



## Information Sheet

### **Introduction**

As a non-profit organization, Joyas Mestizas exists to promote the awareness, appreciation and understanding of the cultures of Mexico/Latin America. Dance instruction is conducted by three co-instructors, Laura Contreras, Deleana Guerrero and Luna Garcia to approximately 25 energetic young dancers. The group functions under the direction of board members and officers who provide the necessary support for the smooth management of the group. The group operates much like a school PTA with a highly involved parent group.

### **Where can we find Joyas Mestizas?**

Regular dance classes are held at South Park Community Center, 8319 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue S., in South Seattle. The group meets every Saturday from 10am to 12 Noon for dance instruction in a wide range of skill levels from beginning to intermediate/advance. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Membership is open to anybody who has a love for dancing.

### **Technical Requirements for Performances:**

We need a private dressing area for costume changes for boys and one for girls. The dressing area for the boys can be smaller. Using the restroom is not appropriate.

Our technical needs are 1 straight microphone and a sound system for CDs.

Appropriate staging is essential to appreciate the footwork of the dancers. Carpeted area is not recommended. Typically with a 30-minute performance, members will change into at least three different costumes to represent different regions of Mexico.

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