SEASONS

Long ago, in a land across the great waters, our ancient father had a dream.

In his dream, the Great Spirit came to our father and carried him away on wings of fire.
The spirit told our father he would lead him to a new land.

A place of beauty, a promised land....

For he had walked in truth and in light in all seasons.

So began the legend.

It is the story of the seasons of a people:

Seasons of faith and prosperity, pride and war, forgiveness and rebirth.

Seasons known to all people, in all nations, from the beginning of time.

We invite you to journey with us through this timeless legend.

It is our story.

It is your story.

— Januelle Christiano
Artistic Director

SEASON OF PROMISE
North America: Crow
The eagle, which flies highest and nearest to our Creator, is sacred to the natives of North America. Embodied in strength, courage, and wisdom, the eagle shows us that we have the ability to develop the same qualities.

Los Andes: Timaru
This energetic dance celebrates the strength needed to build a happy community.

Hawaii: Noho Ana Ka'Ala Anahae
This dance contrasts the violent, volcanic elements of creation with the beauty and life that eventually emerge.

Alaska: Yupik
Using their hands, the dancers tell stories of fishing exploits and of building friendships.

SEASON OF PROSPERITY
Ecuador: Perro Ese To Quiroto Cacacha
Through this traditional song, the dancers relish in the history and great culture of Ecuador.

Samoa: Sasa, Lapa Lapa, Slap
Young Samoans demonstrate their love for life, in the roasting nut and lapo lapo, and prove their agility in the powerful lapo dance.

Paraguay: El Pajaro Campana
El pajarito is the national bird of Paraguay, and its dance symbolizes liberty. In mythology, Tapa (God) turned the bell tower of a Jesuit church into the white bird, whose sound resembles a bell.

North America: Bow and Arrow
This dance reveres the bow and arrow for providing sustenance and protection and also honors past warriors.

SEASON OF REBIRTH
Hawaii: Ha'aule Kau Aloha
A spirit of love influences every aspect of Hawaiian life. Good things brought from other cultures are welcomed in the spirit of aloha.

South America: Jingle Grass
The grass is said to have special healing powers. The male grass dancers imitate the tall, flowing sweet grass of the prairie, symbolizing the balance between man and nature.

Tonga: Taiafili, Luka Laka
The grace of these dances reflect the purity and devotion of the devoted Tongan people.

Mexico: Mariachi, La Negra
With their intricate footwork, beautiful dresses, and energetic music, these dancers capture the soul of Mexico.

North America: Hoop Dance
The hoop symbolizes stability to many Native Americans. Dancers position the hoops to honor the creators of Mother Earth.

FINALE
North America: Go, My Son
A wise chief teaches that family and education are the keys to success and happiness.