



FOLKLÓRICO CHALLENGE USA 2005

WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in the Folklórico Challenge USA, a series of regional dance competitions.

All the information you need to enter can be found in this document. If you have questions, or if you are interested in judging a folklórico competition, please call the national office of Latino Literacy Now at 760-434-4484.

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INVITATION

Latino Literacy Now and Edward James Olmos invite you to participate in *Folklorico Challenge USA*, a folklorico dance competition open to all ballet folklorico groups, schools, and organizations. By hosting competitions at all Latino Book and Family Festival venues, we aim to bring national attention to the art of ballet folklorico. In 2005, regional competitions will be held at Latino Book & Family Festivals (LBFF) in Los Angeles, Houston and Chicago. Additional regional competitions will be held in San Diego; Orange County, CA; San Bernardino, CA; Laughlin, NV; and Phoenix, AZ. All these regional competitions will cumulate in a final competition featuring all the regional winners to be held in 2006.¹ There are no entry fees to participating groups and the competition is open and most venues, and all LBFF events, are free to the public.

All folklorico groups interested in participating should send in the application (page 5) and release forms (page 6) two weeks prior to the competition. Deadlines are listed on the entry form for each competition. To obtain additional application form, please go to <http://www.fcusa.org>.

PRIZE STRUCTURE FOR REGIONAL COMPETITION

First Place: \$750
Second Place: \$500
Third Place: \$250
Special Innovation Award

Some dance groups may show a great deal of proficiency but not conform to traditional Ballet Folklorico dance moves and steps. To reward such groups we have initiated the *Special Innovation Award for Unique Presentation*. Although there are no cash prizes for this category, if there is a winner, and they receive a minimum of 80 points, they will also invited to the National Awards.

1. Dates and prizes for the national competition to be held in 2006 are pending.

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2005 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| <u>CITY</u> | <u>PARENT EVENT</u> | <u>FCUSA DATES</u> | <u>TOTAL 2004 EVENT ATTENDANCE</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--|
| San Bernardino (CA) | National Orange Show | May 28-29-30 | 150,000 |
| <i>San Diego</i> | <i>Del Mar Fair</i> | <i>June 25-26</i> | <i>1,500,000</i> |
| <i>Orange County (CA)</i> | <i>Orange County Fair</i> | <i>July 23-24</i> | <i>900,000</i> |
| <i>Phoenix</i> | <i>Fiestas Patrias</i> | <i>September</i> | <i>75,000</i> |
| Houston | LBFF | October 1-2 | 30,000 |
| Laughlin, Nevada | Viva Laughlin | October 8-9-10 | 25,000 |
| Los Angeles | LBFF | October 22-23 | 20,000 |
| Chicago | LBFF | November 12-13 | 30,000 |

Venues above in *italics* are tentative. Final 2005 schedule will be available online at www.FCUSA.org soon.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Please see the Entry Form on page 5 for a description of the three classifications. A lottery draw will take place prior to each competition to arrange the order of appearance. Following the draw the judges will be introduced followed by a brief description of the judging criteria.

All entering groups will be notified prior to the event as to which day and time competition in their classification will take place. Prizes will be awarded at the end of each day of competition.



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RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRY FORMS

- Entries should be mailed or faxed with release forms.
- All entries must be postmarked by the deadlines shown on page three.
- Entries will only compete against entries of equal category.

MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT

- Music must be labeled with the name of group, category, title of songs, and total time.
- Tapes should be turned in to the sound technician the first time your group is called. Tapes may not be turned in during registration.
- Each group has a maximum time limit of fifteen minutes on stage.

PROPS

• Special lighting and the use of fire are not allowed. Scenery, within reason will be allowed, if it can be set up in a timely manner and not interrupt the tight time schedule.

DRESSING ROOMS

- Each group will be assigned a dressing room, depending on availability.
- Each group will be allowed a limited time in the dressing rooms.
- We encourage contestants to come in costume when possible.
- Each group is responsible for its belongings.

PRIZE MONEY

- As long as there are 6 groups in a category cash prizes will be awarded in that category. In those cases where there are less than 6 entries, that level of competition will be judged as an exhibition, with no cash prizes awarded.
- However, the winner of an exhibition **may** be invited to the national competition, assuming they have demonstrated a high level of competence and have received a minimum of 80 out of 100 points from the judges.



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ENTRY FORM

2005 SCHEDULE. If there is a date listed below (and not TBA) you may enter that competition. TBA (to be announced) refers to competitions still being arranged. For the latest news please go to www.FCUSA.org. Please check one:

| <u>CITY</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>DEADLINE</u> | <u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> San Bernardino | May 28-29-30 | May 13 | Venue: The National Orange Show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego | June (TBA) | TBA | Venue: The Del Mar Fair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orange County | July (TBA) | TBA | Venue: The Orange County Fair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phoenix | September (TBA) | TBA | Held during Fiestas Patrias Celebrations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Houston | October 1-2 | September 16 | Houston Latino Book & Family Festival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laughlin | October 8-9-10 | September 23 | Venue: Viva Laughlin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles | October 22-23 | October 7 | Los Angeles Latino Book & Family Festival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicago | November 12-13 | October 28 | Chicago Latino Book & Family Festival |

CATEGORY. PLEASE CHECK ONE: Junior (up to age 10) Senior (ages 11 to 17) Adult (18+)

GROUP INFORMATION

GROUP NAME _____

NAME OF DIRECTOR _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____ EMAIL _____

GROUP MEMBERS Copy and use additional pages if necessary

1. NAME _____ EMAIL _____ AGE _____
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CATEGORY DETERMINED BY AVERAGE AGE. AVERAGE GROUP AGE _____

YOUR REGISTRATION FORM WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS WE RECEIVE THE CORRESPONDING RELEASE FORMS FOR EACH PARTICIPANT. DUPLICATE FORMS AS NEEDED. PROFESSIONAL TEAMS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE.

SEND APPLICATION FORMS TO:

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RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The Undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless all the parties involved directly or indirectly with the Folklorico Challenge USA event. This includes, but is not limited to, the Latino Literacy Now Non-Profit Corporation, venue hosts, and the Boards of Directors of both entities and their Officers.

The Undersigned agrees to hold harmless, and not to file any frivolous claims for damages, injuries, or loss for either bodily or property damages during my participation in this competition and further release the teachers, staff promoters, and judges from any liabilities caused by any act or omission or omission to act.

Upon execution of this agreement, the Undersigned also releases ownership and authorizes the use of his or her picture, either in print media format or video for the promotion of Latino Literacy Now, the Folklorico Challenge USA and The Latino Book & Family Festival.

By signing, each of the participants agrees to be bound by the above waiver and release agreement. The Undersigned also acknowledges to have read the rules and regulations of the competition and agrees to each one of them. The signature of the parent or guardian is required for all contestants under eighteen years of age. The signing of the agreement is a condition of participation in the Folklorico Challenge USA Competition.

Signature of Student/Minor _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent
or Guardian _____ Date _____

Name of Group: _____