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Angkor Dance Troupe



The Power of Art & Culture: A Community Heals Itself

The Angkor Dance was formed in 1986 by Cambodian refugees of the Khmer Rouge genocide. When we resettled in Lowell, we brought a passion to carry on our cherished traditions – to practice and perform, to teach others, and to see the art form preserved for future generations of all cultures.

The Angkor Dance Troupe is nationally recognized as one of the most accomplished Cambodian traditional arts ensembles performing today. The Troupe is directed by world-renowned master teachers and performs a body of work developed in concert with the Royal University of Fine Arts in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, considered the premier standard bearer for traditional Cambodian arts. The Angkor Dance Troupe is listed on the Massachusetts and New England States Touring Rosters and has performed at venues including the White House, First Night Boston, the National and Lowell Folk Festivals, the Berkshire Museum, Yale University, and Jacob's Pillow.



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A classical dancer performs a ceremony at Angkor Wat.

The Troupe takes its name from the great Angkor Civilization, between 802 and 1432 AD, when Cambodia was a dominant empire in Southeast Asia. Dance, music, and drama have always been prominent in Khmer society, but these ancient traditions were nearly eliminated when the Khmer Rouge controlled Cambodia in the 1970's. Artists were among those deliberately targeted for execution and more than 90% of the country's tradition bearers perished. Today as Cambodians in Lowell and elsewhere struggle to emerge from decades of war and poverty, our people look to the rebirth and re-creation of dance as testimony to the endurance of Cambodian culture.¹

Greater Lowell is home to the second-largest community of Cambodian Americans in the country. Cambodian dance performances provide a poignant reminder of the beauty and spirituality of Cambodian culture and help us develop a sense of home and community in a new homeland.

While working in refugee camps during the 1980's, anthropologist Toni Shapiro observed that despite adverse conditions there was a passion to dance. "People who know only the rudiments of Khmer classical or folk dance movements taught others, and they staged small shows...Wherever the Khmer were, some were dancing. In the camps along the Thai-Cambodian border, a war zone in 1983, dancers dodged artillery shells on the way to practice or even during performances. Still they danced...And thousands showed up to watch, sometimes perching on bunkers to get a better view." ²



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(soul) of the Khmer people. It has been connected to the sacred rituals of Cambodia for more than one thousand years. During the great Angkor civilization, dancers performed blessing ceremonies in temples to bring prosperity to the kingdom. Bas relief carvings at Angkor Wat depict heavenly dancers called Apsaras which were believed to connect the human world to the gods. Classical dance is sometimes called 'court dance' or Cambodia's 'royal ballet.' At one time, classical dance was the exclusive domain of royalty. Today this cherished art is enjoyed by audiences around the world. Classical dance combines highly-stylized positions and gentle movements. Gestures are strictly defined and distinguished by intricate hand positions.

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hroughout Cambodia, after the harvest, it is time for music, song, and dance. Folk dance is rooted in rural Cambodia and depicts rituals of everyday village life. The dances honor skills that are typically undervalued in the rush toward westernization, such as fishing and rice farming.

Dance motifs are commonly based on local legends and inspired by themes of nature as well as the ceremonies, and customs that shape the lives of Cambodian people. Distinctive, colorful costumes represent the traditional dress and cloth from the various regions and ethnic groups within Cambodia.

Just as classical dance is ruled by a strict form and a prescribed language of movement, folk dance is spontaneous, created for emotional expressions.

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Best Wishes to the Angkor Dance Troupe and the Greater Lowell Cambodian Community

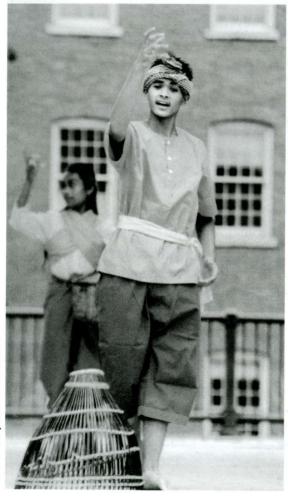
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Troupe Artistic Director Phousita S. Huy is one of the world's most-respected master teachers of Cambodian dance. Before joining the Troupe, she was a faculty member with the Royal University of Fine Arts in Phnom Penh, and she toured internationally as a principal with the Classical Dance Company of Cambodia. Troupe Coordinator and Founder Tim Chan Thou was certified as a teacher of Cambodian traditional dance at the Khao-I-Dang and Philippine Refugee Centers.



During 1998 and 1999, the Troupe presented 66 performances, workshops, and educational residencies for more than 20,000 people.

Highlights include performances for the City of Lowell at the All America City competition in Philadelphia in June 1999 and, in October 1999, at a White House ceremony.

Left, Sochenda Uch performs the "Fishing Dance" at Boarding House Park in Lowell

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A central component of the Troupe's mission is to provide positive cultural, recreational, and educational opportunities for Lowell youth. Since 1986, the Troupe has served approximately 300 young people, ranging in age from 4 to 18, who rigorously rehearse and participate in Troupe performances and events. Youth apprentices typically stay involved with the Troupe for at least 4 to 5 years. In 1999, the Angkor Dance Troupe was selected for the prestigious Coming Up Taller award from the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts. The awards were presented to a select group of ten organizations across the nation to honor exemplary arts programs serving at-risk youth.

White House Honors



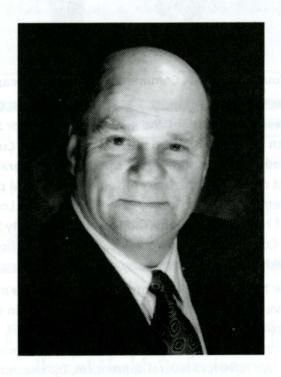
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Samnang Hor, 15, and Sopheap Sou, 16, with Harriet Mayor Fullbright, Chair of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, and Actor William Baldwin at the "Coming Up Taller" White House awards ceremony.

To the Performers... Continued Success

To the Angkor Dance Troupe, Inc....

Best Wishes



Armand P. Mercier City Councilor



Angkor Youth Dance – A Community Partnership Reaps Rewards In October 1998, the Troupe launched Angkor Youth Dance, a very successful afterschool and summer program for at-risk youth with major funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council YouthReach Initiative. We operate the program with a number of community partners including the ADAM project of Big Brother/Big Sister of Greater Lowell, the UMass Lowell College of Health Professions, the Lowell Community Schools Program, Community Teamwork, Inc., the Lowell office of DSS, the Lowell Police Department, and others.

The Troupe helps Cambodian American young people make constructive choices in their lives by immersing them in the rich cultural heritage from which they come. Over the years, we have witnessed firsthand the value of cultural-based arts programming for youth. We have had several apprentices, for example, who were involved in gang activities when they joined the Troupe and who have since left their street life behind and are making remarkable progress in their academic and personal lives. Through Angkor Dance Troupe, they develop a sense of discipline, self esteem, and pride in their Cambodian heritage.

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from Jonathan and Diane Pulliam

10-year-old Tony Oeung joined Angkor Youth Dance in 1999.



"The first reason I joined the Angkor Dance Troupe is because I want to be a dancer, also an artist in music. Second, I want to be a role model. Third, I'm energetic and dancing is fun.

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Ny Sin and Chamroeun Yin of the Khmer Traditional Arts Ensemble, under the artistic direction of Mrs. Peou Khatna, performing at the National Folk Festival in Lowell, Massachusetts, July 1987. Photo by Robert Trippet, courtesy of the National Council for the Traditional Arts.

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Mrs. Peou Khatna

Mrs. Peou Khatna was born in 1914 in Srok Samrong Torng of Kampong Speu province, Cambodia. She was the daughter of Mr. Peou Ee and Mrs. Thou Yin.

At the age of eight, she was adopted by her aunt, Mrs. Khat, who was a royal dancer in the reign of King Norodom (Sovanakot). Ms. Khatna was specially gifted in the Cambodian classical art. She learned from her Aunt until she was 15, when she was chosen to be a dancer at



the royal palace. She continued to study dance with the best teachers in the royal palace including Masters Leam and Dok Peay. As a young woman, Peou Khatna lived in the palace through the reign of King Sisowath (Rajanukot) until the end of the reign of King Monivong (Khatiyakot). She then left the palace and married Mr. Nuth Sin in 1944. She had two daughters, Sin Ny and Nuth Kantya. She was called to return to work with the Royal Dance Troupe by his Majesty, the King Norodom Sihanouk. She was in the royal Pleng Pin Peat (royal classical music group). As a member of Royal Dance Troupe, Mrs. Peou Khatna performed at many different official functions. She performed 55 times throughout various provinces in Cambodia, three times each in China and Indonesia, and once each India, France, Czechoslovakia, and Russia. The last performance was in 1970 when she accompanied the Cambodian Classical Dance Co. to the U.S.

Surviving the 1975-1979 atrocities of the Khmer Rouge regime, she and her family went to Kao-I-Dang Refugee camp in Thailand in 1980, where she organized a Cambodian classical ballet ensemble. In 1981, the Troupe was resettled in the Washington D.C. area - the first Cambodian dance Troupe in the U.S. In 1983, Mrs. Khatna led the Troupe, known as the Khmer Traditional Arts Ensemble, in a U.S. tour funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. The Troupe performed throughout the U.S. including California, Tennessee, Ohio, Florida, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. She directed performances at prestigious venues including the Kennedy Center, National Geographic, the Library of Congress, Museum of Natural History, Capitol Hill, and Wolf Trap. She received a Fellowship Award from the National Endowment for the Arts and a certificate of appreciation from President Ronald Reagan in 1986.

In 1991, Venerable Preah Sumedhavansa Oung Mean Candavanno invited her to organize a cultural class at the Cambodian Buddhist Temple. She served as the Artistic Director for the Temple's dance programs until she passed away on Thursday, March 25, 1999 at Frederick Memorial Hospital, Washington D.C. (Interviewed by Mrs. Raci Say, Vice President of Cultural Committee.)

Grandma.

Your dedication and great commitment to the preservation and development of Cambodian culture will never be forgotten. May your soul and spirit be always with us and forever protect our heritage and traditional dance.

Love always from your Grandson, Tim Chan Thou & Family



Local News

Lowell teen: Dance saved me from gangs, death

By EILEEN E. FLYNN



Mony's Story

For three years, Mony Srey was a hard-core member of a notorious street gang. Mony was only thirteen when he joined the gang. He carried a gun, was arrested more than once, and served time at a DYS facility for assault and battery.



Mony Srey, seated with City Councilor Rithy Uong, waits to speak at a State House awards ceremony.

In November 1999, Mony stepped up to a podium at the Massachusetts State House and spoke about his hope for the future. Now 16, Mony is a rising star with the Angkor Dance Troupe and an active member of the Big Brother Big Sister ADAM project and "Teens Reaching Out."

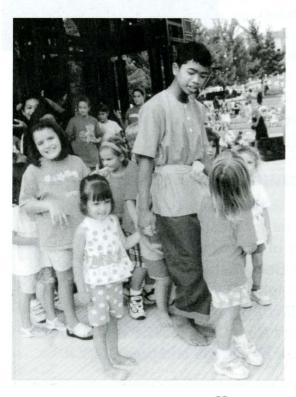




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Today, Mony Srey is a shining example of a young person destined for success.

He celebrates his ethnic heritage by performing traditional Cambodian dances for audiences around the region. He volunteers to speak at conferences about his experiences. He is even exploring ways to have his gang tattoo removed.



Rathana rehearsing the Fishing Dance before a performance at the All America City Competition in Philadelphia.

"I have learned a lot since I joined the Troupe. I learned respect, self-discipline, confidence, self-esteem, and leadership. The afterschool youth program that I teach at has many memories for me – elementary, middle, and high school students who learn to respect one

17-year-old Rathana Yok is a member of the Angkor Dance Troupe Board of Directors, a Troupe role model, and an assistant instructor.

"I have been in the Troupe for several years.

I joined because I wanted to learn about my heritage. In my years in the Troupe, I have seen fun times and sad times, and I've been in many performances.



Rathana, right, before a performance at FirstNight Boston in December 1996.

another and set goals in their lives. They work together as a team and learn about many important issues like drugs, violence, abuse, and nutrition."

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Apprentice dancer Calida Chea learns "Bopha Lokei" from Angkor Dance Troupe Artistic Director Phousita Huy during a Sunday afternoon rehearsal.

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1999 ALL AMERICA CITY COMPETITION - A WINNING PERFORMANCE

The Troupe was a central player in the City of Lowell's winning presentation at the 1999 All America City competition in Philadelphia in June. The City invited a dozen dancers to accompany the delegation. Troupe member Samnang Hor was chosen to speak in the City's official presentation for the judges, which also included two Troupe performances.



"Our time in Philadelphia was very exciting," said Troupe Coordinator Tim Chan Thou, pictured above with Rithy Uong. "One of the most memorable experiences was meeting the delegations from all of the different cities."



Taary Ram shows her spirit during All America City festivities.





Above, Channa Sath performs a blessing dance for the judges. Below, Troupe members cheer during Mayor Eileen Donoghue's speech at the awards ceremony.





"The best moment of the experience for me was when we performed for the states at the Civic Action Fair," said Sopheap Sou. "The feeling was wonderful having everyone cheer us on. I was really proud."

"The best thing about the trip for me was having the chance to represent a city where I was born and have lived all my life," said Sochenda Uch. "It was great being part of a crowd that was cheering for our city's pride."

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WHITE HOUSE HONORS

In 1999, members of the Troupe were invited to the White House to receive the prestigious "Coming Up Taller" award from the President's Committee on the Arts and the **Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts** The Troupe was one of ten organizations chosen from more than 350 nominations from across the nation. The award was presented at a White House ceremony in October, during which four troupe members performed "Swva Pol," the Monkey Dance, above right. The threeday trip also included a visit with U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy.











Above left, Troupe members
Samnang Hor, Sopheap Sou, Bory
Sours, Ruth Page, and Vyrik Eng on
Capitol Hill. (Not pictured: David
Noeuk) Above, Ruth Page with Actor
William Baldwin, President of the
Creative Coalition. Left, the Troupe
was honored at the State House in a
ceremony by the Mass. Cultural
Council, which nominated the Troupe
for the Coming Up Taller award.



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Highlights of Recent Performances



The "Butterfly Dance" at Boarding House Park



During 1998 and 1999, the Angkor Dance Troupe presented 66 performances, workshops, and educational residencies for more than 20,000 people.





Four-year old Krisna Thou performs the Golden Mermaid role in the challenging classical dance "Hanuman & Sovann Macha" at Boarding House Park in August 1999.



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Left: "The Coconut Shell Dance" at the Massachusetts State House. Right: Rotana Thou and Sophy Leng perform the "Apsara Dance" during a Youth Dance Performance at the Smith Baker Center.



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"Swva Pol," Angkor Youth Dance Performance, Smith Baker Center, November 1999

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Masters of Cambodian Dance – Learning from the Best

Members of the Troupe rehearse for several hours each week. The method of teaching is based on the traditional model – apprentices learn by watching, imitation, and hands-on assistance from teachers.



In 1999, renowned master teachers Sokhanarith Meour and Phan Phoung of Connecticut held a series of workshops on the "Chhay Yam" and other dances, through a project sponsored by the Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Community Folklife Program.





Angkor Dance Troupe

Thank you for sharing the beauty of your culture!

Nina Coppens, PhD, RN University of Massachusetts Lowell



Rathana Yok, Sochenda Uch, Tola Sok, Channa Sath, Tim Chan Thou, Sopheap Sou, Sophy Leng, Taary Ram, Samnang Hor, Vyrik Eng, David Noeuk, and Bory Sours at the All America City Competition in Philadelphia in June 1999.

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your spirit will forever live on.

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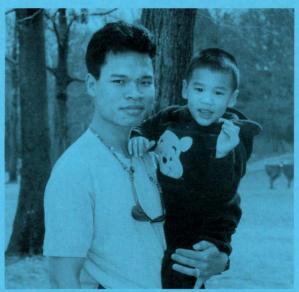


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