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A MULTICULTURAL SHOWCASE OF SONG & DANCE

MISSION:

We believe in excellence & achieve it through education. We take pride in who we are & celebrate each other's differences. We are many races but united in one belief. That awareness brings acceptance & diversity makes us strong.

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ROC had a wonderful Spring Tour this year. It began by renting 3 15-passenger vans and heading to Deming, NM for an assembly in the high school which was attended by 1500 students. It was an excellent start to a great tour!

Then off to El Paso, TX for a fireside and show. Once all the paperwork was in order, ROC crossed the border into Juarez where a chartered bus awaited to take the group to Ascencion. ROC was greeted with traditional "hot" enchiladas, beans & rice. Because there was only one bathroom in the building, more than half the group hopped in the back of a pick-up to find other facilities. A great fireside was conducted in the small meetinghouse. It was so small ROC had to stand for the entire meeting. A gentleman greeted the group by singing and playing his accordion.

On to Chihuahua for a great show! The audience was incredible and cheered all the way to the closing number! Then off to Casas Grandes and the Mormon Colonies. Each area was very anxious to greet ROC and attend the fireside and show.

After the show in the Mormon Colonies, ROC packed for the plane ride. The ride was about 4 hours through the night arriving back in Juarez at the airport about 4:30 am. The airport opened at 5:00 am and the long checking in process began. This officially began the ROC Mexican Adventure!

One student couldn't obtain a Visa. After much talking and praying, the Mexican Immigration would not budge and so he had to stay behind. The plane landed in Toluca, Mexico where another chartered bus met the group.

A stop was made for lunch. While traveling through Mexico City, the ROC bus was hit by another bus smashing the driver's side window and taking the huge rearview mirror completely off the bus. Thank goodness no one was injured. ROC waited on the bus for over 2 hours while another bus was sent.

Meanwhile, people were sitting in an auditorium waiting for 2 shows that evening in Metepec. Unfortunately, ROC made it for the last show at 9:00 pm that evening. When ROC arrived the audience graciously waited for the set-up and cheered the entire time. A free show was offered the next day in Altixco to make up for the missed show.

Sunday began with a 3 hour bus ride to Huajuapán where ROC attended church and conducted a fireside. The bus driver traveled at a "snail's pace" making us over an hour late. The LDS members waited until we arrived for church to start which was held under a huge outdoor tent. All different kinds of traditional foods & drinks were provided. It was a splendid visit with the saints in this area.

The next stop was Oaxaca! ROC had the opportunity to visit the pyramids of Monte Alban and do some shopping from the vendors. On one of the pyramids, ROC members attempted to make the turtle shape used in the logo. The evening show in Oaxaca was excellent! Again, the audience was large and fantastic. When the bus returned to load after the show, one of the huge windows had been broken. The bus parked by a baseball field and was hit so this meant ROC travelled the rest of the tour with this large window covered with garbage bags and duct tape!

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MEXICO continued

Veracruz was lovely, hot & humid. A quick visit to see the LDS Temple in this area was a highlight. This was followed by Xalapa where ROC was treated to an amazing performance by the Official Ballet Folklórico of Veracruz. After an afternoon performance outside in downtown Xalapa & while boarding the bus to depart, the bus caught on fire & of course another adventure began! Since ROC had a fireside and the bus needed repairs, an emergency plan was put into place. Four students at a time hopped in taxis and headed for the local LDS Chapel for a fireside. A few hours later the bus was fixed and joined the group!

Back to Veracruz for some free time – Swimming in the ocean and shopping along the beach, and of course, Mexican ice cream! Then to Cholula for our last show in Mexico and final shopping before flying back to Juarez. Everyone crossed the border safely with no problems. After traveling all night (flight from Mexico City to Juarez, crossing the border and a 2 hr. drive) ROC presented one final fireside in Deming, NM for Mother's Day.

One last stop – Ramah, NM. We headed out early in the morning and had a flat tire on the trailer hauling all the show equipment. No worries though as ROC made it in time for a 2:00 pm assembly. The evening show was attended by numerous friends and parents. It was a great way to end a fabulous 18 day tour!



The famous ROC turtle at the pyramid Monte Alban, Oaxaca, Mexico.

Message from '07-'08 Student President Kanani Mann:

My name is Kanani and I was named by my grandfather which is a tradition that I would like to continue. I come from a diverse background; I am Hawaiian, Chinese, Puerto Rican and Caucasian and I am very in touch with my culture. I take pride in my ohana and ancestry because I know that because of them my family has been able to succeed and press forward in this struggling world. I have been a member of ROC for four years. I joined ROC with the intention of just performing and going on tour but as I got involved with the group I realized that it wasn't about me and performing. The purpose was about us helping others and our message was to encourage multicultural kids to go to college. We were able to show them first hand that we were college students all from different backgrounds struggling but accomplishing a goal that so many people think is not achievable.

I had the privilege of being the student president this past year 2007-2008 and it was a challenging but very rewarding position. Being president pushed me to grow individually and especially spiritually. The past two years we have toured in different areas of Mexico. The places I have performed, the people I have met and the experiences I have had are ones that I will never forget. Not one day went by that I didn't thank my Heavenly Father. Each day was a new story with special experiences that helped mold me into the person I am today. I am so thankful for Michael and Lluvia who dedicated their time and efforts to us, the students of ROC. By working with them I learned a lot of worthwhile attributes that I would like to continue to develop. What I loved the most was seeing my peers, friends, brothers and sisters grow spiritually. All of us struggle but through ROC one realizes that there is more to life than struggles, one comes to understand that through dance and music we can really touch someone's soul and one comes to appreciate their ancestors and where they came from.

Aloha 'oe

Kanani Mann

Student President of 2007-2008

ROC videos on www.youtube.com!

ROC has two promotional videos on www.youtube.com for you to view. You can go to the youtube website and do a video search. Type in ROCTHEPLANET PROMO and 2 videos will appear ~ the promotional video in English and the promotional video in Spanish. The direct links are as follows:

ENGLISH

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Zuvtx5_IH0

SPANISH

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d47EQK4ioPc>



ROC STUDENT LEADERSHIP '07-'08:

Kanani Mann; Pres. Nadine Cobourne; VP Lani Hutchison; Polynesian Section Leader Brittany Campbell; Native American Section Leader Nadine Cobourne; African Section Leader Gladys Chavez; Latin Section Leader Michelle Young; Asian Section Leader Keisha Namba & Elston McMaster; Assistants

PHOTO:

ROC in Xalapa, Mexico. Group photo after an outdoor show downtown.

APRIL 2008 ROC GRADUATES:

Patrese Atine
Brittany Campbell
Elizabeth Gunther
Melissa Flores
Kanani Mann
Gabby Puga
Jessica Scabby
Marjorie Vasquez

CAN YOU HELP SCHOLARSHIP A STUDENT?

All donations are tax deductible. Each year ROC has students in need of financial help for college. If you are in a position to help, it would be greatly appreciated.

2008-2009 ~ 10 year Anniversary for ROC

Reunion in the Works!

A reunion is being planned for all MSO/MSU/ROC alumni on April 11 & 12, 2009 in conjunction with the annual ROC Show.

Mark your calendars to attend. More information forthcoming. For more details, contact:

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Contact your alumni president for more details. Plan to attend the ROC show & fireside!

Upcoming Events:

NOVEMBER 2008

21 Provo Library Show, 7:00 pm

DECEMBER 2008

11 Christmas Fireside, 7:00 pm

LDS Chapel

4295 N. Canyon Rd., Provo

APRIL 2009

10 10 Year Anniversay

ROC Show, 7:30 PM

Covey Center for the Arts

425 W. Center St., Provo

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