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BEST DANCE SHOW OF THE WORLD from MEXICO!



*A variety of dances including Charreada, Tlacotalpan Festivity, Deer Dance, and the Feather Dance, accompanied by violins, trumpets and guitars, will be the tip of the iceberg as women flaunt their colorful flounced skirts and the men hammer their heels in catchy, repetitive rhythms on the stage of Kerrville's Cailloux Theater. KPAS kicks off 2010 with the exhilarating **Ballet Folklórico de México!***

(Kerrville, TX) – Imagine a dance company that has performed in front of more than 22 million people in more than 15,000 presentations!! A company that has completed more than 100 international tours in its 53-year history!! A company that has trained more than 3,500 dancers, used more than 30,000 pairs of shoes, and accumulated over 45,000 wardrobe pieces!!

Kerrville...you're in for a treat! **Ballet Folklórico de México** de Amalia Hernández will include Kerrville as one of fifty cities on their 2010 three-month tour of the US. Kerrville Performing Arts Society is proud to present two evening performances (7:30pm) by this world-class troupe on January 21st and January 22nd.

When the late Amalia Hernández founded the company in 1952, her goal was to help keep a variety of Mexico's oldest cultural traditions alive, dating back to pre-Columbian civilizations. The troupe, Mexico's national dance company, combines historical research with creativity, refining ancient and continuing traditions into vivid entertainment that bounds back and forth in time as it draws from the more than 30 cultures Mexico has embraced over the centuries.

“...Amalia Hernández is an expert at putting together fast-paced, entertaining shows that can make viewers want to rush right off to Mexico!” according to a recent review by *The New York Times*.

The two evening performances, along with a student outreach program for over 800 students, are made possible through the generosity and support of Mamacita’s Mexican Restaurant, Wells Fargo Bank, and Bryant & Brenda Williams. Additional funding is received from Mid-America Arts Alliance, National Endowment for the Arts and Texas Commission on the Arts.

Tickets for **Ballet Folklórico de México** are available at the Cailloux Theater Box Office (910 Main Street) for the 7:30pm performances on Thursday, January 21st and Friday, January 22nd. Tickets (\$25-\$35-\$45) may be purchased by telephone (830-896-9393) using VISA/MasterCard. Additional information at www.kpas.org or www.balletamalia.com.

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