

May 2, 2015

Dear Ballet Folklórico participants,

Applications are now being accepted from Ballet Folklórico groups seeking to take the stage and compete among Southern California's finest at the 10th annual City of Riverside Mariachi Festival on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Groups will compete in three age categories and will be judged in the regions of Central Mexico/Jalisco, Veracruz, Southern Mexico and Northern Mexico.

Three age divisions (10 and under, 11-15 and 16 and older) have the opportunity to compete against other folklórico groups during the competition. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place groups in each age category, along with an overall grand prize winner receiving \$500. Awards for the competition will be announced at 2:30 p.m. during the festivities.

In addition to the annual competition, participating groups will be offered the opportunity to showcase their organizations during the Mariachi Festival. Only groups participating in the Ballet Folklórico Competition may perform in the showcase. Showcase applications must be submitted with the Ballet Folklórico packet, groups are encouraged to submit complete application packets early. Times for groups wishing to participate in the showcase will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

We look forward to seeing your group at the Ballet Folklórico Competition. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Betty Perez at bperez@riversideca.gov or call 951-351-6142.

Thank you,

Patricia Solano

Community Services Superintendent

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

2015 Mariachi Festival Ballet Folklórico Competition

RULES AND REGULATIONS

AGE CATEGORIES: 10 and under
11-15
16 and older

ENTRY FEE: \$40 per division payable to the City of Riverside. Checks, money orders and credit cards are accepted. All fees must accompany entry forms. Refunds will not be granted.

COMPETITION DATE AND TIME: Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Winners will be announced at 2:30 p.m. during the Mariachi Festival.

COMPETITION SITE: Fairmount Park, 2601 Fairmount Blvd., Riverside, CA 92501.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, August 14, 2015 at 5 p.m.

HOW TO ENTER: Organizations must submit the following to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, 6927 Magnolia Avenue, 2nd Floor, Riverside, CA 92506, Attn: Betty Perez:

- a. Cover Page Checklist
- b. Ballet Folklórico Competition Official Group Entry Form and Roster
- c. Entry fees (all fees are non-refundable)
- d. Ballet Folklórico Competition Disclaimer and Release Form (completed and signed for each participant)
- e. Two copies of music on a CD; each entry must be on a separate CD and clearly labeled with the following:
 1. Name of group
 2. Contact name and phone number
 3. Category
 4. Division
- f. Pre-sale ticket request and payment
- g. Ballet Folklórico Showcase - *OPTIONAL*:
 1. Ballet Folklórico Showcase Official Group Entry Form and Roster. Showcase time slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. A complete competition form must be submitted before showcase slots are assigned. Showcases are limited to one entry per organization.
 2. Ballet Folklórico Showcase Disclaimer and Release Form (completed and signed for each participant).
 3. Biography of group - history of Ballet Folklórico group in English and Spanish.
 4. Picture of group - High Resolution PDF or JPEG file in black and white for Mariachi Festival program.

MAIL ENTRY FORMS: Mail completed entry packet (fees, music, biographies, pre-sale ticket and release forms) to City of Riverside PRCSO, Attn: Betty Perez, 6927 Magnolia Avenue, 2nd Floor, Riverside, CA 92506. Packets must be postmarked by August 12, 2015. Be sure to keep a copy for your records. Make sure that all entry information is accurate. Entry forms may be duplicated as needed.

WAIVER AND RELEASE FORMS: Release form must be signed for each participant. **No dancer will be allowed to perform without a signed form on file.** Make copies of the form as needed to accommodate your group.

PARTICIPANTS: All dancers must be enrolled with the participating organization. All dancers must have a waiver on file with the City of Riverside. Participants may compete in only one dance. If an ineligible participant is included, the group will be disqualified. Backstage access is restricted to dancers, instructors and directors. A performing group must always have an adult supervisor backstage. Groups are responsible for any damages incurred while they are backstage.

DIVISIONS: There are four regional divisions within each age category: Central Mexico/Jalisco, Veracruz, Southern Mexico and Northern Mexico. Age groups are judged together, not by division.

AGE GROUPS: Age categories are as follows: 10 and under, 11-15 and 16 and older. To assist in categorizing groups with variant age levels, groups are assigned based on the average age of the competitors. For example, a group with four 10-year-olds and one 15-year-old will compete in the 11-15 age category, as the average age of the contestants is 11. ($10+10+10+10+15/5=11$).

TROPHIES/AWARDS: The three highest scores in each age group are awarded trophies (1st, 2nd or 3rd place). An overall winner will be presented with a plaque, along with a \$500 check by mail after completing the necessary paperwork. Awards will be announced at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

JUDGING: The competition will be held on September 19, 2015. Groups are rated on the following criteria, with a maximum score of 100 points possible:

- a. Costumes and accessories
 1. Is it true to the region represented?
 2. Are costumes aesthetically coordinated?
- b. Execution of steps
 1. Are the steps clearly defined?
 2. Do they transition smoothly throughout the dance?
 3. Are they challenging to the age level?
 4. Is there a variety in the footwork?
- c. Execution of movements
 1. Is the use of arms and hands clearly defined?
- d. Choreography
 1. Is the choreography smooth in its transitions?
 2. Is the choreography challenging for the dance piece?
- e. Overall presentation
 1. Does this piece inspire the audience?

SCORING: All scores are confidential. Groups will not be given their scores on the day of the event. Scores will be mailed to groups no later than Friday, September 25, 2015.

BALLET FOLKLÓRICO COMPETITION MEETING: There will be a meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at Villegas Community Center (3091 Esperanza St., Riverside, CA 92504) at 6:30 p.m. Topics to be discussed include staging area, dressing room schedule, event schedule, performer check-in, parent check-in, etc. Group representatives may also pick up pre-sale tickets. Please RSVP no later than September 2, 2015 to Betty Perez at bperez@riversideca.gov or call 951-351-6142.

MUSIC: At the time of registration, two (2) clearly labeled CDs with the music must be submitted. All music must be clean and clear. If the performance requires multiple songs, please ensure that tracks are already in performance order when CDs are submitted.

- a. **All music CDs must be labeled with the following:**
 1. Name of group
 2. Contact name and phone number
 3. Category
 4. Division

STAGE PREPARATION TIME: None.

a. Type of Entrance:

1. Dancers enter after music begins
2. Dancers enter and pose before music begins

STAGE DIMENSIONS: 48' W X 32' D X 3' H

SCHEDULE/PERFORMANCE TIMES: A tentative competition schedule will be emailed on Friday, August 28, 2015. A finalized schedule will be distributed at the Ballet Folklórico meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Read the schedule carefully. Keep in mind that contest performance times may run fast or slow, so be fully prepared to perform an hour prior to your scheduled time.

COMPETITION PERFORMANCE TIME LIMIT: Groups have five (5) minutes to perform in front of the judges. Music will be cut off when the time limit has been reached. There is no designated stage preparation time.

DRESSING ROOMS: There will be two dressing rooms available on the day of the competition; your group will be assigned one if requested. The City of Riverside is not responsible for unattended items. Groups need to be prepared to change quickly and move out as soon as their performance is over so space is available for the next group on standby.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Music or dancer(s) may be substituted as long as they remain in the same age division and level and music is no more than five (5) minutes long. Changes and substitutions must be submitted to Recreation Services Coordinator Betty Perez no later than September 2, 2015. Please be sure to submit a registration waiver for the substituted participant. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations will result in forfeiture of all fees and disqualification from the competition.

LOADING AND UNLOADING: No vehicles are permitted to drive on park grounds. Parking is first-come, first-served. Loading and unloading must be completed by 8:00 a.m. Garment racks and EZ-Ups must be placed in designated areas.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS: Two (2) complimentary tickets will be provided for each registered group, **not per entry**. Tickets can be picked up at the Ballet Folklórico Competition meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

PRE-SALE TICKETS: Groups may purchase discounted pre-sale tickets for the event. Regular pre-sale tickets are \$12.50 per person. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets are \$20 per person on the day of the event. As a special discounted offer to participating Ballet Folklórico groups, all pre-sale Mariachi Festival tickets purchased via FORM - D located in this packet qualify as Buy One, Get One Free. (Registration form must be submitted with entry packet and fees paid in full.) This is a one-time opportunity to order pre-sale tickets using this special offer. Tickets cannot be purchased for the discounted rate after the entry packet has been submitted. Tickets may be picked up at the Ballet Folklórico meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at Villegas Community Center.

VIDEO TAPES: Video will not be reviewed for any reason. No exceptions.



2015 Mariachi Festival Ballet Folklórico Competition Entry Form Checklist

Please include the following items to complete your Ballet Folklórico Competition packet:

- 1. Entry form checklist - Form A
- 2. Ballet Folklórico Competition official group entry form and roster - *Form B
- 3. Entry fee (No Refunds)
- 4. Ballet Folklórico Competition/Showcase disclaimer and release form - *Form C
- 5. Music – two (2) CDs clearly labeled
- 6. Layout of performance entrance and exit - map provided - Form D
- 7. Pre-sale request for tickets - quantity and fee enclosed. This is the only opportunity for pre-sale tickets - Form E

Please include the following items to complete your Ballet Folklórico Showcase Packet:

- 1. Ballet Folklórico Showcase official group entry form and roster - *Form F
- 2. Ballet Folklórico Showcase disclaimer and release form - *Form G
- 3. Music – two (2) CDs clearly labeled
- 4. Layout of performance entrance and exit - map provided - Form H
- 5. Bio of group and picture of group (JPEG or high resolution PDF format) - Form I

*Make additional copies as needed to accommodate your group.

Please read the following statements and initial:

_____ I have received and read the rules and guidelines for the Ballet Folklórico Competition and agree to adhere to all rules and guidelines.

_____ I understand no refunds will be granted.

_____ I understand my request for pre-sale tickets are available at a discounted rate of \$12.50 per person and acknowledge the request and fee must be submitted with the entry form packet. Event day tickets are \$20 each. Children 12 and under are free.

_____ I understand competition scores will not be given the day of the event, but will be mailed no later than Friday, September 25, 2015. All judging scores are final and videos will not be reviewed.

_____ I understand registration forms and waivers of performers and music must be submitted no later than August 14, 2015.

_____ I understand the competition may go faster or slower than scheduled and agree to be prepared to perform an hour prior to our scheduled performance time.

Group Name: _____

Instructor Name: _____



BALLET FOLKLÓRICO COMPETITION

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and ROSTER

2015 MARIACHI FESTIVAL BALLET FOLKLÓRICO COMPETITION
PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION & FILL OUT COMPLETELY

FORM - B

DIRECTOR INFORMATION (First Comp Ticket)					
Director Name		Group Name			
Street Address					
City	Zip		Cell Phone	()	
Day of Event Phone	()		Email Address		
Category	<input type="radio"/> Central Mexico (including Jalisco) <input type="radio"/> Veracruz <input type="radio"/> Southern Mexico <input type="radio"/> Northern Mexico				
Age Division	Average age of group _____ <input type="radio"/> 10 and Under <input type="radio"/> 11-15 <input type="radio"/> Adult 16 and Older				

ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR/INSTRUCTOR NAME (Second Comp Ticket)						
Name		Phone Number	()		Email Address	

PARTICIPANT ROSTER							
#	Participant Name	Gender	Birthdate	Age	Parent/Guardian Name	Signature	Phone Number
0	Joey Smith (SAMPLE)	M / F		5			
1		M / F					
2		M / F					
3		M / F					
4		M / F					
5		M / F					
6		M / F					
7		M / F					
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16		M / F					
17		M / F					
18		M / F					
19		M / F					
20		M / F					

STAFF USE ONLY					
Date	Staff Name	Site Taken	Receipt #	Competition Time	CD

Comments:



BALLET FOLKLÓRICO COMPETITION DISCLAIMER and RELEASE FORM

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FORM - C

PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW

The parent(s) of participant(s) must complete and return this agreement. It is understood that I (the participant) cannot participate in the recreation activities until this WAIVER form has been completed. For additional information, phone 826-2000.

For and in consideration of permitting THOSE LISTED ON THE ACTIVITY FORM to participate in THE CLASSES/PROGRAMS ABOVE, organized and sponsored by the City of Riverside in the County of Riverside, the undersigned hereby voluntarily forever releases, discharges, waives and relinquishes any and all actions or causes of action for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death, occurring to the Undersigned arising out of the participation in said sport or any activities incidental thereto; wherever, or however the same may occur and for whatever period said activities may continue, and the Undersigned does for himself/herself, his/her heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns hereby release, waive, discharge and relinquish any action or causes of action, aforesaid, which may hereafter arise for himself/herself and for his/her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns shall not prosecute or present any claim for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death against the City of Riverside, the City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department or any of its officers, agents, servants or employees (hereinafter referred to as "Releasees") for any of said causes of action including, but not limited to, losses caused by the passive or active negligence of the Releasees. The Undersigned acknowledges, understands and assumes the risks inherent in recreation activities, and that said activities entail risks of physical injury to his/her person and property and the Undersigned is participating with full knowledge of said risks. Undersigned acknowledges, understands and assumes the risks, if any, arising from the conditions of the various recreation facilities, softball fields and adjacent school or park grounds and parking lots; and acknowledges and understands that this City waiver includes, but is not limited to, any action or cause of action arising from (1) the performance, or failure to perform, maintenance, inspection, supervision, control or security of said areas, (2) the failure to warn of dangerous conditions as existing on or near said locations, or (3) any action by the spectators or (4) negligent supervision or selection of officials, spectators, players or coaches or (5) any hidden, latent or obvious defects or dangerous conditions existing on or near said locations.

IT IS THE INTENTION OF THOSE LISTED ON THE ACTIVITY FORM BY THIS INSTRUMENT TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE RELEASEES FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE AND WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY THE PASSIVE OR ACTIVE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES.

I have read and hereby agree to abide by the City Recreation Activity Rules. I further acknowledge that my participation in the CITY OF RIVERSIDE Recreation Activities will be in jeopardy should I fail to adhere to the rules. I give permission to the CITY OF RIVERSIDE to photograph me or my children participating in the programs for use in future City publications and understand that I will not receive any compensation for such use. Furthermore, we give our permission to have the above-named participant treated in the event of accident or illness.



American Disability Act - Individuals with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call 826-2000.

PARTICIPANT NAME	PARENT NAME	PARENT SIGNATURE	PARTICIPANT NAME	PARENT NAME	PARENT SIGNATURE

STAFF USE ONLY				
Date	Staff Name	Site Taken	Receipt #	Group
Comments:				



City of Riverside
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

Form - D

2015 Mariachi Festival

Ballet Folkórico Competition

Dance Entrance and Layout

GROUP NAME: _____

ADVISOR NAME: _____

AGE DIVISION:

10 AND UNDER
 11-15
 ADULTS 16+

MUSIC NAME: _____

ENTRANCE START:

POSE BEFORE MUSIC
 ENTER WITH MUSIC

Notes: _____

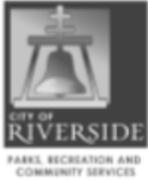


Dressing Room

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Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

2015 Mariachi Festival

Ballet Folklórico Competition

Pre-sale Ticket Request Form

Please include pre-sale ticket request form and payment due with your Ballet Folklórico Competition Entry Form. As a special discounted offer to participating Ballet Folklórico groups, all Mariachi Festival pre-sale tickets purchased via this form qualify as Buy One, Get One Free. Tickets can be picked up on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

Please make checks or money orders payable to:

City of Riverside

Types of Payment:

Money order, checks and credit cards will be accepted.

Cash will not be accepted. Refunds will not be issued.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
	2015 Mariachi Festival Pre-sale Tickets	\$12.50	\$
	2015 Mariachi Festival Pre-sale Tickets Ballet Folklórico Special Comp Tickets Deal	\$0.00	

NO REFUNDS

Please Complete the Following Information if Paying by Credit Card

(Credit Card information will be kept confidential)

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card Type: VISA MASTERCARD AMERICAN EXPRESS DISCOVER

Name as it appears on card: _____

Signature: _____

TOTAL DUE

\$

STAFF USE ONLY

Date	Staff Name	Site Taken	Receipt #	Resident	Total \$
				Non-Resident	

Comments:

RM.DAT Form completed and enclosed or already in RM.DAT database

Form of Payment: Check # _____ Money Order #: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ American Express _____ Discover _____

2015 Mariachi Festival Ballet Folklórico Showcase

Groups may have an opportunity to showcase their talent with “15 minutes of fame” during the Mariachi event on Saturday, September 19, 2015. **Showcase time slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.**

- Groups may consist of any performers representing the dance group/organization.
- Showcase entries are limited to one performance per organization.
- Groups may perform any dance, which does not have to be the same performance as the Ballet Folklórico competition.
- Only groups participating in the Ballet Folklórico Competition may showcase at the 2015 Mariachi Festival.
 1. Group must complete a Showcase Official Group Entry Form.
 2. Performers must complete a Mariachi Festival Showcase Disclaimer and Release Form.
 3. Group must provide a biography and black and white photo of the group (JPEG or high resolution PDF format).
 4. Group must provide two clearly labeled CDs of the music for the Showcase performance. It is also advisable to bring a backup copy of your music – just in case.
 - a. **All music CDs must be labeled with the following:**
 1. Group/Entry name
 2. Showcase music title
 3. Contact name and phone number
 4. Type of Entrance
 - Dancers enter after music begins
 - Dancers enter and pose before music begins



BALLET FOLKLÓRICO SHOWCASE

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and ROSTER

2015 MARIACHI FESTIVAL BALLET FOLKLÓRICO SHOWCASE
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FORM - F

DIRECTOR INFORMATION					
Director Name		Group Name			
Street Address					
City	Zip		Cell Phone	()	
Day of Event Phone	()	Email Address			

ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR/INSTRUCTOR NAME					
Name		Phone Number	()	Email Address	

PARTICIPANT ROSTER							
#	Participant Name	Gender	Birthdate	Age	Parent/Guardian Name	Signature	Phone Number
0	Joey Smith (SAMPLE)	M / F		5			
1		M / F					
2		M / F					
3		M / F					
4		M / F					
5		M / F					
6		M / F					
7		M / F					
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BALLET FOLKLÓRICO SHOWCASE DISCLAIMER and RELEASE FORM

2015 MARIACHI FESTIVAL BALLET FOLKLÓRICO SHOWCASE

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FORM - G

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PARTICIPANT NAME	PARENT NAME	PARENT SIGNATURE	PARTICIPANT NAME	PARENT NAME	PARENT SIGNATURE

STAFF USE ONLY				
Date	Staff Name	Site Taken	Receipt #	Group
Comments:				



Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

Form - H

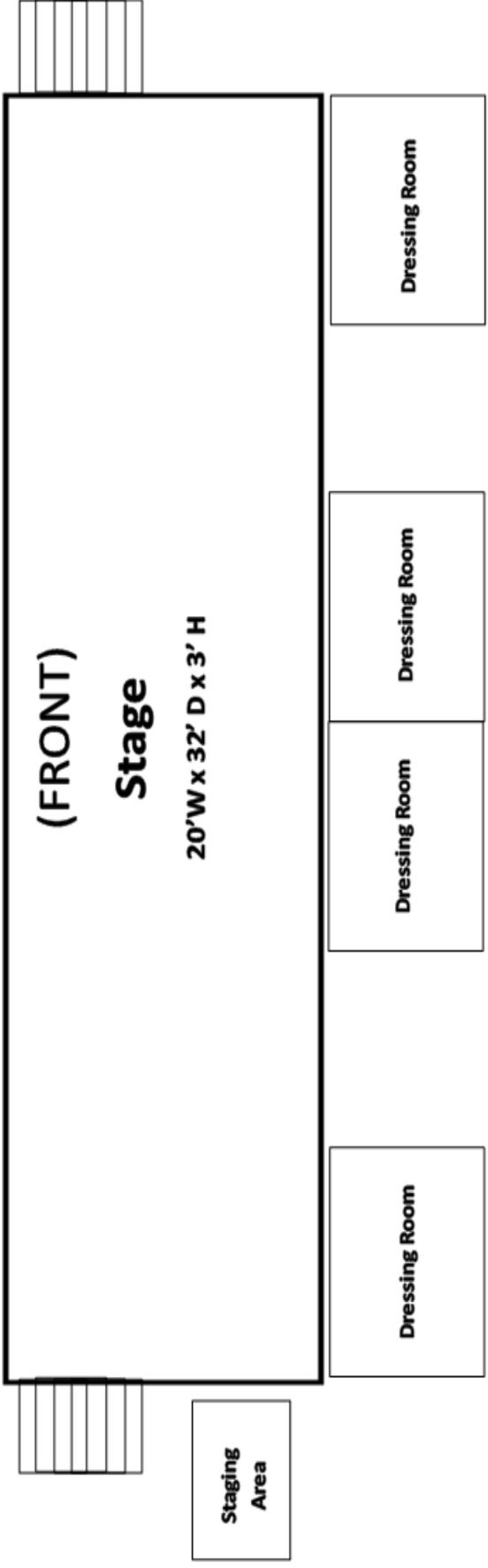
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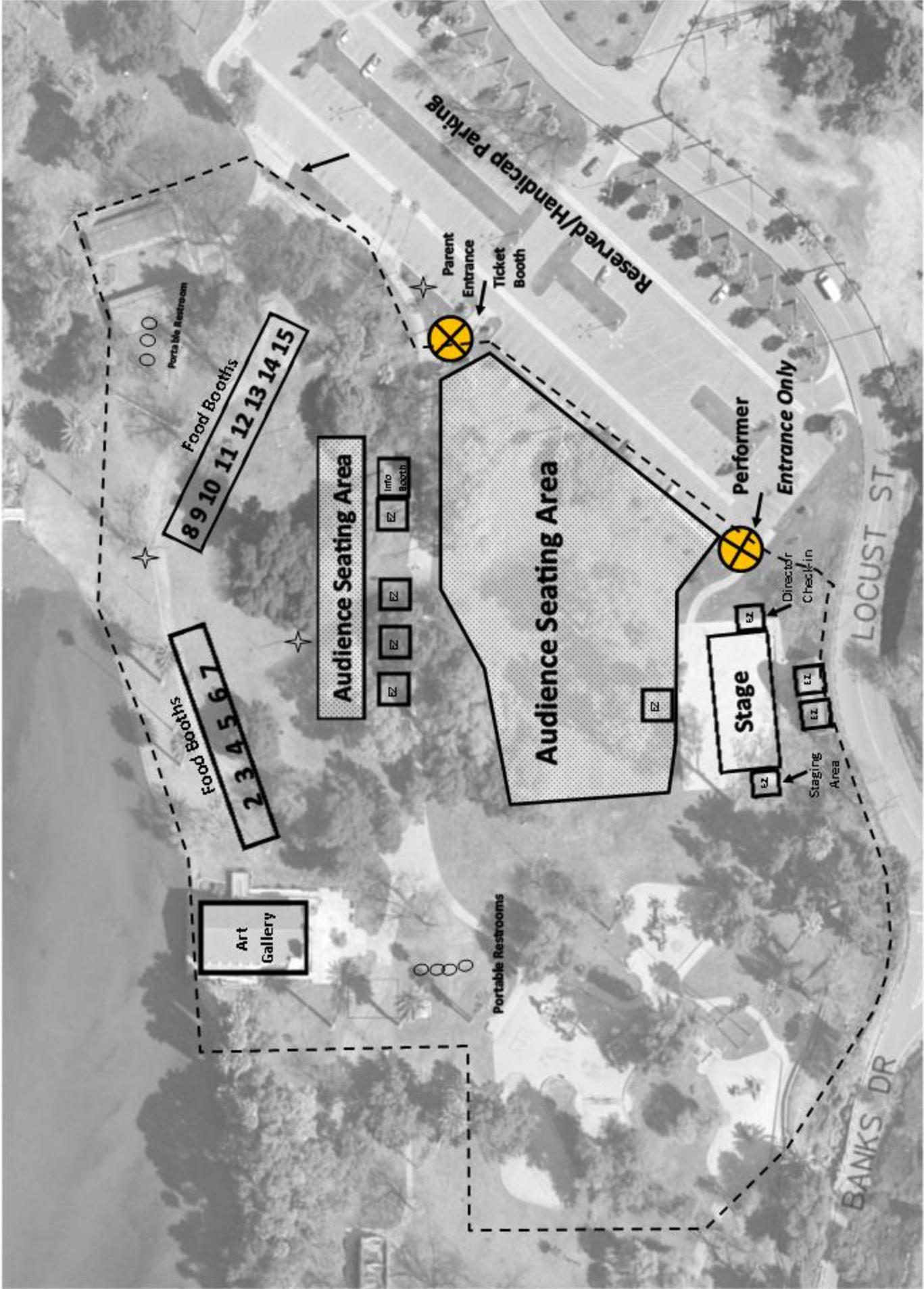
Ballet Folklórico Showcase

Dance Entrance and Layout

GROUP NAME: _____ _____ _____	MUSIC NAME: _____ ENTRANCE START: <input type="radio"/> POSE BEFORE MUSIC <input type="radio"/> ENTER WITH MUSIC
ADVISOR NAME: _____ _____ _____	

Notes: _____





2015 MARIACHI FESTIVAL EVENT LAYOUT

**2015 Mariachi Festival
Ballet Folklórico Competition
Frequently Asked Questions**

When is the event?

The two-day event will be held on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19, 2015. The competition will be held from 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and showcase groups will perform between 1:45 p.m. and 6:40 p.m. on Saturday.

Where is the event?

Fairmount Park, 2601 Fairmount Blvd, Riverside, CA 92501

Who is the City of Riverside contact person for this event?

Betty Perez at bperez@riversideca.gov or call 951-351-6142.

If I submit my entry form and all spots have been filled, will my entry form and fees be returned?

Yes

What time is the event?

Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

When is the registration deadline?

August 14, 2015. Packets must be postmarked by August 12, 2015. Please remember the competition and the showcase is on a first-come, first-served basis.

How much does it cost to enter?

\$40 per entry.

Do we need tickets to compete in the group?

Dance participants, the director of the group and all youth ages 12 and under are eligible for free entry to the event. Parents and other guests of the group are eligible for special discounts (see below).

How much do the tickets cost?

Pre-sale tickets are \$12.50. Competing Ballet Folklórico groups qualify for the BOGO offer.

Pre-sale ticket requests must be submitted with the entry form packet.

Children 12 years and under are FREE. Tickets will be sold the day of the event for \$20.

How many groups will compete at the 2015 Mariachi Festival Ballet Folklórico Competition?

Forty (40) groups

Is participating in the Mariachi Festival Showcase a requirement?

No, but it is great exposure for your group. It does not have to be the same dancers or performance featured in the Ballet Folklórico Competition.

Who is sponsoring this event?

The City of Riverside is hosting the event in conjunction with various sponsors.

Can the groups bring wardrobe racks into the venue?

Yes; however, all racks must be stored against the fence and are the sole responsibility of the group.

Where can we park?

Parking is available throughout the park and along Market Street and Ridge Drive. Disabled Parking (with a valid DMV disabled placard or license plate) is available in the Reserved Parking Lot.

Is there a fee for parking?

There is NO fee for parking. However, unauthorized parking will be cited.

Can I bring my own food and picnic in the park?

Yes. You can bring food in an ice chest. You cannot bring your own alcohol, although, alcohol will be available for purchase at the event. There will also be various food vendors at the event if you wish to purchase food.

Where can I sit and watch the show?

Lawn seating is available in the grassy lawn area in front of the stage. Bring a blanket or chair for seating comfort.