



Ballet Folklórico Fiesta del Sol was established in 2000 under the direction and instruction of Delia Ochoa and Jeri Padilla. Currently, we have several instructors; Jena Ochoa, Orianna Perez and Torie Rosa. Throughout 23 years as a group, we have showcased the diversity and beauty of Mexico. We have performed dances from over 20 regions of Mexico including Veracruz, Chiapas, Yucatan and Jalisco. With the love of dance and the Mexican culture our goal was to share this with the Lubbock community. We have performed at many Lubbock events including the Pancake Festival, Lubbock Arts Festival, First Friday Art Trail and others. We also provide entertainment for private events such as weddings and quinceañeras. Some of our favorite places to perform are the nursing homes. We love celebrating Cinco de Mayo with the residents and bringing them joy.

Fiesta del Sol welcomes all ages and diversity in the group. We currently have 25 members ranging from ages 5 to 40yrs old. We have kept the cost of joining the group as low as possible, to make it affordable to everyone. Tuition is only 10 dollars a month and has been since the very beginning. Any money collected or earned as gone right back into the group, allowing us to provide a place to practice, costumes, hairpieces, t-shirts, at little or no cost. We hold fundraisers and save as much money as possible to be able to provide different costumes and opportunities for our dancers. Our group has traveled to Las Cruces, Las Vegas and San Antonio to attend workshops in order to gain more knowledge of folklorico dancing. We have also hosted professional folklorico maestros to come and teach us here in Lubbock.

Our goal this is year to host a workshop this summer if funds allow. Delia Ochoa has always been our seamstress. Spending many hours sewing our amazing costumes. However, some costumes have to be bought and shipped from Mexico. Some of our costumes we have had as long as we've been a group, making repairs and alterations as needed. We would love to be able to purchase new ones soon. Fiesta del Sol has seen many changes and people come and go throughout the years. COVID was a challenging time for everyone but we were able to continue spreading the love and sharing our culture. We hope to continue the group and sharing our heritage, as long as life and time will allow.

