

Celebrating 28 years of Viva Aztlan Festival, the festival contains Mexican Folklorico dance competition and workshops for adult and children as well as Mariachi concert.

General Information

- March 8 & 9, 2024
- Lubbock Memorial Civic Center
- **ENTRY FEE:** There will be an **Entry Fee of \$225** per Folklorico company entry BY FEBRUARY 16 FOR ALL ACCESS OF FESTIVAL for Participants & Directors only - ONLY 2 DIRECTORS/CHAPARONES ALLOWED ON LIST!!!!
 - Solo & Duet entries will be incorporated to competition
 - Solo Competition Fee-\$10
 - Duet Competition Fee-\$15
 - Group Competition Fee (4 or more dancers)-\$55 (per group competing)-\$30 for each additional group entry
 - Once forms are received, committee will send an invoice for groups to pay online. If you'd prefer to mail in a check, please make payable to Ballet Folklorico Aztlan and send to 3720 95th Lubbock, TX 79423.
- **WORKSHOPS:** Master Workshops will be offered for Folklorico. Workshops will be held on Friday in the morning as well as in the afternoon.
 - **INDIVIDUAL WORKSHOP ENTRY FEE-\$100**
 - a. Folklorico workshops will have both children & adult workshops. There will be two workshops being conducted simultaneously. No regions have been set as of the date. The Folklorico judges will be conducting the Folklorico workshops. Those participating in the workshops need to have skill of dancing. Children workshops will be the level of children and vice versa for adult.
- **HOTEL:** The host hotel is the MCM Elegante', their number is 806-763-1200, and address is 801 Avenue Q. The rate is \$105 + tax per room per night, double beds. Complimentary breakfast offered with eggs made at time of order & waffle station. You will need to call them directly to reserve rooms by the deadline of **Feb 5**. Please make your reservations early because they fill up fast and if not reserved by the deadline the hotel will give our room block to others not attending our festival. If you call directly you will ask for the *Viva Aztlan room block* discount and for us to get credit. This is essential for us. We would rather you use the host hotel but if you don't please make sure to let the hotel you are staying at that you are attending our festival, so we can get credit for hotel rooms in the city. Also if you have proper documentation (non-profit exemption) you will **only need to pay city tax** which is 13%.
- **T-SHIRTS:** We will be ordering Festival T-shirts for those wanting to buy them. Price is \$15.00 per adult T-shirt S-XL, \$17.00 for XXL adults and \$12.00 per children's shirt. All orders must be paid in advance. This price is only good through Feb. 9. The price will increase after this date. A T-Shirt Form will be sent later. More details for ordering and payment will follow. Pick up T-shirts at registration table on the day of festival. Price for shirts on-site will be \$17 adult size, \$19 XXL and above, \$15 children size.

Competition Guidelines

All decisions are based solely on the judge's discretion; the Viva Aztlan Board of Directors is not involved in the judging. Judges score based on their knowledge of traditional dances from Mexico. Any group who is not competing with traditional dances will not be judged. Judges will place each group in their respective level based on performance. The levels are Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced

For all groups competing:

- Rosters of all performers should be given on a Roster form for all participants plus Director(s)
- No group will be allowed to use self-standing stage props, the only props that are acceptable are hand or head props specific to the state or region. IF PROPS ARE NEEDED FOR REGION, THIS TIME NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR PROGRAM.
- Stage lighting and open curtains will stay the same for all groups.
- No fire or lit candles are allowed for any dance. This is a stipulation from the Civic Center because of fire hazard. We recommend you use battery operated candles.

- ❖ The children's competition is for 14 years and younger. Only exception is documented disability of the dancer.
 - Competition is allotted a minimum of 5 minutes to a maximum of 10 minutes from start to finish.
 - All children's group will be placed by judges for their level of dancing (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced). Judges will have the discretion to reduce levels if not enough group entries.
 - One group will be awarded Best Overall for children's category
- ❖ The adult competition is for 15 years and older.
 - Each adult group will have a minimum 5 minutes to a maximum of 15 minutes from start to finish.
 - Adult groups will be placed in their division based on their performance. Judges will make that determination.
 - One group will be awarded Best Overall for adult category.

Awards are 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place per level/division for each of the awards below for both Children & Adult groups.

The judges will rate each award below from 1-10:

- Best Choreography based on synchronization of lines, circles, etc. and stage presentation including entrances & exits.
- Best Technique & Form based on synchronization of steps, skirt, hat, all props necessary for the region and the character used for the region.
- Best Costume based on how the costume is presented including hats and hairpieces and authenticity of region presented.
- Best Traditional-The dance group that uses authentic dress, steps, and choreography in their presentation as in accordance with traditional dances.

All groups competing:

At the end of your overall performance, please have your company members line up in front of the stage and the director only needs to announce each member's name clearly as they step forward. This will aid the judges in making their selection in this next category.

Estrellas de Folklorico: One male and female dancer from each company, regardless of age, will be selected to the Estrellas del Folklorico 2024.

**Estrellas
de
Folklorico**

**Solo &
Duets**

- Solo, Duets have a maximum of 3.5 minutes
- Performers will be judged 1-10 points on Technique & Form, Choreography, Costume and Authenticity
- 1st -3rd place will be award for each Level (Children & Adult) per category

***Best of
Festival***

One group will be selected Best of Festival from either the Children's Competition or Adult Competition. The winner of Best of Festival will be invited to come back the following year to perform a special presentation. A stipend will be given.

***Submission
Checklist***

- ✓ Entry Fee ✓ Registration Form ✓ Pic for Program-send to vivaaztlan@sbcglobal.net (Competition groups)
- ✓ Participant Form ✓ Competition Program ✓ Hotel Form ✓ Code of Conduct per participant