Seasons

Season of Promise

North America: Eagle
The eagle, which flies the 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.

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

Hawaii: Noho Ana Ke ‘Ala Anaheia
This dance contrasts the violent, volcanic elements of creation with the beauty and life that eventually emerge.

Alaska: Yupik
Stories expressed through the hands of the dancers communicate fishing exploits and the building of friendships.

Season of Plenty

Paraguay: El Pajaro Campana
El Pajaro Campana is the national Bird of Paraguay and its dance symbolizes liberty. “Tupa,” (God) turned the bell tower of a Jesuit Church into a white bird. Its sound resembled that of a bell and could be heard from that day forward.

Samoa: Sasa, Lapa Lapa, Slap
Young Samoans demonstrate their energy and love for life in the rousing Sasa and Lapa Lapa and prove their skill and agility in the powerful slap dance.

Ecuador: Y Por Eso Te Quiero Cuenca
Through this traditional song, the dancers relish in the history and the great culture of Ecuador.

North America: Bow and Arrow
This dance depicts reverence for the bow and arrow’s aid in providing sustenance and protection and also honors past warriors.

Season of Prosperity

Tahiti: Ote’a Tavevo, Ote’a Amui
From the “Pearl of the Sea,” the vibrant and powerful movements of Tahitian dance express the many journeys of life.

Argentina: Chacarera
The Chacarera emphasizes the grace and beauty of the *paisana* (Argentina’s cowgirl) and the strenght and masculinity of the *gaucho* (Argentina’s cowboy) with romance and energy.

**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: Mamacha Candila**
In this display of skill and power, the caporal’s elaborate costume represents his strength, pride, and wealth.

**SEASON OF WAR**

**North America: Warrior’s Suite**
The dances portray honor and respect for all Native American warriors.

**New Zealand: Te Wa o Tumatauenga, He Korero Riri**
With the dawn comes the voice of war, carried on the wind, and 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 white god Ce Acatl Topiltzin Quetzalcoatl.

**SEASON OF REBIRTH**

**Hawaii: Ku’u leo aloha**
A spirit of love influences every aspect of Hawaiian life. Good things brought from other cultures are welcomed in the Spirit of Aloha.

**North America: Jingle, Grass**
To the Ojibwe Tribe in Minnesota, the jingle dress, first seen in a dream by the tribe’s medicine man, is said to have special healing powers. The male Grass dancers imitate the tall, flowing sweet grass of the prairie, a symbol of the balance between man and nature.

**Tonga: Laka Laka**
Tongan grace and beauty reflect the purity and conviction of this devoted and faithful people.

**México: La Negra**
This dance captures the soul of Mexico with their intricate footwork, beautiful dresses, and energetic music.

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

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

**FINALE**