

Danzantes del Alma (DDA)

- ▶ Danzantes del Alma was established here at UC Davis in 1977 as a student organization
- ▶ DDA fosters and nurtures student leadership, intellectual curiosity, identity development, and artistic expression through the art of folklórico
- ▶ formerly known as Ballet Folklórico del Alma
- ▶ through student advocacy, became a university program housed in the Cross Cultural Center



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- has grown exponentially throughout the years
- mentorship program
- strong alumni network
- who is DDA?
 - 2 student managers
 - 11 board members
 - 70 member troupe
 - dance instructor(s)
 - program coordinator / advisor
- what is the time commitment like?
 - 3 hour practices, 3 times a week (Mon./Thurs./Sat.)
 - weekly board meetings
 - weekly study hours
 - quarterly socials
- events include:
 - board retreat
 - info night
 - troupe retreat
 - photo shoot
 - children's / community workshop
 - small performances
 - annual show



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DDA Annual Show

- ▶ excited to partner up with the Mondavi Center again
- ▶ 5 regions consisting of 3-4 songs, senior piece*
- ▶ event starts at 6pm but it's an all day event for DDA
- ▶ big team effort, support from CCC staff & scholars, dance instructor, stage managers, Mondavi staff

