

SACRED DANCERS OF ANGKOR

This September the Sacred Dancers of Angkor troupe will embark on a challenging and much anticipated tour of the US, during the Buddhist Holy Month of Remembrance.



A Cambodian troupe of 30 dancers and musicians, aged between 12 and 19, are due to tour the United States through Boston, Washington, New York and Los Angeles mid September, during the Buddhist Holy Month of Remembrance.

Performing rare classical, folk and centuries-old sacred dances and music, this will be a unique opportunity for American audiences to experience the revival of an exquisite and beautiful tradition that was almost wiped out by the Khmer Rouge.

The dances are part of the sustainable rural development work undertaken by the charity Nginn Karet Foundation for Cambodia (NKFC), which set up a performing arts school catering exclusively for children from the rural communities within the World Heritage site of Angkor.

After 6 years of intensive training and performances for the King, the dancers are ready to make their international debut. Their mission is Peace and connecting Cambodian-Americans to the Motherland, together with raising awareness of Cambodia's distinctive cultural heritage.

The *Sacred Dancers of Angkor* is the only dance troupe able to perform ancient sacred rituals at the re-dedication of Cambodia's oldest temples, from Angkor to Bayon to Preah Vihear and as far as Wat Phu in Laos.

Rayvnn Karet-Coxen, chair of NKFC, said, ***"like the divine Apsara women seen carved in stone on the Angkorian temples, these extraordinary young artists are dancing for peace and to honour their American hosts."***

Princess Buppha Devi, the Cambodian Royal Ballet's former prima ballerina and patron of NKFC also said, ***"These children are inspired by the truth of who they are: children of Angkor. They were born to walk in the footsteps of our greatest ancestors."***

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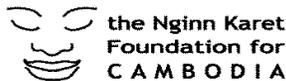
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More information, including high res photography and video footage, can be found under Press & Publicity on our tour website www.nkfc.org/ustour, with a link to Dropbox in the online press release.

The *Sacred Dancers of Angkor* troupe will also perform at theatrical performances (see below). All proceeds will go to support the dance school, part of NKFC charity.

- September 22, 1pm Fundraiser at [Lowell High School](#) - 50 Father Morissette Blvd, Lowell, MA 01852. To buy tickets please click here: <https://nkfc Lowell.eventbrite.com>
- September 29, 7pm Fundraiser at [Asia Society](#), Lila Acheson Wallace Auditorium, 725 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021. To buy tickets please click here: <https://nkfc Asia Society.eventbrite.com>
- October 3, 7:30pm Performance at Smithsonian's [Meyer Auditorium Freer Sackler Museum](#)
For free tickets click here: <http://www.asia.si.edu/events/admissionInfo.asp>
- October 4, 7pm Fundraiser at [New Fortune Restaurant](#) - 16515 S. Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. To buy tickets please click here: <https://nkfc Fortune.eventbrite.com>
- October 19, 7pm Fundraiser at [Martha B Knoebel Dance Theater](#) - California State University, 6200 Atherton Street, Long Beach, CA 9081. To buy tickets please click here: <https://nkfc Martha.eventbrite.com>
- October 21, 7pm Fundraiser at [Colburn School Zipper Hall](#) - 200 S Grand Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90012. To buy tickets please click here: <https://nkfc Zipper.eventbrite.com>

The tour is endorsed and supported by King Norodom Sihamoni, the Cambodian Government and UNESCO Phnom Penh and is placed under the Auspices of Princess Norodom Buppha Devi and is a project of the Ngin Karet Foundation for Cambodia (*registered in the US as a non-profit 501(c)3*).



The NKFC is a grassroots non-profit, created to help some of the country's most impoverished rural communities through partnership programmes that address basic needs and education, while simultaneously striving to preserve traditional Cambodian culture. See www.nkfc.org



The *Preah Ream Buppha Devi NKFC Conservatoire* draws students exclusively from the poor rural communities that exist in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Angkor in Cambodia. Set up by the NKFC in 2007, the Conservatoire is now training over 170 dancers and musicians in traditional Cambodian performing arts maintaining the cultural legacy of traditional Khmer dance.

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