1-4 p.m. M-F, and

can also be reserved over the phone at 801-378-5859 during these same hours. Tickets are \$5.00 and seating is limited. Unsold tickets will be available at the door one hour prior to the concert.

## Mary Bee Honored

Last April Mary Bee Jensen was awarded the prestigious Heritage Award by the National Dance Association. Some of our dancers were able to travel to Reno, and performed in her honor.

## Alumni invited to Spring Folk Fest

Come join the Folk Dance Ensemble on March 10<sup>th</sup> for our annual Spring Folk Fest. Festivities begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Wilkinson Student Center. Each of the team classes will perform, and then all are invited to join in recreational dancing until about 10:00 or 10:30 p.m. Alumni, family, friends, and folk enthusiasts are invited to join the Folk Dancers in this annual event. We hope this will become a fun evening for Alumni to see one another, and do what we all love best—dance!

## ENSEMBLE TRAVELS TO ARIZONA FOR MID-SEMESTER TOUR

The Performing Arts Company will be performing through Arizona for their annual mid-semester tour. We hope to see many of you at one of the following venues:

Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>      **Prescott**  
7:30 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center  
Yavapai College  
1100 E Sheldon  
Contact: Debbie McCasland  
(520) 776-2034

Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>      **Chandler**  
8:00 p.m.  
Chandler Center for the Performing Arts  
250 S Chandler Blvd.  
Contact: Charles Fishl  
(602) 482-6410 B  
(602) 541-8749 H

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>      **Gilbert**  
7:00 p.m.  
Arizona Highland Stake Fireside  
3680 East Houston, Gilbert  
Contact: David Downs

Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>      **Phoenix**  
8:00 p.m.  
Orpheum Theater  
2 East Adams, Phoenix

Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>      **Tucson**  
7:30 p.m.  
Saguaro High School  
545 N Camino Seco  
Contact: Beverly and Walter Holmes  
(520) 298-1114

Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>      **Snowflake**  
7:30 p.m.  
Snowflake High School Auditorium  
1<sup>st</sup> W 2<sup>nd</sup> S  
Contact: Lorraine Solomon  
(520) 536-7395

Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>      **Eager**  
7:00 p.m.  
Round Valley High School Auditorium  
600 N Butler  
Contact: Kay Dyson  
(520) 333-4128

Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>      **St. Johns**  
7:00 p.m.  
Patterson Auditorium  
13<sup>th</sup> St W & Redskin Drive  
Contact: Jane Pulsipher  
(520) 337-2218

Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>      **Joseph City**  
6:00 p.m.  
Joseph City High School Auditorium  
4629 E 2<sup>nd</sup> N  
Contact: Joe Richards  
(520) 288-3361 ext. 419



## Summer Tour in North America

The Performing Arts Company will travel to Canada and the Eastern United States on their annual summer tour. The group will begin and end their tour in Washington, D.C.

The first half of their concert will highlight music and dance from America and the British Isles. Their concert will then conclude with selections which originate from countries spanning the entire globe.

The ensemble will perform their concert in Montreal on July 6<sup>th</sup> and move on to the International Festival in Drummondville,

Quebec July 7-18 where they will perform only American selections. This is one of BYU's favorite festivals of any held anywhere in the world.

Other performances include Binghamton, NY; Tazewell, Virginia; the FOLKMOOT Festival in North Carolina; Fayetteville, NC; and Williamsburg, VA. They will return to Utah August 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information call Performing Arts Management (PAM) at 1-800-432-3576, or take a look at their website <http://pam.byu.edu/>

## 1999 N.F.O. Conference Hosted by BYU

The annual NFO (National Folk Organization) Conference was held in Provo, Utah in January.....hosted by BYU. Ed Austin served as the on-site coordinator for the event.

The attendees couldn't have been more complimentary of the university, its facilities and the hospitality extended by the students. The opening event was held in conjunction with Club Night (now Rec Night). They were amazed at the numbers of young people participating in Folk Dance in one place. The students had the opportunity to learn dances from noted folk dance leaders, Ned and Marion Gault, Stew Shacklette, Mary Bee Jensen and Dewayne Young (they are still dancing together!), Sanna Longden and others. It was a great night with dancing lasting until 10:30 p.m.

It is interesting to note that of the 60 or so participants, twelve of the conference-goers were former BYU Folk Dancers (not including Mary Bee and current faculty). They are all involved in teaching, and promoting folk dance in its various forms. It was exciting to see each of them, and to participate in the many discussions and workshops.

## NEW WEB PAGE

If you are looking for up-to-date info on BYU Rec nights and other Folk Dance events, then check out the new Folk Dance Ensemble web page at [www.byu.edu/dance/folk/](http://www.byu.edu/dance/folk/). To access some areas of the web site you will need to enter a password, which is "traditions" for alumni (how appropriate!).

The site also features photos of the team from various years, as well as several tour histories. Check back often, as the site is continuously being updated and new things are being added. For more information, you can contact Jeff Dunster at [jeff\\_dunster@byu.edu](mailto:jeff_dunster@byu.edu)

## Folk Dance Festivals

There are several Folk Dance Festivals being held in the United States and Canada that you may be interested in attending or taking part in. They include:

**April 7-May 9**  
*World-Fest '99*  
 Silver Dollar City, Branson, MO  
 417-338-8281

**July 3-12**  
*Festival Mondial De Folklore De Drummondville*  
 Drummondville, Quebec  
 1-514-524-85-52 +527-30-09

**July 11-18**  
*Springville World Folkfest*  
 Springville, UT  
 801-489-2726

**July 16-26**  
*Folkmooot USA*  
 Waynesville, NC  
 704-452-2997

**August 1-8**  
*Idaho International Folk Dance Festival*  
 Rexburg, ID  
 208-356-5700

## Reunion Time

Plans continue to be made for the December 1999 Folk Dance Ensemble Reunion—the last one to be held during this millennium! It will be held in conjunction with the 40<sup>th</sup> annual *Christmas Around the World* concert, and we look forward to a fun and enriching event. Be sure to put the first week/weekend of December on your calendar and arrange to be with us.

There will once again be opportunities for workshops, late night visiting with friends (and old partners), lots of "catching up" with people you haven't seen for years, and for many to also perform/or become involved in the actual concert.

This reunion we are trying to get as many of the past directors as we can to be present, so that you will also be able to see your "old dance mentors".

So plan now to be with us! (Many of you may want to clear the entire week if you are anxious to perform. More information regarding performance opportunities will be coming soon!) We won't be planning another one until the 50<sup>th</sup> annual CAW.

We look forward to seeing many of you in December!

*Anne Butler Wells has relinquished her position as Alumni President due to ill health. We appreciate her efforts and work over the past year to make plans for the coming reunion in December.*

*Kelly Gleave has accepted the position of Alumni President, and we are looking forward to working with someone so enthusiastic.*

## Dance Devotional

A Special Dance Devotional will be presented by the Dance Department March 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the Marriott Center. The Folk Dance Ensemble will be collaborating with Theater Ballet in a special 16-minute long Celtic section. Unfortunately the program will not be broadcast, so locals should plan on attending in the Marriott Center.

## Alumni Directory Update

As you may notice, many of the same names continue to appear on our *Lost List*. We are asking your special help in quickly finding as many of these people as possible. Any lead would be appreciated.

As we look toward the reunion in December, we want to have our Alumni List as accurate as possible for the update and reprint of the *Folk Dance Alumni Directory*. And we don't want any of you to miss the event due to a "wrong address." So please take a moment to look at the names. Then let us know the whereabouts of our former friends.

Snail-mail Vickie at 259 RB-BYU, Provo, UT, 84602 or e-mail Ed at [ed\\_austin@byu.edu](mailto:ed_austin@byu.edu)

Thanks for your help...and let's get everyone to the reunion!

# LOST ALUMNI

Here is our current "lost" list:

Kim Burke Aanderud T93  
 Richard Anderson T67  
 Robert C. Anderson  
 Marcie Nash Arter T72 Germany  
 Douglas Barker T70  
 Angus Barnes T79  
 Paul Beck  
 Robin Mercer Beck  
 Mark Bennett T83  
 Don Beuschneider  
 Larry Bickmore T72-YU  
 David Bingham T72-YU  
 Janae Black S96  
 Charles (Chuck) N Blake T76  
 David Bohn  
 William A Bond T71  
 Glen Boulter  
 Norm & Cyndi Pullins Brower T78  
 Gaye Brown T82  
 Barry Bullock  
 Clayton Chamberlain T89-Japan  
 Manuel & Patricia Chavez T80-Japan  
 Phil Davis S89  
 Todd Dorius S89  
 Greg Duerden T71  
 Robert Erickson T72-Germany  
 George Estacapio T72-Germany  
 Tiana Fatutalie T78  
 Dan Fox S87  
 Kim Garth T68  
 Allen Glander T83  
 Lowell & Yvonne Murray Glenn  
 Jacques Gohier T72-Germany  
 Gaylamarie Green  
 Roni Hammond T72-Germany & YU  
 Laurie Jordan Hansen  
 Robert Hawker T72  
 Heidi Hendricksen S91  
 Janie Holland  
 Susie Hinson Howard T64  
 David Jensen  
 Ken Jensen S87  
 Lorna Johnston  
 Dean Kerr T71  
 Troy Knight S89  
 Ryan Koch S97  
 Jill Hathaway Lane T86  
 Mark Brian Larsen  
 Donald C. Lee T64  
 Doug Lee

Selwyn Lewis S87  
 Joan Larsen Lunt T71  
 Lani Henderson Lynch  
 Matthew Maclean  
 Marilyn Blauer Mann  
 Jay Martin  
 Andy Martinez  
 Kathryn Maxfield T95  
 Rena McDaniel  
 Michelle McMullin S97  
 Randy Moe  
 Steve Murdock T71  
 Heather Nielson S91  
 Kirk Nielsen T77  
 Mary Ann Miller Pearson T73  
 Kayleen Penrod S88  
 Jack Peterson T71  
 Jim Price S91  
 Cynthia Roberts T80  
 Shane Rosenberg  
 Justin Rucker  
 Diane Rutherford S89  
 John Seymour T68  
 Jack Spencer T72 Germany, T76  
 Reed Stockdale T81-Korea  
 Ben & Rachel Tolman Terry T95  
 Annette Thomas S89  
 Elizabeth Wright Turner  
 Michael Van Slooten T77  
 Ralph Wahlquist T71  
 Cam Walker S89

"Some are wise and some are otherwise"

English

"Life is short and full of blisters"

African-American

"Nothing is difficult if you are used to it"

Indonesia

## SEND US YOUR NEW ADDRESS!!!

### To Update Information

✂ clip this portion and send to Vickie Austin, 259 RB-BYU, Provo, Utah 84602

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