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“Nuestra Navidad” – 51 years in progress and enduring.

Why?

I could have reeled in personal fame and profit since its inception by succumbing to modern conventionality and the commercial contemporary drive in the folk arts for Christmas in both South and North of our countries' border, but I have refused to trade the Aztlán Academy's traditional cultural standing for any shortcuts to produce our art work with altered regional styles. Therefore, I teach what I personally enjoyed in my youthful years partaking in the commonality of life style of “la gente simple del pueblo”.

My careful attention to cultural detail and made-for-preserving tradition imbues my choreographies with a special sentiment that consistently guided our performers to master the quality of aesthetic projection of real life values showcasing regional diverse people's artistic expressions for theatrical escenographic folklore concerts.

It is this soulfulness, in fact, that drew in our present faculty who are like the stewards of the Mexican Diaspora's old provincial Christmas left behind. I have a fairly healthy fear that if we were not here celebrating it in our way, then the folk cultural arts experience depicting “Mother, Father, and Child” for the young generation, would quickly disappear deformed, eroded, transformed and absorbed into something else like our indigenous and mestizo languages, food, arts and social values.

The Aztlán Academy has attempted to preserve a centuries time honored Mestizo art tradition; it may also be securing such expressions in San José-Santa Clara County, California and Arlington/Grand Prairie-Tarrant County, Texas for the next generation of youth in love with the virtual world in the 21st Century; at a time in which the future seems to be coming all too fast and families are reluctant to incorporate the inspirational cultural values of the past.

“NUESTRA NAVIDAD – A Family Christmas”

December 1-2, 2017 – Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, TX

December 14-15, 2017 – San José, CA

★ Aguinaldo Navideño December 24, 2017 ★

Huejutla, Hidalgo, México

POR LA EDUCACION DE NUESTRO PUEBLO

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