



*Beste 50 URTE!*

HERE'S TO ANOTHER 50 YEARS OF THE *Oinkari Basque Dancers*  
BOISE, IDAHO

# HASIERA: *Our Beginning*

Fifty years ago, a young group of Basque-Americans dreamed of creating a troupe to preserve and perform the unique dances of their ancient heritage. They journeyed from Boise, Idaho to the Basque Country in the summer of 1960 in pursuit of this dream. In the midst of the mountains and sea coast where the Basque culture began, the young people met a group of dancers from the town of Donostia (or San Sebastian).

The American visitors accompanied the dancing group to rehearsals and festivals that summer and the two groups became fast friends. In the enthusiasm and dedication of this dance troupe the American Basques saw a perfect model for their own group in the United States. The friendship between the groups, born of a common heritage and love of the Basque tradition of dance, led to the naming of the Basque American “dream” group after their Basque Country friends. They named the new group “Oinkari” (meaning one who does with his feet, or dancer in Euskara, the Basque language).

Upon their return, the Boise Oinkaris soon began rehearsals under the direction of Albert Erquiaga and Diana Urresti, and with the expert musical accompaniment of Jim Jausoro and Domingo Ansotegui. The Oinkaris made their debut at the annual gathering of area Basques, the Shepherd’s Ball, at Christmas time in 1960. The dream, at last, came true.

The hard work continues and the dream endures, as the Oinkari Dancers have become a source of pride to the Basque community as well as to the State of Idaho. In the best tradition of folk customs, the dances have been taught to hundreds of young Basques throughout the years. Dancers and instructors from the Basque Country have visited Boise and enriched the group’s traditional repertoire. Some members have also had opportunities to travel to the Basque Country and learn additional dances.

Oinkari Dancers are not professional performers, but their respect for their cultural heritage makes the Oinkari performances a whirl of flying feet, snapping fingers, ancient music, and shouts of exhortation a thrilling combination of precision and enthusiasm.

This enthusiasm has spread to appreciative crowds in World Fair exhibitions throughout North America including Spokane, Seattle, New York and Montreal. In 1972 the group visited six Western states on a tour and traveled to perform at a folk festival in Washington, D.C. In 1985, to celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the group made a return voyage to the Basque Country, and again in 2003 and 2006, where they performed throughout the seven Basque provinces. The Oinkari Dancers continue to travel to national Basque gatherings at various states. The group also performs dozens of times each year for local charities, hospitals, and nursing homes. Here is looking to another strong 50 years!

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## ZERGATIK DANTZAN: *Why do we Basque Dance?*

Every page in this booklet is a way to try and answer the question: why do we Basque dance? From the origins of our folk traditions in the Basque Country to the dance traditions that have come to characterize the Boise Basque community, this overview explores the way our story of being Basque is told through music and dance. With excerpts of “Remember When” moments from Oinkari stories, it is at once both a general introduction and also an intimate portrait of what has served to keep Basque dance alive in Boise for fifty years. This is also the story of over seven hundred people who, across these years, made the Oinkari experience a part of their life stories.

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## ARKU-dantza

Al continues, explaining the Oinkari rendition of “Arku-dantza,” “When we first saw ‘Arku-dantza’ performed in Donostia, we were absolutely amazed. We had never seen such dancing. It was performed only by men but since we didn’t have enough male dancers at that time, in order to bring it back home, we had to use the women.

Then our dilemma was – no hoops. So we went down to the Boise River and cut a big bunch of willows, trimmed off the outer layer, tied them up, soaked them for some time and the hoop dilemma was solved!

We continued to use women in rehearsals and when the Shepherd’s Ball came and we were asked to perform, we marched out for our first performance. The roar from the crowd was so loud that we couldn’t hear the musicians. That’s when we knew that another era had begun.”





## SOME *Big Performances*



*Washington, D.C.*



*Seattle*



*Gernika*

Group is formed (1960)

Seattle World's Fair (1962)

National Girl Scout Jamboree at Farragut Park in North Idaho (1963)

New York World's Fair (1964)

U.S. Senate Building Rotunda, Washington, D.C. (1964)

National Folk Festival, Denver, CO (1966)

Milwaukee Folk Fair (1966)

Montreal World's Fair (1967)

Smithsonian Institute Folk Festival (1967)

Montreal Expo (1970)

Western State Tour (1972)

Governor's Conference, Coeur d'Alene (1973)

Spokane Expo (1974)

Wolf Trap Folk Festival, Washington, D.C. (1975)

First NABO Convention, San Francisco (1979)

Folklife Festival, Seattle (1975)

25th Anniversary return to the Basque Country (1985)

Kennedy Center and Ford's Theatre, Washington, D.C., Performed for Jim Jausoro's National Endowment for the Arts Award (1985)

NABO conventions (Bakersfield, Elko, Las Vegas, Los Banos, Buffalo, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Chino, Fresno, Boise, Reno, Winnemucca)

Governor's Conference – Boise, Old Pen 1986

Jaialdi '87

Jaialdi '90

Washington, D.C. 4th of July Celebrations (1994, 1996, 2000)

Jaialdi '95

Folk Festival, Bethel, Alaska (1997)

National Folk Festival with Gaupasa Basque Folk Band, Dayton, OH (1997)

Jaialdi 2000

Mar del Plata, Argentina (2002)

33rd Anniversary return to the Basque Country (2003)

Jaialdi 2005

Basque Country Trip (2006)





ABAUNZA Amaia, ABURUSA (Lete) Leandra, ABURUSA Miren, ACHABAL Julie, ACHABAL (Norton) Lisa, ACHABAL Simon, ACHABAL Steven, ACHABAL Tere, ACHURRA (Lane) Linda, ACHURRA (Guerry) Lisa, ACHURRA Tammy, AGUIRRE Amaya, AGUIRRE (Kiel) Jeannie, AGUIRRE Jim, AGUIRRE Julian, AGUIRRE Kalin, AGUIRRE Lydia, AGUIRRE Mary Louise, AGUIRRE Rich, AGUIRRE Susan, AIZPITARTE Daniela, AIZPITARTE Miren, ALBERDI Mary, ALCELAY Aitor, ALCELAY Xanti, ALDAPE (Rodriguez) Debbie, ALDAPE (Eiguren) Jeannie, ALDAPE Jerry, ALDAPE Jill, ALDAPE Joe, ALDAPE John R., ALDAPE Johnny, ALDAPE Phil, ALDAPE (Welsh) Regina "Gina", ALDAPE (Boam) Terri, ALDAPE Tony, ALDAZABAL Iciar, ALDECOA (Gamboa) Regina, ALMIRANTEARENA (Dunhart) Jeanette, ALMIRANTEARENA Martin, ALTUNA Gorka, ALZOLA Michelle, AMILLATEGUI (Grimm) Teresa, AMILLATEGUI Tony, AMOREBIETA (Smith) Connie, AMUCHASTEGUI Aitor, AMUCHASTEGUI Andoni, AMUCHASTEGUI Mikel, AMUCHASTEGUI Nerea, ANACABE (Franzoia) Anita, ANCHO Jani, ANCHUSTEGUI (Villeneuve) Clarine, ANCHUSTEGUI (Bidaurreta) Esther, ANCHUSTEGUI Justin, ANCHUSTEGUI (Knox) Lisa, ANCHUSTEGUI Ray, ANCHUSTEGUI (Skoro) Rosie, ANDERSON (Hickman) Marianne, ANSOTEGUI (Kerns) Bonnie, ANSOTEGUI Chris, ANSOTEGUI Dan, ANSOTEGUI Domingo, ANSOTEGUI (Urquidi) Gina, ANSOTEGUI Nick, ANSOTEGUI Toni, ANTON (Schneider) Andy, ANTON Chris Jr., ANTON (Flanagan) Dani, ARAMBARRI John, ARAMBURU Ana Mari, ARAMBURU Jon, ARAMBURU Matt, ARAMBURU Ruby, ARANA (Anderson) Andrea, ARANA (Bumgarner) Anita, ARANA (Cook) Beni, ARANA (Canfield) Jessica, ARANA Mark, ARANA (Spolar) Petra, ARANA Sam, ARANA (Bicandi) Toni, ARANA (Barrett) Trina, ARBULU Janet, ARGUINCHONA Nichole, ARGUINCHONA (Baptista) Teresa, ARNOLD Dan, ARNOLD Pat, AROZAMENA Jon, AROZAMENA Naiara, ARRIEN Tere, ARRITOLA (Pinkela) Rosie, ARRUBARRENA Anthony "Tony", ARRUBARRENA (Arozamena) Miren, ARRUBARRENA (Colburn) Rosa Mari, ARTE Ray, ARTIACH Aitor, ARTIS (Bissell) Claire, ARTIS Sally, ARTIS Sam, ASCUENA Whitney, ASIN (Amarotico) Danielle, ASIN (Hamasaki) Kristine, ASIN (McMichael) Laurie, ASLA Jess, ASPIRI Louis, ASUMENDI Jake, AUCUITT Sean, AYARRA Geneva, BADIOLA Jule Ann, BADIOLA (Arte) Marie, BALIFF Erica, BARACART Floyd, BARINAGA (Oxarango) Rose, BARINAGA-WILLIAMS Josi, BARRENA Ainhize, BARRIATUA (Guiles) Linda, BARRIATUA Michael, BARRUTIA Amy, BARRUTIA John, BARRUTIA (Corder) Juli, BARRUTIA (Watson) Patti, BASTERRECHEA Arantza, BATE Mary Ann, BAUMANN David, BAUMANN Matthew, BEACH (Anderson) Jamie, BEASCOECHEA Javier, BENDER Adam, BENDER Anna, BENDER Gideon, BENDER Nick, BENGEOA (Sawyer) Veronica, BENGOCHEA Brandy, BENGOCHEA Gary, BENGOCHEA Joe, BENGOCHEA Raquel, BENGOCHEA Shane, BENINTENDI (Stringer) Sage, BENNETT Brooke, BENNETT Kim, BEREZIARTUA Eneko, BERGGREN Alicia, BERGGREN Brian, BERGGREN Erik, BERISTAIN (Records) Diane, BERISTAIN (Labere) Mary, BERISTAIN (Robison) Teresa, BERMENSOLO Emily, BERRIA Frank, BERRIOCHOA Ben, BERRIOCHOA Mickie, BERRIOCHOA Morrie, BETTS Alex, BIAIN Amaia, BIANCHINI (Taylor) Andrea, BIANCHINI (Land) Paula, BICANDI (Larrinaga) Angela, BICANDI Jack, BICANDI (Kite-Powell) Jacqueline, BICANDI (Kouns) Maite, BICANDI Nicholas, BICANDI Pat, BICANDI (Morse) Rochelle, BICANDI (Hart) Rose Marie, BIDABURU (Asla) Ana, BIDEGANETA Jen, BIETER Chris, BIETER Dave, BIETER John, BIETER Madalen, BIETER Mary, BIETER Mary, BILBAO (Cromwell) Amaya, BILBAO Anita, BILBAO (Bourke) Josie, BILBAO Ysabel, BISHOP Jessi, BITHER (Heimark) Mary, BITHER Rick, BOLT Peter, BOYD (Miller) Anne, BOYD Jennifer, BOYD (Bishop) Sandy, BOYINGTON Eric, BOYINGTON Micaela, BROOKS Christina, BROOKS Michelle, BROOKS Sarah, BUNDERSON Jana, BUNDERSON Laura, BURNS Anna, BURNS Matea "Tea", BURNS Natalie, CALZACORTA (Truax) Maria, CAMPBELL Andy, CAMPBELL (Davis) Susan, CANTRELL (Artis) Judy, CANTRELL Michaela, CAYERO Itxaso, CENGOTITA (Boyington) Carmen, CHACARTEGUI (Lostra) Julianne, CHERTUDI Lauren, CIARSOLO Sharon, CLARKSON Cathy, COLEMAN Michele, COLEMAN Nicole, COOK Brandon, COOK Christina, CORCORAN Kelsey, CORTABITARTE Cristi, CRANE 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WITHERSPOON Michelle, WOOD Maria, WOOD (Hastings) Michelle, WOOD (Landwehr) Sarah, WOOD Shawn, WOODS Kodi, WRAY Alex, YANCI Ricardo, YANCI Stephanie, YRAGUEN (Calovich) Angela, YRAZABAL Anna, YRAZABAL (Paige) Teresa, YRAZABAL Vicki, YRIBAR Amy, YRIBAR Mona, YRIBAR Scott, YSURSA Andrew, YSURSA Antonio, YSURSA Ellie, YSURSA Joe, YSURSA John, YSURSA Natalia, YSURSA (Steele) Pilar, YSURSA Ramon, YSURSA (Davis) Rosa, YSURSA Teresa, YZAGUIRRE Roberto N., ZABALA Justin, ZABALA Kristin, ZATICA Brandon, ZUBIZARETA (English) Mary Ann, ZUBIZARETA (Hensley) Virginia, ZULAICA Juan



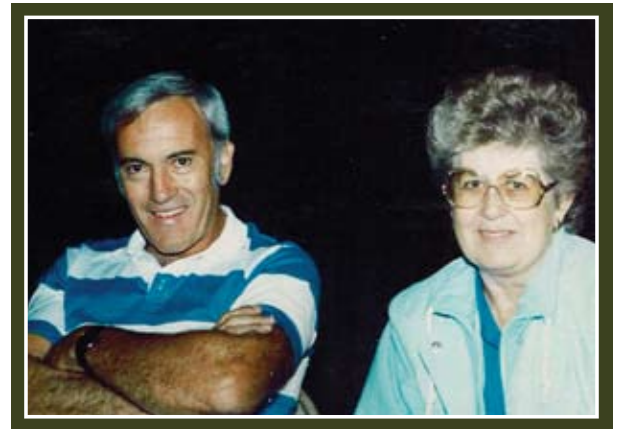
# CHORIZOS!

ONCE AN OINKARI – ALWAYS A CHORIZO VENDOR. AN ACTIVITY THAT HAS SPANNED THE DECADES OF THE GROUP AND HAS BROUGHT IN MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR TRAVELING IS THE SALE OF CHORIZOS. WITH A LONG RUNNING PRESENCE AT THE WESTERN IDAHO FAIR, AND MORE RECENTLY ART IN THE PARK AND HYDE PARK STREET FAIR EVENTS, IT REMAINS SUCCESSFUL. IT'S DOUBTFUL THAT THIS FUND RAISING EFFORT

WOULD STILL BE HAPPENING IF NOT FOR THE DEDICATION OF GERRI AND HANK ACHURRA. OVER THE YEARS THEY HAVE DONATED THOUSANDS OF HOURS TO SET UP THE BOOTH, MANAGE IT, AND ASSURE THAT THE WHOLE OPERATION RUNS SMOOTHLY. OINKARI PARENTS HAVE ALWAYS HELPED COVER SHIFTS AND MORE RECENTLY OTHER BASQUE GROUPS HAVE TAKEN TURNS TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXPANDED FAIR SCHEDULE.



NO, NOT MUSTARD. For a long time the group tried to hold the line—chorizos had to be eaten straight—just the sausage and bread. The clamor grew too loud, however, and now you can get your chorizo with mustard and the works (not to mention the addition of solomo and lamb sandwiches and croquetas!).



I'LL TAKE AN OINKARI PLEASE. The fair is always a good place to go and sample different foods. So a customer came up to the booth and read the sign overhead with the group name and the menu items. Without hesitation, he ordered, "I'll take an Oinkari please."



Gerri Achurra remembers: **RUNAWAY CART!** I have many memories from four decades of coordinating the chorizo booth. One that stands out is that of the golf cart which makes it possible to transport the supplies. Primarily used by the supervisors, some dancers worked overtime finding ways to drive the cart. This is why I always dreaded seeing the Fair Manager come around, because it was usually about "my kids" driving the cart around recklessly. I tried to raise reasonable doubt, that others were responsible, but that ended when the Fair decided to print large name signs that were fastened to the carts.







## LASTING *Images*



## LASTING *Memories*

Dan falling out of the bus window in Caldwell while trying to “moon” Chris Bieter.

Jimmy Jausoro caught breaking the curfew rule in his skivvies, sneaking through the dormitory in search of a tape recorder to prove that his roommates (Isabel, Dorothy and Mary Louise McMonigal) were snoring.

Luke Murgoitio falling off the stage while doing “Arku-dantza.” He just disappeared and the other dancers continued but were looking around wondering where he went.

From the 1985 Basque Country Trip – Chaperones looking for washeterias in Donostia to wash loads and loads of dirty, smelly clothes; Pat Arnold and Morrie Berriochoa balancing things on their noses; the great bank robbery in Donostia that some dancers were caught in the middle of; Oinkaris peeling off clothes, walking around and playing txistus when we left Boise – somehow the stewardesses could not understand that were used to traveling around

in buses; Pat Arnold and his dehydrated Olympic runner rendition out on the track; Rosa Urrutia and Donna Eaton’s blond hair acting as a magnetic attraction for Basque guys; Lesaka Sue; the Peacocks, upside-down sol y sombras, Pete and Gene ... just some great, great times!

Jimmy and Domingo wearing their bright red, new Oinkari sweats at practice and doing the gator.

Delfina Krakau running down the road in her flip-flops, chasing the bus leaving Winnemucca. Good thing she had relatives in town.

Giving the bus a “push start” when it would not start outside the Elko Court House. (1960’s)

Marching out for a final bow and Jimmy proudly saying, “Ladies and Gentlemen, The Oinkari Basque Dancers.”















## WHO COULD HAVE FORESEEN THE PHENOMENON THAT IS THE

# *Oinkari Basque Dancers?*

JUST LOOK DOWN THE BASQUE BLOCK OR LOOK AT THE ROSTERS OF GROUPS AND CLUBS WITHIN THE BASQUE COMMUNITY AND YOU'LL SEE OINKARI ALUMNI STILL VERY, VERY ACTIVE IN ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE PRESERVATION AND PERPETUATION OF BASQUE CULTURE. YOU'LL SEE MARKET OWNERS, MUSEUM DIRECTORS, FACILITY MANAGERS AND MUSIC GROUP AND CHILDREN'S GROUP COORDINATORS. YOU'LL SEE THE FACES OF DANCERS WHOSE LOVE OF THE BASQUE CULTURE WAS FOSTERED IN THAT GROUP WHICH DEFINITELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE STRENGTH OF THE BASQUE COMMUNITY IN THIS AREA TODAY.

The faces of the Oinkaris, now numbering over 700, are teachers, doctors, lawyers, judges, business owners, corporate executives, mayors, mothers, fathers and grandparents.

The past fifty years has seen the group become a source of pride for the City of Boise and the entire State of Idaho, a unifying, supporting force for Euzkaldunak, and the guardian of a precious legacy of song and dance. On a personal level, being an Oinkari has provided countless young Basques the opportunity to learn about their heritage, the chance to travel both within the U. S. and internationally and memories and friendships that have withstood the test of time. All of us who have been lucky enough to be Oinkaris recognize the impact our experiences have had on our community and in our own lives.

*For the next fifty years,* THE FUTURE OF THE OINKARIS IS BRIGHT.



*As one dancer steps out of the circle to rest, another has tied his/her laces and carries on with the dance. The wake left from the wave of this history can be felt and seen and is directly related to the success of the Basque community in Boise. May we continue to nurture that pride in our culture and ensure this legacy for generations to come.*

*Thank you Diana, Delphina, Al, Bea, Simon, Toni, and Clarine for the extraordinary gift you have given to all of us.*

SEGI AURRERA, *Boiseko Oinkari Dantzari Taldea!*



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