



**Ballet  
FOLKLORICO  
QUETZALCOATL**

**40TH ANNIVERSARY**



**WITH SPECIAL GUEST**



**GOYO CRUZ**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2023**

**7:30 PM**

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**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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**Juan Manuel “Nery” Cruz**

With Special Guest  
**Goyo Cruz**

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Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, 7:30 p.m.  
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## DEDICATION

With great love, affection, and respect, these 40 years are dedicated to the people who were always there for the BFQ and to those who went ahead along the way: my father Agustín Cruz Martínez, my dear nephew José Nery Castillo Cruz, my sister-in-law, and friend Elizabeth Flores Hernández, our friends and colleagues Hector Reyes, Arturo Montañón Jr and Victor Rangel and our great friend and advisor Juanita Barbosa who supported the group from 1983 until her departure. Wishing with all love that they are resting in peace.

~Juan Manuel “Nery” Cruz

## PROGRAM

### PART I

#### **Danza Azteca**

The Aztecs were a nomadic culture who eventually settled on several small islands in Lake Texcoco where, in 1325, they founded the town of Tenochtitlan, modern-day Mexico City. The dance is a form of prayer and each step has spiritual significance, such as marking the cardinal points and imitating the different sounds of animals.

#### **Goyito Cruz**

An internationally recognized artist and dear friend of the BFQ who is celebrating 50 years of his musical career this year. Performing with Carina Sarabia (BFQ Grp 2) “Caminos de Guanajuato” and dance interpretation by BFQ Alums Merrick Nila and Anselmo Domínguez.

#### **Norte**

Dances from the northern region of Mexico: Coahuila, Nuevo León, and Chihuahua, with a dance interpretation of “La Indita” by dance instructor Maestro Javier Mojarro and Rosa Barraza (BFQ Grp 3).

#### **San Luis Potosí**

San Luis Potosí is the geographical heart of Mexico and a rich mining center. Folk dance is the name given to Mexican dances that are distinguished by movements similar to those of ballet and by the use of regional costumes.

#### **Goyito Cruz**

Song by Goyito Cruz with a dance interpretation by BFQ Alums: Merrick Nila and Anselmo Domínguez.

#### **Tamaulipas**

“Picotas” and “Caballito” (Little Horse) are traditional dances of Tamaulipas accompanied by drum and clarinet.

## PROGRAM

### **Aguascalientes**

“Polka Agüita” and “Pelea de Gallos” (Cockfight Dance) was composed in 1945. This song was extremely popular within the community of Aguascalientes, adopted and choreographed by the people.

### **Nayarit**

Being one of the coastal states of Mexico, we hear the use of wind instruments in “San Pedroño” and in the representational music of the region.

### **Goyito Cruz**

With 50 years in the entertainment field this year, let us now listen to Goyito singing “Veracruz.”

### **Veracruz**

These dances and songs are very cheerful due to the nature of the giant celebrations and Fiestas that the cities of this region are known for. They are danced by couples and express a lot of flirting between the man and woman.

## INTERMISSION

### PART 2

### **Puebla**

The clothing of the region is divided into Chunaco & Charro de Caporal for men and the Chinaca & China Poblana for women. Las Chinas of the region wear skirts adorned with sequins, their embroidered blouses and silk sash. In the Dance of the “Miguelés”, the Archangel is portrayed to show the struggle between good and evil.

### **Goyito Cruz**

Singing “Que chulo es Puebla” and dance interpretation by BFQ Alums Merrick Nila and Anselmo Dominguez.

### **Michoacán**

The classic “Jarabes” carry movements that have developed in different regions of Mexico, all steps are cheerful and optimistic.

### **Campeche**

Mexico's colorful city, named after the ancient Mayan providence of Kimpech. Campeche is also home to numerous ruined Mayan cities. “Campechanita Habanera”, a habanera of Campeche, is usually related to the Havana, capital of Cuba. The dance and rhythm is quick but it is also a romantic and lovely song. “Fandango of Campeche” is a lively couples dance from Spain usually in triple meter.

## PROGRAM

### **Tabasco**

Tabasco can be broadly described as a tropical jungle area facing the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The more traditional style of music in Tabasco is played with a drum and a reed flute.

### **Goyito Cruz**

Singing “Serenata Huasteca, El siete mares” and dance interpretation by BFQ Alums Merrick Nila and Anselmo Dominguez.

### **Oaxaca**

The typical music of this dance “Flor de Piña” was created in 1958. Each one of the huipiles, or typical dresses, has special characteristics and attributes that differentiate them from the other municipalities of the region of Papaloapan.

### **Goyito Cruz**

Singing “Virgencita de Zapopan, México lindo y querido” and dance interpretation by BFQ Alums Merrick Nila and Anselmo Dominguez.

### **Jalisco**

To talk about Jalisco is to talk about one of the most representative regions of Mexico. Jalisco’s folklore, tradition, and culture are part of a fusion that highlights the name of Mexico throughout the world. One of the most renowned, and most popular mestizo dances from Jalisco, not only in Mexico but also at a global level, is the “Jarabe Tapatío.”



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~Juan Manuel "Nery" Cruz

## BALLET FOLKLORICO QUETZALCOATL

Ballet Folklórico Quetzalcoatl is led by Director and Choreographer Juan Manuel "Nery" Cruz, From San Luis Potosi, Mexico, who currently resides in Aurora, IL. According to Nery, the group was originally formed to meet a need: the need to preserve the most important aspects of the Mexican culture, which is the folkloric dance. In Mexico, dance has always been an important part of the culture. Children often perform folkloric dances in schools during holidays and other special occasions. This is how Nery began his dancing career in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, where he grew up. Later he studied dance at the San Luis Potosi, *Instituto de Bellas Artes*. Every year, Nery travels to San Luis, Mex. To polish up on his skills by taking lessons to learn new steps and dances

from different regions of Mexico. Throughout the year, he teaches his students these steps and dances that are usually debuted during the group's annual performance at the Paramount Arts Centre in Aurora, IL.

Ballet Folklórico Quetzalcoatl is a Mexican folk dance troupe that has been delighting audiences for over 35 years throughout IL, and as far as Mexico. The group's dream is to one day reach Europe. The group received its name "Quetzalcoatl" in 1983, the meaning of Quetzalcoatl originates from the ancient Mexican and northern Central American Civilizations. The name "Quetzalcoatl" literally means snake or serpent with feathers of quetzal, which implies something divine or precious in the Nahuatl language. Quetzalcoatl was the god of wisdom of the primitive Mexicans, a god of the air or a sun-god and a benefactor of their race who instructed them in the use of agriculture and metals as well.




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