
Quotes

FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE

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“The dancers and the musicians were absolutely magnificent. Everyone in my office who was lucky enough to attend the performance has been talking today about the energy, enthusiasm, and sheer talent that was on stage last night. The overwhelming feeling here is that it’s extremely unfortunate that there could only be one performance!”

Courtney Austrian, U.S. State Department, Kiev, Ukraine, May 21, 2008

“While there were no guns or bonfires, you did help us to take the celebration not just from one end of the continent to the other but from America to Estonia—from one end of the world to the other.”

Aldona Wos, U.S. Ambassador to Estonia, July 17, 2006

“Thank you for coming to Martiques. Thank you for your smile, your kindness and your joy to live. Thank you again for giving us this picture of your country, in this moment.”

Michelle Tonnerre, Festival de Martiques, Martiques, France, July 23, 2004

“Please allow us to express our heartfelt thanks to you and to the Folk Dancers who recently performed . . . in Toulouse, France. The performances were simply wonderful. [At] the last venue at Nice where approximately 2,500 people were in attendance, we were able to visit with many of the people after the performance and they were all enchanted. They kept mentioning the talent and especially the smiles of these young people.”

Alan Pratt, Presenter in Toulouse, France, August 9, 2004

“The show Tuesday night was a tremendous success. The enthusiasm, the energy and the talents of the young artists were incredible. It was a lovely, warm, summer evening we will not forget.”

Maria Nyenhuis, Geneva, Switzerland, August 7, 2004

“I’ve seen the BYU Folk Dance Ensemble in Drummondville (Quebec) and I can’t believe how fantastic those dancers are. The dancers are just so nice and they were great teachers too! I just wanted to congratulate all the group and wish them good luck...”

Catherine Desgagne, Drummondville, Quebec, Canada, July 17, 2001

“It was really a great pleasure for all of us as well as for our audience to admire your art and the perfection of your performances. We will keep it in mind for a long time. I hope to have an opportunity to host you again at our festivals in the future.”

Jerzy Chmiel, Cioff, Poland National Section Delegate, Warsaw, Poland, July 10, 1997

“It was interesting for us to see the entire mood of the audience change when the BYU group came on stage. With their youth, vitality and the quality of their performance they soon had the audiences participating and involved. The Portuguese people were absolutely captivated by the group...”

W. Lynn Pinegar, Regional Representative, Lisbon, Portugal, August 16, 1991

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