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**First Night Monterey, [www.firstnightmonterey.org](http://www.firstnightmonterey.org)**  
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**DANCE PERFORMANCE OFFERINGS AT FIRST NIGHT MONTEREY 2010:  
Dance Performances From Around the World- 8+ GROUPS**

*Note: The complete press kit for First Night Monterey 2010, including program guide and images can be viewed at <http://firstnightmonterey.org/PressRoom10.html>*

On Dec. 31, 2009 from 3 p.m. to midnight, First Night presents a day-long festival of art, music, dance, and more. First Night is an alcohol-free event that welcomes children, families and revelers of all ages to celebrate community and unity through the arts. First Night Monterey offers a wide array of classical music this year. Most performances occur twice and last 45 minutes. For complete schedules including updates, please visit [www.firstnightmonterey.org](http://www.firstnightmonterey.org).

**A Park Avenue Studio of Bellydance (DA)**

Site: 8: MIIS Irvine Auditorium

Time: 8:45 – 9:15; 9:30 – 10:00; 10:15 – 10:45

You will be transported to another time as the many faces of belly dance, from classic to modern, traditional to pop, come alive! Suitable for the entire family.

**Alta California Dance Company (DA, FK)**

Site: 24a: Conference Center Colton

Time: 4:00 – 4:30; 4:45 – 5:15

Celebrate the life and customs of California's Mexican rancho era as this ensemble brings to life the dances, music, and dress of old California! Audience participation is encouraged!

**Ballet Folklorico "Aquila Real" (DA)**

Site: 11: Alvarado Street OrdWay

Time: 4:00 – 4:30; 4:45 – 5:00

Folkloric dance, representing the state of Jalisco, Mexico, accompanied by Mariachi music.

**Carmel Academy of Performing Arts (DA)**

Site: 21: Conference Center Steinbeck

Time: 4:00 – 4:30; 4:45 – 5:15

Dancers from 7 to 18 years of age perform jazz, ballet, lyrical, and contemporary style dances to various genres of music.

**Greek Dancers of the Monterey Peninsula (DA)**

Site: 11: Alvarado Street Galleria

Time: 6:15 – 6:45; 7:00 – 7:30; 7:45 – 8:15

The lively and vibrant Greek Village Dancers will perform intricate folk dances wearing stunning authentic costumes. Audience participation is welcome; simple dance steps will be taught.

### **Monterey Bay Lion Dance Team (DA)**

Site: 11: Alvarado Street Galleria

Time: 8:30 – 9:00; 9:15 – 9:45; 10:00 – 10:30

This traditional Chinese Lion Dance troupe performs fun, high-energy dance to the rhythms of drum, cymbal, and gong players. They will capture your imagination and lift your spirit.

### **SpectorDance (DA)**

Site: 21: Conference Center Steinbeck

Time: 6:15 – 7:00; 7:15–8:00

SpectorDance presents four dance productions.

*The Little Match Girl*: Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's poignant story. Using a blend of traditional dance, classical music, and storytelling, this piece will touch your heart. *Four Essays*: Music by Handel, choreographed by guest artist Mark Foehringer.

*It's a Secret*: Drumming and music by Mickey Hart, choreographed by guest artist and dancer, Pamela Keindl. *Opus XVII*: Inspired by the music of London-based composer, Christiane Boesch. This work is about the process of making choices.

### **Yaocuahutli Danza Cultural (DA)**

Site: 15: Colton Lawn; Opening Ceremony

Time: 3:00 – 3:15; Art Attack

Traditional Aztec dancers provide an Opening Blessing and Invocation to the Four Directions to mark the closing of the old year and the beginning of the new.

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