

Quad Cities Ballet Folklorico



Quad-Cities ballet Folklorico has been under the direction of Arnulfo Camarillo - for the past 21 years. Camarillo and his wife Beatrice have been instrumental in devoting all of their time and energy teaching ballet Folklorico in the Hispanic community since they came to the Quad-Cities area from Guadalajara, Mexico, where they both studied dance at the University of Guadalajara (ballet Folklorico) and later married and moved to the Quad-City area. He has taught several generations of dancers throughout the years and presently there are approximately 40 members, ages 6-years-old thru college age. Our costumes, music, and dance tell the stories of the many beautiful regions of Mexico and its colorful past and present.

Q.C.B.F. have been asked to perform at several area celebrations and functions such as at the Rock Island Arsenal for Hispanic Heritage Week, Viva Quad Cities, Festival of Trees, and they have been invited to perform at several of the colleges and universities in the area such as St. Ambrose University, Augustana College, Blackhawk College and the University of Iowa. About 95 percent of the dancers go on to college to pursue degrees, which is one of the goals that they have set for their members of this non-profit organization. Many of their dancers have gone on to be professionals in their own fields of study and have come back to Q.C.B.F. to help out in some way. They have also given back to the community what they learned from their past experiences of being members of Quad-Cities Ballet Folklorico.