

Dance Group Audition Instructions

Audition Deadline: October 21, 2011

Groups and individual vocalists must be registered participants of the 2011 Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference prior to submitting an audition DVD or VHS.

Ballet Folkloric Dance Groups wishing to audition to perform at the Student Showcase Concert or Parque Festival must submit a DVD or VHS video tape by no later than October 21, 2011. Selection for performance at the Student Showcase Concert on November 11, 2011 is by audition only. An independent panel of judges will review the video tapes and make the selections.

Ballet Folklorico groups will be selected to perform at the Student Showcase Concert from the following categories:

- Elementary/Mid-School or Youth Community Group (Elementary/Mid-School ages)
- High School or Youth Community Group (High School age)
- University Group or Adult Community Group
- Semi-Professional Group

Recording Guidelines

All Ballet Folklorico groups must submit an audition VHS videotape or DVD.

- Choose a room or other location with the best possible acoustics for your recording.
- Use high-grade equipment.
- If recording on videotape, use a new tape and start the recording close to the beginning of the tape.
- Check your recording level to be sure playback is loud enough but not distorted.
- Record two or three short, upbeat dances that are representative of your intended performance.
- Play back your entire videotape or DVD to check your recording before mailing it.
- Cue the videotape to the beginning.
- Prepare a list of your recorded selections in order and attach it to your videotape or DVD.
- Label your videotape or DVD and case with the name of your Folklorico group, address, and contact phone number of the director.
- Send a brief typed biography of the group along with a group photo.

- Specify the appropriate category for the group. For example: Elementary/Mid-School or Youth Community Group (Elementary/Mid-School ages), High School or Youth Community Group (High School age), University Group or Adult Community Group, or Semi-Professional Group.
- Acceptable video formats: VHS, DVD

Costume Guidelines

Costuming is just as important as how your group dances while in performance. As you select costumes, keep in mind the following:

- A formal, uniform look, including shoes
- Costumes that suit the region of the dance
- Matching or complementary attire for the director and accompanists, if applicable

Overall Audition Criteria

Prepare a videotape or DVD that reflects your best performance skills.

Your audition is evaluated using the following criteria:

Appearance – costume uniformity and creativity

Interpretation of Choreography – contribution to overall show value through interpretation of choreography, facial expression, fluidity of movement, and dynamics

Showmanship – ability to display a sense of flair, style and energy

Stage Presence – posture and focus on performance

Technical Execution – level of technical achievement in dance and overall stagemovement including accuracy of rhythm and precision of movement

Show Content – effectiveness of program choice, including creativity and variety

Show Value – overall effectiveness of the performance as a show element

Instructions for submitting your DVD or VHS Audition

Mail your audition DVD or VHS tape via USPS to the following address before the deadline, October 21, 2011:

LCIMC, PO Box 938, Las Cruces, NM 88004
phone 575.525.1735 • fax 575.525.1738

FED-EX your audition DVD or video tape to the LCIMC physical address:
LCIMC, 1280 Med Park Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005
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