







Dear Friends,

Thank you for being our guests at the Fifth Annual Festivals of Light! Each year, this event gives us a chance to celebrate beauty, joy, and the shared humanity that shines through cultural dance. It's also a time to pause, reflect, and reconnect—with one another and with ourselves.

Recently, I had an experience that reminded me how easy it is to make assumptions about others. I encountered someone whose actions initially frustrated me. I told myself a story about who they were and why they behaved that way. But later, when I was able to get to know them better, my heart changed. What I discovered was not carelessness or indifference—it was fatigue and a different way of communicating. Once I understood, compassion replaced judgment. Kindness came naturally.

That experience taught me that curiosity opens the door to empathy. And that is, at its heart, what cultural arts and cultural dance invite us to do: to become curious. To ask questions without judgment. To see the world through someone else's rhythm, clothing, and story. When we explore another culture through dance, we begin to appreciate not only our differences but also our shared joys and struggles. We learn that understanding doesn't come from assumption—it comes from connection.

In a world filled with distractions and screens, cultural dance also gives us something precious: a moment to be present. To put down our devices, release our worries, and experience something real and alive. To move, listen, and simply be together in light, in community, and in peace.

Thank you for joining us this evening. May this performance inspire you to stay curious, to seek understanding, and to let compassion guide your steps—on and off the dance floor.

With gratitude and love,

Alex.

Alexandra Beach Shadle
Artistic Director, International Dance Arts Collective

















Les Danses Québécoises - Canada Music: Traditional; Mixed by Cristian

Florescu

Choreography: Sonia Dion, Cristian Florescu, & Alexandra Shadle Class: Senior Collective, Junior Collective, Senior Clogging & Amy Ray

Romania Tour Video Presentation

Alunelul & Scaloianul - Romania

Music: Traditional

Choreography: Traditional; Staged by Anasophia Schmidtlein with Tyler Blair Class: Foundations Collective (Ages 7-13)

Geamparaua - Romania

Music: Traditional Choreography: Sonia Dion, Cristian Florescu, & Alexandra Shadle Class: Senior Collective & Junior Collective

Danish Medley - Denmark

Music: Traditional Choreography: Traditional; Staged by Alexandra Shadle Class: Foundations Collective (Ages 4-6)

La Bamba - Mexico

Music: Traditional Choreography: Efrain Villalobos, Alexandra Shadle, & Amy Ray Class: Elementary Collective 2 & 3

Tarantella - Italy

Music: Tarantella by Mullbery Street Choreography: Alexandra Shadle & Heather Robinson Class: Elementary Collective 1

A Cappella & Solos - USA

Choreography: Alexandra Shadle Dancers: Chloe McClintock, Claire Schmidtlein, Avila Ludlow, & Anasophia Schmidtlein













Pravaahini - India

Choreography: Smt. Mathura Viswanathan Music Direction: Shri. Rohith Bhat Uppoor Guest Performers: Kaladhaara Dancers

Bhangra - India

Music: Jawani by Rajhayre & DesiFrenzy Choreography: Staci Johnson, Alexandra Shadle, & Parneet Sidhu Class: Junior Collective

Jingle Dress Dance - Native American: Ojibwe Tribe of the Anishinaabe People

Music: Short and Petite & Smooth Jingles by Cree Confederation Choreography: Cheyanne Elton Dancer: Sedona Gardea

Flamenco Fusion - Spain

Music: Armando's Market by Robert Michaels Choreography: Dani Serrano & Jillian Iverson Class: Flamenco Technique

Irish Slip Jig - Ireland

Music: Open Slip Jigs by Sean Softley Choreography: Nicole McKeever Soloist: Chloe McClintock

Valicha - Peru

Music: Traditional Choreography: Ephrain Villalobos Class: Junior Collective

Greensleeves - England Music: Traditional

Musicians: Austin Johnson & Anastasia K. Rowe

























Bomba - Puerto Rico

Music: Bomba Para Siempre by Jimmy Fontanez

Choreography: Olivia Yasmin & Alexandra

Shadle

Class: Senior Collective Girls

Hot Chocolate - USA

Music: Hot Chocolate by Glen Ballard & Alan Silvestri
Choreography: Heather Robinson

Choreography: Heather Robinson Class: Novice & Junior Clogging

Sleigh Ride - USA

Music: Sleigh Ride by The Ronettes Choreography: Jillian Iverson Classes: Senior Clogging (4th-8th) & Senior Clogging (Teen)

The Fox - USA

Music: Traditional Musicians: Austin Johnson & Anastasia K. Rowe

Swing Out - USA

Music: Jump With My Baby by Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Choreography: Alexandra Shadle Class: Senior Collective

Carol of the Bells - Ukraine

Music: Traditional Musicians: Austin Johnson & Anastasia K. Rowe

Гопа́к (Hopak)- Ukraine

Music: Traditional Choreography: Tymothy Jaddock & Alexandra Shadle Class: All Collective Classes

Love in Any Language - USA

Music: Love in Any Language by Jon Mohr & John Mays Performers: Full IDAC Cast Soloists: Austin Johnson & Anastasia K. Rowe

CAST

Foundations Collective (Ages 4-6):

Madison Bullock, Atae Kobayashi, Isabella Portillo, Conor Spilt

Foundations Collective (Ages 7-12):

Alisa Zamiatina, Amura Zamiatina, Ezra Porter, Ben Schmidtlein, Cole Springer

Elementary Collective 1:

Bella Banner, Violet Lisonbee, Victoria Mavy, Charlotte Murray, Genevieve Shadle, Georgia Shadle, Brylee Trujillo, Mabel Vo, Sierra Wilfong, Samantha Zolotarev

Elementary Collective 2/3:

Lilly Burnett, Emma Dever, Hannah Drinkwater, Sedona Gardea, Caroline Hunter, Heidi Lisonbee, Tara Mahmoudzadeh, Grace Parisi, Tatum Parisi, Rhea Pillai, Matthias Reyes, Grace Shadle, Dominic Springer, Hannah Westphal, Sebastian Wilfong, Sandra Zolotarev

Junior Collective:

Italia Buccio, Aaron Dever, Amelie Hunt, Evelyn Hutchinson, Mariah Johnson, Nihal Khangura, Daniel Lisonbee, Joseph Lisonbee, Elizabeth Mavy, Hunter Meeks, Luciana Pacheco, Nikhil Pillai, Ellie Robinson, Jillian Schmidtlein, Grant Shadle, Vayla Simmons, Brooke Thomas, Nora Thomas, Briella Trujillo, Olivia Youngman

Senior Collective:

George Badger, Tyler Blair, Kira Drako, Cecilia Huang, Tyson Huhtala, Benjamin Lindsay, Jeanne Lindsay, Avila Ludlow, Chloe McClintock, Anna Nasman, Elijah Porter, Claire Schmidtlein, Sophie Schmidtlein, Gus Shadle, Levi Soper, Samantha Springer

Flamenco Technique:

Italia Bucio, Cecilia Huang, Avila Ludlow, Luciana Pacheco, Ellie Robinson, Clair Schmidtlein, Jillian Schmidtlein, Sophie Schmidtlein, Brooke Thomas, Olivia Youngman





CAST

Novice Clogging:

Madison Bullock, Genevieve Shadle, Georgia Shadle, Dominic Springer, Brylee Trujillo, Mabel Vo, Samantha Zolotarev, Sandra Zolotarev

Junior Clogging:

Hannah Drinkwater, Sedona Gardea, Cami Gibson, Lucy Gibson, Heidi Lisonbee, Violet Lisonbee, Nikhil Pillai, Rhea Pillai, Mattias Reyes, Briella Trujillo, Hannah Westphal, Henry Westphal

Senior Clogging 4th-8th:

Lilly Burnett, Caroline Hunter, Evelyn Hutchinson, Elizabeth Mavy, Luciana Pacheco, Ellie Robinson, Grace Shadle, Brooke Thomas, Nora Thomas, Olivia Youngman

Senior Clogging Teens:

Tyler Blair, Italia Bucio, Cecilia Huang, Mariah Johnson, Avila Ludlow, Chloe McClintock, Claire Schmidtlein, Jillian Schmidtlein, Sophie Schmidtlein

Guest Musicians:

Paul Hunt (mandolin), Amelie Hunt (violin), Austin Johnson (guitar), Anastasia K. Rowe (violin), Matt Schmidltein (cajon), Maxwell Rea (African Drumming), Olivia Yasmin (African Drumming & Dance) Guest Dancers: Anuradha Sukumaran, Charanya Ramaswamy, Vatsalya Narayan, & Mathura Viswanathan, Sahana Shankar, Swetha Ramkarthik, Sreenidhi Rajeev, Srileka Sreedhar, & Sathvika Siddharth









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We are honored to be a sponsor for this beautiful representation of cultural arts. Wishing all of you a holiday season filled with excitement and joy.

> Sending our love, Stu and Wanda Beach



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