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ENTRY PACKET

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PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FORMS AND ITEMS IN YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET:

(DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023)

- Group Registration Form
- Entry Form (per dance)
- Participation List & T-shirt sizes
- T-shirt Order Form
- Waiver and Release Form

Dates:

Competition: March 25-26, 2023 (Saturday, Sunday)
Registration Deadline: Friday, February 24, 2023 ***(due in hand. Received via mail or email)***

Competition Site:

Selena Auditorium (American Bank Center)
1901 N Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX 78401
Stage Dimensions: 40' wide x 48' deep

Payment Method:

- Company/School Check (no individual checks & a $40 fee on all returned checks)
- Cashier's Check
- Money Order

MAIL TO:

CFT
Attn: Samuel Alcorta, Jr.
5002 Royalton Drive
Corpus Christi, Texas 78413

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RULES and REGULATIONS

1. **Eligibility:** This competition is open to all dancers from all age groups and levels of experience. This is strictly a **TRADITIONAL** Mexican folk-dance competition.

2. **Important Dates:**
   - Competition: March 25-26, 2023 (Saturday, Sunday)
   - **Registration Deadline: Friday, February 24, 2023**

3. **Entry Forms & Fees:** Entry forms may be duplicated as needed. Be sure to keep a copy for your records. Make sure that all entry information is accurate. Mail all entry forms, fees, and release forms in one packet.

   Please send one check, made payable to ALCORTA'S FOLKLORICO DIAMANTE, for all fees. You may also register online if paying by credit card. Entry fees are Non-Refundable. No Exceptions. Forms and fees must be postmarked by registration deadline.

   PAYMENT METHOD:
   - Company/School Check (no individual checks & a $40 fee on all returned checks)
   - Cashier's Check
   - Money Order

4. **Categories & Time Limits:** There will be a 15 second "grace period" allowed for each routine. After a routine is 15 seconds over the time limit, 5 point will be deducted after the "grace period." After 30 seconds over the time limit, your entry will be disqualified. Time and classification limitations will be strictly enforced.

   SOLOS:
   Entries will be *baile regional*. All soloists will be separated by age category, not division; i.e. soloist ages 11-14 will compete against one another regardless if registered with a public school or private studio. ***Only one solo per dancer.***

   DUETS:
   Entries will be *baile regional*. ***Only male/female duets are eligible to compete.***

ENSEMBLE, SMALL GROUP, LARGE GROUP:
Entries may be danza autóctona or baile regional.

CUADRO ARTISTICO

1. This is a separate section from the general competition.

2. All groups will compete head-to-head.

3. All groups should demonstrate a pre-professional or professional skill level.

4. Groups should be comprised of a minimum of 12 dancers (6 women & 6 men) and a maximum of 24 dancers (12 women & 12 men).

5. Group must only represent one Mexican state.

6. You may elect to present one general theme, or present different aspects of regional traditions.

7. The presentation of your Cuadro Artistico should include: Danza, Baile, and Cuadro Costumbrista (it is mandatory to include two of the three listed components; this is to say: danza y baile, danza y cuadro costumbrista, o cuadro costumbrista y baile). The celebrations of bautizo, cumpleaños, bodas, fiestas cívicas, campestres o patronales, las peregrinaciones, procesiones, mayordomías, etc., will be considered as a cuadro costumbrista.

8. The selection of danza, baile, or cuadro costumbrista is at performing group's discretion.

CATEGORIES	DANCERS PER ENTRY	FEE PER ENTRY (NOT PER DANCER)	TIME LIMIT
SOLO	1 Dancer (one solo per dancer)	$90 USD	3 minutes maximum
DUET	2 Dancers (Male/Female Only)	$50 USD	3 minutes maximum
ENSEMBLE	3-6 Dancers	$60 USD	5 minutes maximum
SMALL GROUP	7-11 Dancers	$75 USD	8 minutes maximum
LARGE GROUP	12+ Dancers	$85 USD	12 minutes maximum
CUADRO ARTISTICO	6-12 Couples	$150	20 minutes maximum

Dance studios may apply their own additional administrative fees.

5. **Divisions:**
   - **Middle School**
   - **High School**
     - **High School –** The High School (Junior Varsity) division is targeted towards folklórico dance programs with students who have little to no competition experiences and are performing at beginner to moderate intermediate level.
     - **High School Elite –** The High School Elite (Varsity) division is targeted towards folklórico dance programs with students who have significant competition experience and are performing at an intermediate-advanced level.
     - *NOTE: A single high school may be entered in both divisions. For mixed level entries, the level of the routine is based on the level of the majority of the dancers. Judges can adjust*

the level of a routine at their discretion. Since no competition can possibly know how many hours a student dances, how many years they have danced, or the degree of competition experience, Directors are left to their own judgment when choosing a level for their entries.

- **Private** *(Division based on average age of students in an individual entry.)*
    - Mini (3-6 years of age)
    - Pre-Junior (7-10 years of age)
    - Junior (11-14 years of age)
    - Senior (15-18 years of age)
    - Adult (19 years of age and above)

    - **ALL AGES ARE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023.**
    - **Averaging of Ages**: To reach the average age of an entry, add all the ages together and divide by the number of dancers in the entry. When averaging ages always DROP THE DECIMAL POINT. For example, if a routine averages to an age of 14.7, you would drop the decimal; therefore, the routine would compete in the Junior Category (ages 11-14).

6. Awards:

High Score Awards (High Point Trophies)
The three highest scores (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in each division will be awarded high point trophies.

Cuadro Artistico (High Point Trophies)
1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place

Best Soloist
This award will be given to the highest scoring soloist of the entire competition.

Best Duet (Mejor Pareja)
This award will be given to the highest scoring duet entry of the entire competition.

Overall Division High Score
The highest scoring ensemble, small group, or large group entry in each division (age level) will be awarded a "Best of the Best" trophy/recognition.

- Best Middle School Entry
- Best High School Entry
- Best High School Elite Entry
- Best Mini Entry
- Best Pre-Jr. Entry
- Best Junior Entry
- Best Senior Entry
- Best Adult Entry

Folklorista Award
This award will be given to the group demonstrating a master knowledge of various regional Mexican dance styles during the competition.

Judge's Choice Award
This award is hand selected by the judges (does not take into account scores). It is awarded to a single entry of the entire competition that the judges feel embodies the essence of the traditions and customs of Mexico.

Grand Champion (Campeón Absoluto)
This award will be given to the group showcasing the highest level of excellence during the entirety of the Competencia Folklórica De Tejas.

7. **Participation:** All dancers must be enrolled with the participating school or organization. If an ineligible participant is found, the group will be disqualified. Backstage access is restricted to dancers, instructors and directors. A performing group MUST always have an adult supervisor with them backstage. Groups will be responsible for any damages incurred while they are backstage.

8. **Music:** Music must be submitted via drop box or a flash drive no later than one week before the competition date (mp3 format). Bring your back up music on your iPod, iPad, or Laptop.

   Your file name should read: EntryNumber_AbbreviatedGroupName_Category_Region/Style
   EX: **2207_ALCORTAS_LG_JALISCO**
   2208_ALCORTAS_SOLO_HIDALGO
   2209_ALCORTAS_CUADRO_MICHOACAN

9. **Stage Preparation Time:** There will be NO designated stage preparation time.

10. **Props:** Hats, canes and other props maybe used as it pertains to the represented dances. Scenery, special lighting, knives and fire are NOT allowed. Machetes must have "filo" removed. Use miniature lights in place of candles.

11. **Schedule/Performance Times:** A competition schedule will be sent out no later than two weeks before the event. Read the schedule carefully. Competition times might run fast, so groups should arrive an hour prior to their scheduled times. Please be prepared.

12. **Dressing Rooms:** Please use assigned dressing rooms and locations. **DO NOT USE PUBLIC AREAS AS CHANGING LOCATIONS.**

13. **T-Shirts:** Order your *Competencia Folklórica De Tejas* commemorative t-shirt ahead of time at sale price as only a limited amount and sized will be available on-site. (Participant's shirts are included with registration fee). Please return the t-shirt order form with your entry packet.

14. **Video Recording:** There are no fees for video recording. Please be respectful of audiences when filming. DO NOT obstruct walkways. Tripods must be placed only in designated areas. Professional videos will NOT be sold.

15. **Wavier & Release Forms:** The release form(s) must be submitted for contestants with the registration forms and fees. No dancers will be allowed to participate without a signed form on file. Please make additional copy of form if more room is needed.

16. **Tickets:** Tickets for spectators will be on sales at the box office for $10 per day. Registered participants do not need tickets to enter.

17. **Parking Fees:** Yes, the American Bank Center does charge for parking. Rates vary.

18. **Travel:** Participating groups are responsible for their own travel and lodging arrangements. **All teams are expected to arrive to begin contest by Saturday morning at 8am.**

19. **Hotel Block:** The Omni Corpus Christi Hotel will once again serve as our host hotel with a special room rate for CFT 2023! We have a limited amount of rooms available so please book ASAP.
    RESERVATION LINK: https://bit.ly/3SGHHPo
    -Single/Double Room Rate: $159 plus taxes (15%)
    -Reservation Deadline: Feb 21

20. **Competition Site:**
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    Stage Dimensions: 40' wide x 48' deep

21. Competing dancers may only compete for one studio/group, unless that dancer is part of both a private studio and public-school program.

22. All CFT attendees authorize the use of their images in photos and video.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The judges and master workshop teachers for the *Competencia Folklórica De Tejas* are all distinguished "Investigadores y Maestros de la Danza Folklórica Mexicana"

No.	Aspectos	Descripción
1	**EJECUCIÓN**	Pisadas y pasos acordes al estilo de la región. Habilidad y destreza en la ejecución, así como limpieza en cada secuencia.
2	**PROYECCIÓN**	Postura y proyección corporal y facial de acuerdo al genero y carácter de la danza o baile.
3	**COREOGRAFÍA**	Diseños creativos en bailes y figuras dinámicas en danzas. Desplazamientos uniformes de los ejecutantes en tiempo y espacio.
4	**MÚSICA**	Utilización de conjuntos e instrumentos de acuerdo a la región que se presenta.
5	**RITMO**	Coordinación de la ejecución dancística con el ritmo de la música.
6	**VESTUARIO**	Utilización correcta de diseños, telas, y accesorios de la indumentaria a bailar en cada región.
7	**PORTACIÓN**	Portar correctamente cada una de las prendas y elementos (faldas, rebozos, sombreros, machetes, sonajas, paliacates, etc.) durante la ejecución.
8	**GRADO DE DIFICULTAD**	Grado de dificultad de acuerdo al estilo del estado que se representa y variedad de secuencias.
9	**AUTENTICIDAD**	Acercamiento a los cánones que se establecen al apego tradicional mexicano.
10	**IMPRESIÓN GENERAL**	Impresión de la composición dancística desde la entrada hasta la salida.

No.	Aspects	Description
1	**Execution**	Footwork is clean and in accordance with the regional dance style being presented.
2	**Projection**	Body expression, posture, and facial expressions are accurate representations of the culture or ethnic group being presented during the execution of the dance.
3	**Choreography**	Creative designs in regional dances and dynamic figures in indigenous danzas. Dancer's movements are uniformed and timed/spaced accordingly.
4	**Music**	Music utilizes the appropriate instrumentation for the region being presented.
5	**Rhythm**	The dance selection is in coordination with the rhythm of the music.
6	**Costuming**	Correct utilization of designs, fabrics, and accessories in the attire of the region being presented.
7	**Usage of Costume/Props**	Propper use of costuming and props (skirts, rebozos, hats, machetes, sonajas, paliacates, etc.) during the execution of the presented dance.
8	**Difficulty**	Difficulty level and variety of sequences used during the execution of the presented dance.
9	**Authenticity**	Presented dance can be classified as an authentic representation of the region/ethnic group being presented.
10	**General Impression**	General impression of the presented dance from beginning to end.

Each group will revive a written critique from each judge for each performance. (Directors may pick these up after competition)

Decisions of the judges are final!

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday

7:00 AM	Public Doors Open
7:30 AM	Check-In Opens
8:00 AM	Solos
10:00 AM	Duets
12:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	Ensembles
4:00 PM	Small Groups
6:00 PM	Large Groups
9:00 PM	Day 1 Concludes

Sunday

7:00 AM	Public Doors Open
7:30 AM	Check-In Opens
8:00 AM	Duets
10:00 AM	Small Groups
12:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	Large Groups
4:00 PM	Cuadro Artistico
6:00 PM	Awards

Competencia Folklórica De Tejas

INVOICE FORM

GROUP NAME: _____

Director's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Cell #: _____ E-mail: _____

			# OF DANCERS		
PARTICIPATION FEE	PER COMPETITOR	(INCLUDES: T-SHIRT & BRACELET)	_____	X $40=	$ _____
			# OF ENTRIES		
SOLO	1 PER DANCER ONLY	# OF SOLOISTS	_____	X $90=	$ _____
DUET	MALE & FEMALE ONLY	# OF DUETS	_____	X $50=	$ _____
ENSEMBLE	3-6 DANCERS	# OF ENSEMBLES	_____	X $60=	$ _____
SMALL GROUP	7-10 DANCERS	# OF SMALL GROUPS	_____	X $75=	$ _____
LARGE GROUP	11+ DANCERS	# OF LARGE GROUPS	_____	X $85=	$ _____
CUADRO	6+ COUPLES	ONE PER GROUP	_____	X $150=	$ _____
EXTRA T-SHIRTS	SEE TOTAL FROM T-SHIRT ORDER FORM				$ _____
					TOTAL DUE: $ _____

ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE
All fees MUST accompany entry forms. Refunds will not be made.
Substitutes of music or dancer may be made as long as they remain in the same division level.

Make check payable to:
W9 avaiable upon request

Alcorta's Folklorico Diamante, Inc.
5002 Royalton Drive
Corpus Christi, Texas 78413

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PARTICIPANT LIST & T-SHIRT SIZES

PLEASE PRINT

GROUP NAME: _____

Director's Name: _____ (Shirt Size) _____

(One Director will receive a complimentary shirt. Please include your size.)

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TOTALS

4/5 (YXS): _____ **6/8 (YS): _____** **10/12 (YM): _____** **14/16 (YL): _____**

AS: _____ **AM: _____** **AL: _____**

AXL: _____ **A2XL: _____** **A3XL: _____**

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ENTRY FORM (PER ENTRY) - Duplicate as needed

Group Name: _____

Choreographer of dance entry: _____

___ *Student Choreographer.* ___ *Company Choreographer.* ___ *Outside Professional Choreographer.*

State/Region: _____

Name of Dance(s): _____

_____

Circle the appropriate category & division

CATEGORY	DIVISION	AGE LEVEL **Private Division Only**
SOLO | 1 per dancer ONLY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	MINI (3-6)
DUET | 2 Dancers (M/F ONLY)	HIGH SCHOOL	PRE-JUNIOR (AGE 7-10)
ENSEMBLE | 3-6 Dancers	HIGH SCHOOL ELITE	JUNIOR (11-14)
SMALL GROUP | 7-11 Dancers	PRIVATE	SENIOR (15-18)
LARGE GROUP | 12+ Dancers		ADULT (19+)

DANCERS: **(____) Ages for Private Groups

1. _____ (____)
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AVERAGE OF AGES: _____

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CUADRO ARTISTICO - ENTRY FORM

(only one entry allowed per group)

Optional: Submit monografia along with this page

Group Name: _____

Choreographer of dance entry: _____

___ *Student Choreographer.* ___ *Company Choreographer.* ___ *Outside Professional Choreographer.*

Title of Entry: _____

State/Region: _____

Name of Danzas/Bailes/Cuadro Costumbrista:

1. _____ **6.** _____

2. _____ **7.** _____

3. _____ **8.** _____

4. _____ **9.** _____

5. _____ **10.** _____

DANCERS:

1. _____ **14.** _____

2. _____ **15.** _____

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11. _____ **24.** _____

12. _____

13. _____

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T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

PLEASE NOTE: PARTICIPANT SHIRTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE "PARTICIPATION FEE." THIS FORM SHOULD BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL SHIRTS FOR FRIENDS, FAMILY, STAFF, ETC.

GROUP NAME: _____

Director's Name: _____

CHILDREN SIZES	# OF SHIRTS	PRICES	TOTALS
4/5 (XS)		**X $15.00**	
6/8 (S)		**X $15.00**	
10/12 (M)		**X $15.00**	
14/16 (L)		**X $15.00**	
ADULT SIZES			
SMALL		**X $15.00**	
MEDIUM		**X $15.00**	
LARGE		**X $15.00**	
X-LARGE		**X $15.00**	
2X-LARGE		**X $17.00**	
3X-LARGE		**X $17.00**	
		TOTAL DUE	**$**

APPLY TOTAL DUE TO GROUP REGISTRATION FORM.

Competencia Folklórica De Tejas

WAIVER & RELEASE

Waiver and Release ("RELEASE") executed on _____(date)

by _____("PARTICIPANT") releasing the Alcorta's Folklórico Diamante Inc. ("AFD") their officers, members, volunteers, employees and agents from any and all claims of participant arising from participation in the event known as **COMPETENCIA FOLKLÓRICA DE TEJAS** ("EVENT").

In exchange for the right to participate in the EVENT, participant hereby waives, releases and discharges any and all claims for injuries to person including death or to property that participant may incur as a result of participants' participation in the event. This release discharges AFD and all other promoters, sponsors, promoting clubs, officials and any municipality or other public entity and their respective agents and employees ("OTHER") associated with the event, and from and against any and all liability which may arise out of the negligence, carelessness, gross negligence or intentional act on the part of **AFD OR OTHERS**, or participants.

PARTICIPANT understands and acknowledges that a serious accident can occur during activities such as the event, knowing such risks PARTICIPANT hereby assumes all those risks and injury to person including death or to property related to event and releases and holds harmless and indemnifies AFD and OTHERS for any such injury whether such injury arises from AFD or OTHERS negligence, carelessness, gross negligence or intentional acts, including but not limited to all costs and attorney's fees.

Further, PARTICIPANT hereby grants full permission to any or all the foregoing to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event.

PARTICIPANT has carefully read and understands the foregoing waiver and release and signs this release as PARTICIPANT'S own free act. PARTICIPANT represents that in executing this document, that the party doing so has the full authority to enter into this agreement with AFD and acknowledges that AFD is relying upon the execution of this document in allowing PARTICIPANT to participate in the event.

DIRECTOR: _____Print Name: _____

GROUP NAME:_____

PARTICIPANT: _____ Age _____ Signature/Parent: _____

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PARENT'S SIGNATURE IS NEEDED IF DANCER IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

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