HARRIS CENTER PRESENTS
BALLET FOLKLÓRICO DE SACRAMENTO’S
MÉXICO Y SUS ALREDEDORES (MEXICO AND ITS SURROUNDINGS)
Dr. Zenón Barrón Presents the Traditions of Mexico Through Dance

(May 26, 2015) Ballet Folklórico de Sacramento’s repertoire includes Mexico’s traditional folkloric ballet (folklórico) dance pieces, as well as indigenous Danza rituals that fuse elements of contemporary movement. This performance by 40 dancers and musicians will take you on a journey through the fascinating folklore of the Mexican people. Dr. Zenon Barron again creates an original masterpiece of dance choreography that captures traditions, and presents it with expressive interpretation.

México y sus Alrededores (Mexico and its Surroundings) embraces folklore, with the ritual danzas (indigenous dances) of The mexica (Aztec) people, to the courting rituals of the “Polkas” of Chihuahua, the colorful festivals “Veracruzano” of Veracruz, and much more. With live music accompaniment, this presentation will have you wanting to join the dancers on the stage and join the celebration.

Ballet Folklórico de Sacramento presents México y sus Alrededores (Mexico and its Surroundings) performs on Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 3 pm. Tickets are priced at $19-$35; Premium $39; Children 12 and under are $20. Tickets are available online at www.harriscenter.net or from the Harris Center Ticket Office at 916-608-6888 from 10 am to 6 pm Monday through Saturday, and two hours before show time. Parking is included in the price of the ticket. Harris Center is located on the west side of Folsom Lake College campus in Folsom, CA, facing East Bidwell Street.

Dr. Zenón Barrón is the Artistic Director of Ballet Folklórico de Sacramento (BFS). He earned his Ph.D. in Dance from Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes in México City. He danced with the world famous Ballet Folklórico of México of Amalia Hernández and was also a recipient of the prestigious Malonga Casquelourd Lifetime Achievement Award and Corazón del Barrio Award of Excellence in 2012.

The school of dance and performing arts, Instituto Mazatlán de Bellas Artes (IMBA), was founded in 1994 in Sacramento, California, by Yolanda Ramos-Colosio. IMBA became a means for Sacramento's youth to learn about Mexican heritage and develop their kinetic and artistic abilities. As talented students emerged, IMBA incorporated a professional Mexican folk dance company,
known as Compañía Mazatlán de Bellas Artes. Soon after, IMBA’s dance company became one of Northern California’s foremost Mexican folklore ensembles in the region. As the dance company evolved and created unique works of dance, the company became renowned as Ballet Folklórico de Sacramento, as it is known today.

IMBA’s dance company has been invited to represent Mexico in the International Cultural Tourism Festival in Beijing and Jinzhou City, China. Statewide, the company was the 2005 winner of the international folkloric dance competition, Esencia de México, in Los Angeles. This competition was co-hosted by the world-famous Academy of Dance Amalia Hernández, from Mexico City. In 2006, the company headlined at the folklore dance festival, Gran Competencia, in Dallas, Texas. In 2006-2007 and 2009-2011, the company was invited to perform at the San Francisco’s prestigious Ethnic Dance Festival at the Palace of Fine Arts and Yerba Buena Center.

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