

Grupo Folklórico Miztontli

de la Universidad de Arizona

Grupo Folklórico Miztontli is a student-run group that celebrates diversity at the University of Arizona and enriches multicultural understanding by teaching and promoting Mexican traditions and culture through folklórico dance awareness. Miztontli represents and shows what Mexican culture has to offer as a fine art as well as for the overall wellbeing and growth of a person through a network of mutual support, dance instruction, and performances throughout the greater Tucson community.

Started by Denise T. Garcia in the fall of 2006, Grupo Folklórico Miztontli is also the first and only folklórico student dance group at the University of Arizona. "Miztontli" is a word of Nahuatl origin that translates to "puma" or "cat", which is the closest thing in that language to "Wildcat". Performance-wise, the group's opening show took place in May 2007 at the UA Chicano/Hispano Graduation Convocation, an event in which they have participated ever since. Some of the group's biggest performances include:

- UA Hispanic Heritage Day Collegiate Athletics Football Game (2007 – 2013)
- The NFL Cardinal's Football Game Halftime Show (2009, 2010)
- UA BookStores *Día de los muertos* event (2009 – 2012)
- International School of Tucson's International Day (2010, 2011, 2013, 2014)
- Cultural Centers Community Welcome Event (2010 – 2013)
- Tucson Meet Yourself Festival (2011 – 2013)
- UA Relay for Life (2011 – 2014)
- 86th Annual WMAT Tribal Fair and Parade and Night Performance (2011)

Grupo Folklórico Miztontli has also performed at private events such as weddings and dinners and at social events and fundraisers for the Sahuaro Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona, Tucson Medical Center, El Pueblo Senior Center, K-12 schools and community events, UA International Student Services office and for multiple university organizations and departments.

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