



Repertoire

2019-20 Season

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SEASONS

SEASON OF PROMISE

North America: Eagle

The eagle, which flies highest and nearest to our Creator, is sacred to natives of North America. Embodying strength, courage and wisdom, the eagle shows us that we have the ability to develop the same qualities.

Ecuador: Sanjuanito

This holiday of harvest and rebirth is full of joy and energy. As our dancers lift and lower their arms, they give praise for their bounteous blessings.

Hawai'i: Noho Ana Ke 'Ala Anuhea

This ancient dance honors Pele and her power. It contrasts the violent, volcanic elements of creation with the beauty and life that eventually emerges.

Alaska: Yup'ik

Using their hands, the dancers tell stories of fishing exploits and of building friendships. As they go through the steps of getting and enjoying the fish; praise, joy and gratitude are expressed for all of the blessings given.

SEASON OF PLENTY

Paraguay: Carreta Guy (El Pajaro Campaña)

During this flirtatious dance, the dancers wear traditional national colors. The white of the dresses represents the dove—a symbolism of purity and healing—while the colorful belts represent the national flag.

Samoa: Sasa, Lapa Lapa, Fa'ataupati, Taualuga

Young Samoans demonstrate their love for life in the rousing “Sasa” and “Lapa Lapa” and prove their agility in the powerful slap dance. As is tradition, the Princess dances the Taulunga to show honor.

Puerto Rico: Seis Chorreado

The beauty and artistry of this dance lie in the details: precision, straight lines, and seamless transitions are all used to share the great happiness of the dancers.

Navajo: Bow and Arrow

By honoring past warriors, this dance reverences the bow and arrow for providing sustenance and protection.

SEASON OF PROSPERITY

Tahiti: Hinakura

Tahitian legends tell of the great creator, Tane, God of Harmony and Beauty. Legends tell that the pearls of Tahiti were Tane's inspiration to create the stars. Under the light of those stars, man and woman come together during this 'ori Tahiti, sharing dreams of an eternal bond.

Argentina: Chacarera

The energetic chacarera emphasizes the grace and beauty of the paisana (Argentina's cowgirl) and the strength and masculinity of the gaucho (Argentina's cowboy).

North America: Fancy

The women's fancy dance shows the emergence of the butterfly and the beginning of a new direction in life. The men's fancy dance depicts the warriors' battlefield feats.

Bolivia: Caporales

In this display of skill and power, the caporal uses his elaborate costume to represent his strength, pride, and wealth.

SEASON OF WAR

Iroquois: War and Smoke

Brave and loyal Native American warriors prepare for battle while simultaneously honoring the warriors of the past.

New Zealand: Te Wa o Tumatauenga, He Korero Riri

Carried on the wind of dawn come the voices of war and of supplication to Tumatauenga, God of War, by both warrior and loved one. Preparations for battle are made, and through the haka and poi, the challenge is issued: "We will not back down but will gain victory."

Mexico: Aztec

Representing an Aztec ritual from southern Mexico, this dance honors the great god Ce Acatl Topiltzin Quetzalcóatl.

SEASON OF REBIRTH

Hawai'i: For the Lāhui

Through this graceful and regal dance, we encourage everyone to respect the wisdom of our ancient ones and to love each other as we seek to move forward together.

North America: Jingle, Grass

To the Ojibwe tribe in Minnesota, the jingle dress 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: Siosefa (Joseph Smith) Laka Laka

The grace of these dances reflect the purity and conviction of the devoted Tongan people to their leaders. "Chief, come and hear our story," dancers chant.

Mexico: La Negra

With their intricate footwork, beautiful dresses, and energetic music, these dancers capture the soul of México.

North America: Hoop Dance

The hoop symbolizes eternity to many Native Americans. Dancers link hoops to honor the creations of Mother Earth and power of the Great Spirit.

Finale: Go, My Son

A wise chief teaches that family and education are the keys to success and happiness.

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