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- o 300 ballet companies, 100 wood artisans and 350 needlepointers created ornaments to be used throughout the White House. Over 3000 individuals contributed their time as volunteers to make Christmas at the White House a special one.
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- o The traditional White House creche located in the East Room was made in Naples, Italy in the late 18th century and features 47 carved wood and terra cotta figures. The creche was a gift to the White House from Mrs. Charles Engelhard, Jr. of Far Hills, New Jersey, and has been displayed each year at the White House since it was presented in 1967.
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CHRISTMAS 1996

ORNAMENT ARTISTS

(Needlepoint Stitchers, Wood Artists, Ballet Companies)
and

MUSICAL GROUPS PERFORMING in the WHITE HOUSE

Alabama

Juyné Terry Lee - Tuscumbia - (needlepoint)

Frances Broadwater - Athens - (needlepoint)

Daphne Born - Huntsville - (needlepoint)

Fay Antwine Shirley - Birmingham - (needlepoint)

Mary Lou Robbins - Florence - (needlepoint)

Susan Harwood - Gadsden - (needlepoint)

T.R. Reed - Tuscaloosa - (wood artists)

*Southeast Alabama Dancing Arts Council (Dothan) - Mauretta Strawder of
Dothan*

Alaska

Marian Odden - Anchorage - (needlepoint)

Carol Werner - Anchorage - (needlepoint)

Jan Wills - Anchorage - (needlepoint)

JoAnn Nekic Malik - Anchorage (needlepoint)

Loretta Delk - Anchorage - (needlepoint)

Robert J. Cutler - Kenai - (wood artist)

Arizona

Kelly Doyle - Chandler - (needlepoint)

Peggy Jane Smith - Yuma - (needlepoint)

Ilea Morgan - Glendale - (needlepoint)

Nathan Philip Strause - Tucson - (needlepoint)

Mary Watkins - Green Valley - (needlepoint)

Patricia Phillips - Tubac - (needlepoint)

Sue Dobson Strause - Tucson - (needlepoint)

Christine Sisco - Tumacacori - (wood artist)

Kerry Vesper - Tempe - (wood artist)

Tucson Regional Ballet - Stephen Andrusyszyn of Tucson

Ballet Yuma - Crystal Greenwell of Yuma

Arkansas

Aline Marak - Little Rock - (needlepoint)

Lynn Browning - Hot Springs Village - (needlepoint)

Ramona Wright - Hot Springs - (needlepoint)

Glenna Berry - Jonesboro - (needlepoint)

Clara Tommey - El Dorado - (needlepoint)

Ballet Arkansas (Little Rock)- Adriene Rainey of Little Rock

Ballet Arkansas (Little Rock) - Suzie Watts of Little Rock

Mount St. Mary Academy Concert Belles, Little Rock

December 19 5:30 pm

California

David McCaskill - Santa Rosa - (needlepoint)

S. Enid Pugh - Hesperia - (needlepoint)

Dorothy Bennett - Folsom - (needlepoint)

Marianne Loftus - Castro Valley - (needlepoint)

Nancy Cucci - Huntington Beach - (needlepoint)

Phyllis Bush - Napa - (needlepoint)

Rene Megroz - Laguna Beach - (wood artist)

Christopher W. Cantwell - Oakhurst - (wood artist)

Nancy Templeton - Grass Valley - (wood artist)

Craig Knox - Cambria - (wood artist)

Robert Erickson - Nevada City - (wood artist)

Carol B. Martin - San Diego - (wood artist)

Larissa Cooper and Scott Dworkin - Grover Beach - (wood artist)

Lorna and Stephen Brown - McKinleyville - (wood artist)

Brenton John Hart - Nevada City - (wood artist)

Victor DiNovi - Santa Barbara - (wood artist)

Katherine Heller - Pacific Grove - (wood artist)

Roberta Elias and Denise Zukowski - Sebastopol - (wood artist)

*Central California Ballet Company (Fresno) - Stephanie Marie Halstead of
Dinuba*

Channel Islands Ballet Company (Oxnard) - Pam Bowles of Oxnard

San Francisco Ballet - *Helgi Tomasson of San Francisco*
Jose Varona of San Francisco
Joan Frenkel of San Francisco
Nancy Lacer of San Francisco

Ballet Montmartre (Costa Mesa) - Pepa Chindemi Dodge of Corona del Mar

Phares Theatre Ballet (Sacramento) - Rhonda Robertson of Sacramento

Mendocino Ballet (Ukiah) - Chris Lorenzi and Joanna McMillan of Ukiah

Ballet Unlimited (Orange) - Heather Rasmussen of Placentia

Santa Clara Ballet (Santa Clara) - Caryl A. Multz of San Francisco

Ballet Pacifica (Laguna Beach) - Emily Kurashige & Molly Lynch of Irvine

Santa Barbara Festival Ballet (Santa Barbara) - Nancy Hall of Santa Barbara

Marin Ballet (San Rafael) - Sheila Jones and Liese Kehl of San Rafael

Redwood Concert Ballet (Eureka) - Juanita O'Neill of Windsor

South Bay Ballet (Torrance) - Connie Melendez of Norwalk

Diane Lauridsen of Torrance

Bravo! Repertory Dance Theatre (Modesto) - Noble T. Dinse of Merced

Derrick Van - Irvine - December 27 - 2:00 pm

International Children's Choir - Long Beach - December 5, 1:30 pm

The Branson School Chamber Singers - Ross - December 19, 3:40 pm

Colorado

Patricia A. Nanninga - Colorado Springs - (needlepoint)

Nancy Miller - Lakewood - (needlepoint)

Sally Martin - Aurora - (needlepoint)

Maxine Fulton - Littleton - (needlepoint)

Barbara Bond - Littleton - (needlepoint)

Beryl Fowles - Parker - (needlepoint)

Ballet Arts Theatre (Denver) - Diane Bixler & Rebecca Beshore

Sangre De Cristo Ballet Theatre (Pueblo) - Joe Kronwitter of Pueblo

Moscow String Quartet - Denver - December 27 2:00 pm

Connecticut

Lisa Perrin - New London - (needlepoint)

Jane Gordon - Weston - (needlepoint)

Barbara Bangser - Westport - (needlepoint)

Suzanne F. Newton - West Simsbury - (needlepoint)

Lisa Green - Simsbury - (needlepoint)

Nancy Earel - Milford - (needlepoint)
Patricia Burke -Groton - (needlepoint)
Sandra Buttrick - Brookfield - (needlepoint)
Kim Kulow-Jones - Brooklyn - (wood artist)
Thomas Throop - Norwalk - (wood artist)
*Connecticut Ballet (Stamford) - Barbara Rosenthal and Carli Moore of
Old Greenwich
Debbianne Prussman of Dennisport
Hartford Ballet Company (Hartford) - Gail Fresia of Springfield, MA
Kirk Petersen of Hartford*

West Haven High School Concert Choir - West Haven -
December 15 -1:00 pm

****The Duke's Men of Yale - New Haven - December 18 - Press Reception**

Delaware

Marilyn Siers - Wilmington - (needlepoint)
Mildred A. Peoples - Wilmington - (needlepoint)
Carolyn M. Humes - Milford - (needlepoint)
Suzanne Cleaver - Lewes - (needlepoint)
Natalie Brown - Newark - (needlepoint)
Mae D. Hightower-Vandamm (needlepoint)
Grace Notes - Wilmington - December 28 - 5:00 pm
St. Andrew School Concert Choir - Middleton - December 13 - 1:00 pm

District of Columbia

Ramona Jones - Washington, D.C. - (needlepoint)
Hyla Hurley - Washington, D.C. - (needlepoint kissing ball)
The Washington Ballet - Patricia L. Reichman of Gaithersburg
D.C. Boys Choir-Powell Elementary School - Washington -
December 13 - 1:00 pm
Levine School of Music - Washington - December 6 - 7:00 pm
Maret School Chamber Choir - Washington - Decmeber 6 - 3:00 pm
Seraphim - Washington - December 21 - 2:00 pm
Sidwell Friends Freedom Choir - Washington - December 26 - 5:00 pm
The Advance Concert Chorale of Georgetown Day School - Washington
December 16 - 10:30 am
The Chamber Chorus of Gonzaga College High School - Washington
December 16 - 8:30 am

The Children's Chorus of Our Lady of Victory - Washington

December 6 - 1:30 pm

The Foundry Choir - Washington - December 6 - 7:00 pm

The Friday Morning Music Club Chorale - Washington -

December 7 - 8:00 pm

Florida

Andrea L. Metka - Miami - (needlepoint)

Karen L. Plater - Winter Park - (needlepoint)

Mary Lou Stransky - Niceville - (needlepoint)

Audrey Marie Presson - Eustis - (needlepoint)

Judith Carol Richardson - Coral Gables - (needlepoint)

Sandy Stranahan - Atlantic Beach - (needlepoint)

Bruce and Diane Reynolds - Cocoa Beach - (wood artist)

Fort Lauderdale Ballet Classique - Susan Misavage of Fort Lauderdale

Marian Rubinstein of New York

Sandra Blair of New York

Dance Arts Guild of Tallahassee - John M. Fleming of Tallahassee

Dance Alive - State Touring Company of Florida (Gainesville) - made by

Cathy Skeris of Gainesville

Joyce Wolf of Gainesville

Anne Incollingo of Gainesville

Peggy DiNegro of Gainesville

Lyn White of Gainesville

Tallahassee Ballet - Joyce Straub and Ann Todd of Tallahassee

Miami City Ballet - Edward Villella of Miami Beach

Haydee Morales of Miami Beach

Maria Morales of Miami Beach

Ricardo Asturius of Miami Beach

Jesus Lorenzo of Miami Beach

Orestes Perez-Hill of Miami Beach

Sarasota Ballet - Robert de Warren of Sarasota

Naval Aviation Choir - Pensacola - December 15 - 5:10 pm

Georgia

Harriet P. Neal - Atlanta - (needlepoint)

Claudia Burkhart - Folkston - (needlepoint)

Diane Butler - Augusta - (needlepoint)

Donna Smith - Berkeley Lake - (needlepoint)

Nan Remus - Kennesaw - (needlepoint)
Susan Heyman Haines - Dunwoody - (needlepoint)
Shirley Novella Post Cox - Atlanta - (wood artist)
Melissa O'Shields - Atlanta - (wood artist)
August Ballet (Augusta) - Lori Detweiler of Acworth
Gwinnett Ballet Theatre (Lilburn) - Mary N. Ogden of Decatur
Kay Young of Grayson
Atlanta Ballet (Atlanta) - Stephanie Kaskel Bogle of Decatur
Park Street Elementary Honor Chorus - Marietta - December 7 4:00 pm

Hawaii

Donna F. Neilson - Honolulu - (needlepoint)
Linda Mizuno - Honolulu - (needlepoint)
Maria Maunez - Kailua - (needlepoint)
Jadene Y.H. Hee - Honolulu - (needlepoint)
Patricia Birch - Honolulu - (needlepoint)
Patricia M. Wilson - Waipahu - (needlepoint)

Idaho

Moto Sato - Coeur d'Alene - (needlepoint)
Babs Nobis - Coeur d'Alene - (needlepoint)
Kay Haley - Eagle - (needlepoint)
Mary Ireland - Homedale - (needlepoint)
Norma T. Bush - Boise - (needlepoint)
Ballet Idaho (Boise) - Lynn A. Fraley of Boise

Illinois

Catherine M. Robinder - Rock Island - (needlepoint)
LaVerne V. Schwartz - Oak Park - (needlepoint)
Sally Ann Licocci - Lake Villa - (needlepoint)
Susan Weilandt - Elmhurst - (needlepoint)
Betty McQuarrie - Peoria - (needlepoint)
Joyce D. Hofman - Chicago - (needlepoint)
Jack V. Wohlstadter - Rock Falls - (wood artist)
Eugene Watson - Chicago - (wood artist)

Jeanine Anderson Guncheon - Forest Park - (wood artist)

Ingrid Znika - Forest Park - (wood artist)

John "Jandy" Anderson - Forest Park (wood artist)

Darrell Johnson - Wodsworth - (wood artist)

Chicago Tribune Charities (Chicago) (Ballet) - Zoe Piotrowski of Chicago

Salt Creeke Ballet (Westmont) - O.J. Mavon of Westmont

The Peoria Ballet (Peoria) - Denise Baker of Peoria

Mary Price Boday of Peoria

Ballet Entre Nous (Highland Park) - Dorothy Jankowski of Chicago

Ballet Chicago (Chicago) - Betty J. Custer of Madison, WI.

Dance West Ballet Company (Naperville) - Heidi Earle of Aurora

Indiana

Carolyn Huebner Collins - South Bend - (needlepoint)

Helen Smith Mao - Mishawaka - (needlepoint)

Linda V. Morris - Fort Wayne - (needlepoint)

Kay J. Griffith - Hillsdale - (needlepoint)

Marian Anderson - South Bend (needlepoint)

Terri Brown - Bargersville - (needlepoint)

Marnie Wilke - Highland - (needlepoint)

Patricia M. Mazu - Newburgh - (needlepoint)

Evansville Dance Theatre (Ballet) - Adalhi Aranda of Evansville

Carolyn Chiang - Greencastle - December 10 1:00 pm

Iowa

Joanne Hunt - Des Moines - (needlepoint)

Marie Weaver - Burlington - (needlepoint)

Mary Jane Dailey - Burlington - (needlepoint)

Janifer R. Siders - Cedar Rapids - (needlepoint)

Marilyn Zarley - Des Moines - (needlepoint)

Marian Sprecher - Des Moines - (needlepoint)

Norma Giles - Des Moines - (needlepoint)

Sarah Grant-Hutchinson - Des Moines - (wood artist)

Jim Lueders - Des Moines - (wood artist)

Kansas

Sandra Romanoski - Olathe - (needlepoint)
Alberta Newby - Parsons - (needlepoint)
Josephine Gillen - Prairie Village - (needlepoint)
Jan Herod - Leawood - (needlepoint)
Marie-Therese Baker - Stilwell - (needlepoint)
Maryann Juergensen - Leawood - (needlepoint)
Metropolitan Ballet (Wichita) - Janet E. Whitaker of Goddard

Kentucky

Joan Mayhugh - Prospect - (needlepoint)
Karen Hauck - Louisville - (needlepoint)
Nancy Cowell - Louisville - (needlepoint)
Rachel Craycraft - Ashland - (needlepoint)
Ruth Whalen - Louisville - (needlepoint)
Debby Powell Franklin - Versailles - (needlepoint)
Judy Varney - Richmond - (needlepoint)
Shirley Davis - Lexington - (needlepoint)
Ashland Youth Ballet (Ashland) - Brian H. Steele of Ashland

Louisiana

Nanette Williams - Shreveport - (needlepoint)
Marian Head - Shreveport - (needlepoint)
Teresa Littlejohn - Shreveport - (needlepoint)
Shawn Miller - Shreveport - (needlepoint)
Marilyn Guillot - New Orleans - (needlepoint)
Eileen Mistic - Krotz Springs - (needlepoint)
Beverly Burgess - Springfield - (needlepoint)
Twin City Ballet Company (Monroe) - Linda Moore of Monroe
Liz Ormes of Monroe
Shreveport Metropolitan Ballet (Shreveport) - Eleanor M. Taylor of Shreveport
Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre (Baton Rouge) - Patricia Kelley McNutt of
Baton Rouge
Louisiana Dance Theatre (Shreveport) - Carol S. Anglin

Maine

Patricia C. Houghton - Newcastle - (needlepoint)
Bonnie Rouillard - Kennebunk - (needlepoint)
Michele W. McCreery - Bangor (needlepoint)
Carolyn J. Ulrich - Castine - (needlepoint)
Linda J. Conn - Eddington - (needlepoint)
Mamie Ney - Kennebunk - (needlepoint)
Paul and Annemarie Stiffler - Sebec - (wood artists)

Windham Chamber Singers - Windham - December 4 - Congressional Ball

Maryland

Shirley R. McFadden - Annapolis - (needlepoint)
Marjorie L. Jones - Chestertown - (needlepoint)
Beth Jernigan - Salisbury - (needlepoint)
Marilyn M. DeLand - Columbia - (needlepoint)
Judy M. Greer - Towson - (needlepoint)
Joy D. Wiley - Lothian - (needlepoint)
Debbie Lambert - Severn - (needlepoint)
Janice Rychlik - Laurel - (needlepoint)
Stephen Perrin - Timonium - (wood artist)
Metropolitan Ballet Theatre (Rockville) - Gail Minning of Rockville
Ballet Theatre of Annapolis (Annapolis) - Pat McHold of Annapolis
Debbie Harris of Annapolis

Adult Choir of St. Nicholas Catholic Church - Laurel -

December 15 3:00 pm

Beverly W. Dorsey - Baltimore - December 16 - 10:30 pm

Children Around the World - Perry Hall - December 6 3:00 pm

Jubilate Choir of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer - Silver Spring

December 27 7:00 pm

The Children's Chorus of Maryland - Baltimore - December 19 5:30 pm

Mt. Nebo Gospel Singers - Greenbelt - December 11 1:00 pm

Takoma Camerata - Takoma Park - December 10 1:00 pm

The Chromatics - Greenbelt - December 26 7:00 pm

The Frederick Chorale - Frederick - December 27 7:00 pm

Thomas Pyle Middle School Chorus - Bethesda - December 11 2:30 pm

Upper Chesapeake Chorus of Sweet Adelines - Bel Air - December 26 5 pm

Voices of Potomac Community Theatre - Potomac - December 11 7:00 pm
National Chamber Singers - Bethesda - December 27 - 5:00 pm

Massachusetts

Cindy Chilauskas - Hyannis - (needlepoint)
Arline W. Rayner - Auburn - (needlepoint)
Sandra Banas Clark - Springfield - (needlepoint)
Edna White - Ludlow - (needlepoint)
Barbara Yocom - Acton - (needlepoint)
Elizabeth W. Stafford - East Dennis - (needlepoint)
Rebecca Myhre - Newburyport - (needlepoint)
Marilyn Smith - Newbury Port - (wood artist)
Boston Ballet (Boston) - Helen Pond of Yarmouthport
Herbert Senn of Yarmouthport

A Classic Sound Chorus - Easton - December 7 8:15 pm
New England Conservatory Youth Chorale - Boston - December 9 8:30 am

Michigan

Kathleen M. Fenchel - Novi - (needlepoint)
Marion Taylor - Flint - (needlepoint)
Susan Popham - Grand Blanc - (needlepoint)
Gwendolyn McBain - Grand Rapids - (needlepoint)
Carlene Harwick - Munising - (needlepoint)
Beverly E. Booker - Plymouth - (needlepoint)
Deborah Mitek - Grosse Ile - (needlepoint)
Charlotte McDonnell - Grosse Ile - (needlepoint)
Shane and Stacie Van Oosterhout - Grand Rapids - (wood artist)
Geoffrey Maloney - Portage - (wood artist)
Jill Warren - Grosse Pointe Woods - (wood artist)
Patrick A. McDaniel - Stevensville - (wood artist)
Michigan Classic Ballet Company (Farmington Hills) - Laura Csolkovits
of Farmington
Ann Arbor Ballet Theatre (Ann Arbor) - Carol A. Radovic of Dexter
Grand Rapids Ballet (Grand Rapids) - Jamie Heeringa of Grand Rapids
Interlochen Arts Academy (Interlochen) - Richard Odell of Interlochen
Lavren Goodine of Interlochen
Jason Williams of Interlochen

Jee-Eun Lee of Interlochen
Britta Laine of Interlochen
Julia Strawiski of Interlochen
Sara Kaye Malpass of Interlochen
Carl Kamph of Interlochen
Eun-Ju Chung of Interlochen
Elara Campbell of Interlochen
Heiko Kremer of Interlochen
Dave Gilbert of Interlochen
Noah Wilberding of Interlochen
Gabriel Urist of Interlochen
John Church of Interlochen

Oakland Suzuki Violin Chamber Orchestra - Farmington Hills

December 6 - 5:00 pm

Minnesota

Lettie Olmstead Eckberg - Rochester - (needlepoint)

Marianna Anderson - St. Paul - (needlepoint)

Marie Larson - St. Paul - (needlepoint)

Karen Gosen - Albert Lea - (needlepoint)

Carla Benjamin - Albert Lea - (needlepoint)

Jane Tracy - Apple Valley - (needlepoint)

Marie A. Larson - Minneapolis (needlepoint)

Keith and Valerie Raivo - Brook Park (wood artists)

Minnesota Ballet (Duluth) - Allen Fields of Duluth

Minnetonka Dance Theatre & School/Youth Ballet Company - (Minnetonka)

Kristin & Robert Edmonds of Minnetonka

James Sewell Ballet (Minneapolis) - Sally Rousse of Minneapolis

T.J. Christofore - Eagan - December 6 5:00 pm

The Robbinsdale Armstrong Chamber Singers - Plymouth

December 7 6:00 pm

Mississippi

Gretchen C.S. Haines - Madison - (needlepoint)

Missouri

Terri Evans - Republic - (needlepoint)

Yvonne E. Simmons - University City - (needlepoint)

Anitabeth Baker - Kirkwood - (needlepoint)

Violet Vahlkamp - St. Louis - (needlepoint)

Janet E. Steury - St. Joseph - (needlepoint)

Mary Ann Bailey - St. Joseph - (needlepoint)

Sue Dulle - Kansas City - (needlepoint)

Michael Bauermeister - Augusta - (wood artist)

Saint Louis Ballet (Saint Louis) - Jenny Beard of Ballwin

Susie Heusler of Ballwin

Alexandra Ballet Company (Chesterfield) - Sandra Alaly of Town and Country

Central Visual and Performing Arts High School - St. Louis

December 7 - 2:00 pm

The Muny Kids - St. Louis - December 15 - 11:00 am

Montana

Donna K. Lawson - Bigfork - (needlepoint)

Diane Visser - Bozeman - (needlepoint)

Paula G. Johnson - Bigfork - (needlepoint)

Frances Miller - Shepherd - (needlepoint)

Ann Oberg - Great Falls - (needlepoint)

Karen L. Dassonville - Gallatin Gateway (needlepoint)

Nebraska

Rosanne Fulton - Omaha - (needlepoint)

Mary K. Campbell - Omaha - (needlepoint)

Anna Dudden - Bridgeport - (needlepoint)

Dorothy Rohe - Pickrell - (needlepoint)

Kimberle Rohe - Beatrice - (needlepoint)

Betty Pillsbury - Omaha - (needlepoint)

Jane Glazer Rips - Omaha - (needlepoint)

Laura Harrison Pribyl - Omaha - (needlepoint)

Nevada

Dee Meek - Elko - (needlepoint)
Enid Sturgis - Las Vegas - (needlepoint)
Carol J. Wagers - Las Vegas - (needlepoint)
Lynnette Calvanese - Reno - (needlepoint)
Rosemari Lane - Incline Village - (needlepoint)
Nancy Evans - Sparks - (needlepoint)

New Hampshire

Roberta Zeller - Hollis - (needlepoint)
Muriel T. Sullivan - Nashua - (needlepoint)
Carolyn Chandler Angle - Sanbornton - (needlepoint)
Carola A. Memmert - Center Ossipee - (needlepoint)
Eleanor B. Butler - Peterborough - (needlepoint)
Eleanor H. Stark - Concord - (needlepoint)
Ira and Nola Frost - Contoocook - (wood artist)
Nancy Frost Begin - Andover - (wood artist)
Ballet New England (Portsmouth) - Annie Donovan of New Castle
St. Paul's School Ballet Company (Concord) - Mark Boey of Concord
Peggo and Paul - Concord - December 7 - 6:00 pm

New Jersey

George Nehrbass - Princeton - (needlepoint)
Mimi Novak - Franklin Lakes - (needlepoint)
Diane Tolson - Marmora - (needlepoint)
Anne A. Marek - Morristown - (needlepoint)
Phyllis Gottlieb - Morristown - (needlepoint)
Sandra Goodman Siegel - Neshanic Station - (needlepoint)
Donna E. Taylor - Wenonah - (needlepoint)
Susan Perry and William Gundling - Guttenberg - (wood artist)
Bob Morris - Summit - (wood artist)
Vineland Regional Dance Company (Vineland) - Roberta Seran of Newfield
Baron Ballet Company (Ridgewood) - Pat Peterson of Ridgewood
Irine Fokine School of Ballet (Ridgewood) - Mary Ianacone of Ridgewood
New Jersey Dance Center (Maplewood) - Anne Krohley of Maplewood
New Jersey Ballet Company (Livingston) - Carolyn Clark of Livingston

Michael Anania of Livingston
Notara Dance Theatre (Andover) - Marilyn C. Parry of Tannersville, PA.
****American Boychoir - Princeton - December 5 6:30 pm Pageant of Peace**
Merchantville Elementary School Choir - Merchantville
December 6 1:30 pm

New Mexico

Ann M. Cook - Albuquerque - (needlepoint)
Laurine Bean - Las Cruces - (needlepoint)
Diane P. Thurston - Los Alamos - (needlepoint)
Peter Ashe - Albuquerque - (needlepoint)
Barbara DeSpain - Albuquerque - (needlepoint)
Bertha Kroening - Albuquerque - (needlepoint)
Nancy C. Christy - Roswell - (needlepoint)
Ballet Theatre International (Santa Fe) - Janice Ussery of Santa Fe

New York

Regina E. Huemmer - Shirley - (needlepoint)
Keith Jaros - Shirley - (needlepoint)
Mary Lou Storrs - Lockport - (needlepoint)
Helena Dittmar - Jackson Heights - (needlepoint)
Dr. Marilyn B. Silver - New York - (needlepoint)
Jane Howard - Pulaski - (needlepoint)
Joyce Terry - Carthage - (needlepoint)
Jane Carpenter-Osborne - Milton - (needlepoint)
Nadine Joanne Jackson - Staten Island - (needlepoint)
Don Green - Delhi - (wood artist)
Anne Gohorel - Delhi - (wood artist)
Steve Mackintosh - Deansboro (wood artist)
John Dodd - Canandaigua - (wood artist)
Pamela Morin - Beacon - (wood artist)
Nicole Corneyea - Beacon - (wood artist)
Wanda Davis - Beacon - (wood artist)
Sandra Tabone - Beacon - (wood artist)
Susan DeConti - Beacon - (wood artist)

Peter Exton - Oneonta - (wood artist)

Ernesta Corvino's Dance Circle Company (New York) - Ernesta Corvino's

Dance Company - Marcella Corvino of New York

Ithaca Ballet Company (Ithaca) - Patrice Kurz of Ithaca

Alice Reid of Ithaca

Lavinia Reid of Ithaca

Posey Dance Company (Northport) - Elsa Posey of Northport

Anglo-American Ballet (New York) - Catherine Kingsley of New York City

Eglevsky Ballet (New Hyde Park) - Kimberly Robinson of East Hills

American Ballet Theatre (New York) - Montine Jordan of New York City

New York Ballet Theatre (New York) - Sylvia Taalsohn Nolan of New York City

Ballet Manhattan (New York) - A. Christina Giannini of New York City

Music in Motion (Ballet) (Ithaca) - Andrew Dorn of Ithaca

Carl Preston Hammon of Groton

Nancy Thuesen Gell of La Grange, GA.

The Westchester Ballet Company (Ossining) - Kiffi Diamond of Katanah

*Mohawk Valley Performing Arts, Inc. (Clark Mills) - Steven MacKintosh
of Deansboro*

Martha Graham Dance Company (New York City)

Brooklyn Youth Chorus - Brooklyn - November 27 - 12:00 - Tree Arrival

Peter Cincotti - New York - December 7 4:00 pm

Tarumi Violinists - New York - December 2 - Press Preview

The Broadway Kids - New York - December 15 3:00 pm

The Castellani-Andriaccio Guitar Duo - Buffalo - December 19 3:40 pm

The Children's Aid Society, New York - December 12 1:00 pm

The Harmonaires - Dobbs Ferry - December 16 12:30 pm

North Carolina

Martha Ann Carper Geddie - Stanley - (needlepoint)

Marilyn Frye - Hendersonville - (needlepoint)

Karen McLeod Dixon - Greensboro - (needlepoint)

Ruby Stevens - Conover - (needlepoint)

Nancy Buchanan - Greensboro - (needlepoint)

Mary Lynn Ingram - Sanford - (needlepoint)

Margaret Eames - Raleigh - (needlepoint)

Lee Courtney - Canton - (needlepoint)

Barbara W. Rhodes - Raleigh (needlepoint)

Ken Todd - Gastonia - (wood artist)

Kenneth T. Forte - Ellerbe - (wood artist)

Paul William Sumner- Greensboro - (wood artist)
Sandy and Esko Patrakka - Mill Spring - (wood artists)
Concert Dancers of Raleigh (Raleigh) (Ballet)
High Point Ballet (High Point) - Jarles Alberg of Raleigh
Chi Rho, Wake Forest University - Winston-Salem, NC

December 15 - 9:00 a.m.

Cantible Singers, Meredith College - Raleigh - December 15 - 9:00 am

North Dakota

Carmen Nordback - Fargo - (needlepoint)
Sandra L. Gordon - Fargo - (needlepoint)
Mary Ellen Hoetzer - Bismarck - (needlepoint)
Sigrid Bucklin - Bismarck - (needlepoint)
Lois Fae Morkassel - Fargo - (needlepoint)
Suzanne Dixon - Fargo - (needlepoint)

Ohio

Anna Bachtel - North Canton - (needlepoint)
Laurie C. Jones - Tipp City - (needlepoint)
Sally Stearns Wagner - Toledo - (needlepoint)
Jill Rabiuss-McGrath - Loveland - (needlepoint)
Wanda Amo - Cincinnati - (needlepoint)
Phyllis Tabor - Cincinnati - (needlepoint)
Edee Starcher - Cincinnati - (needlepoint)
Toledo Ballet Company (Toledo) - Patsy Camp of Sylvania
Joan Hohenberger of Sylvania
Cincinnati Ballet (Cincinnati) - Dean Mogle of Cincinnati
Cherl Buckler of Cincinnati
Columbus Youth Ballet (Columbus)
Dayton Ballet - Lowell A. Mathwich of Dayton
Kate Huser Santucci of Dayton
Angela M. Chavez of Dayton
Ohio Boychoir - Parma - December 9 - 10:30 am

Oklahoma

Marilyn Devasher - Tulsa - (needlepoint)

Barbara Rasmussen - Tulsa - (needlepoint)

Margaret (Sis) Hummel - Okmulgee - (needlepoint)

Edith Carlstone - Edmond - (needlepoint)

Myrtle Urton - Oklahoma City - (needlepoint)

Martha A. Best - Oklahoma City - (needlepoint)

Julie Galvez - Tulsa - (needlepoint)

Tulsa Ballet Theatre (Tulsa) - Carl Michel of Tulsa

Western Oklahoma Ballet Company (Clinton) - Susan & Dawn Askew of Clinton

Ballet Bartlesville (Bartlesville) - Jan Speer of Bartlesville

Sharon Schilling of Bartlesville

Linda Carter of Bartlesville

Karin Armstrong of Bartlesville

Barb Williams of Bartlesville

Oklahoma Festival Ballet (Norman) - Becca Antolik of Norman

Lindsay Coe of Norman

Katherine Belleu Of Norman

Erinn King of Norman

Jenny Wittenberg of Norman

Jeremy Barney of Norman

Natalie Winston of Norman

Kelly Burnett of Norman

Oregon

Terry Lee Strand - West Linn - (needlepoint)

Joan Miner - Albany - (needlepoint)

Jean Drevdahl - Beaverton - (needlepoint)

Estelle M. Kelley - Portland - (needlepoint)

Julia C. Hatch - Portland - (needlepoint)

Medford Civic Ballet (Medford) - Mary Cowden Snyder

Metro Dancers (Ballet) (Portland) - Sally Nicollete

Patrick Lamb - Portland - December 5, 1:30 pm

Pennsylvania

Kay Strong - Carlisle - (needlepoint)

Penny Berman - Bushkill - (needlepoint)

Cynthia Cotten - McMurray - (needlepoint)
Maria A. Bartolini DeSimone - Honey Brook - (needlepoint)
Maryann Malak - Lancaster - (needlepoint)
Margaret S. Mitchell - Newtown - (needlepoint)
Berks Ballet Theatre (Reading) - Cheryl Huntzinger of Sinking Spring
Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet (Carlisle) - Phyllis Hendrickson of Carlisle
Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre (Pittsburgh) - Janet Marie Groom of Pittsburgh
Peter Farmer of Pittsburgh
Ying Li of Pittsburgh
Cumberland Dance Company (Erie) - Diana Loutzenhiser of Erie
Scranton Civic Ballet Company - Helen Gaus & Ann Rudy of Scranton
East Hills Middle School Chorus - Bethlehem - December 16 12:30 pm
Eugene Albulescu - Sellersville - December 11 2:30 pm
The LanChester Chorus - Christiana - December 27 5:00 pm
Wyoming Valley West Concert Choir - Plymouth - December 19 2:00 pm
Lycoming College Chamber Choir - Williamsport - December 15 - 11:00 am

Rhode Island

Helen G. Gronneberg - Warwick - (needlepoint)
Doris Thibaudeau - Central Falls - (needlepoint)
Dorothea Patton - Providence - (needlepoint)
Phyllis A. DeSalvo - East Greenwich - (needlepoint)
Deborah Horovitz - Cranston - (needlepoint)
Marjorie Smith - North Kingstown - (needlepoint)
David Kiernan - Scituate - (wood artist)
Emi Ozawa - Providence - (wood artist)
Festival Ballet (Providence) - Peter Diepenbrock of Providence
Brown Tones - Brown University - December 22 - 4:00 pm

South Carolina

Joan Leach - Hilton Head Island - (needlepoint)
Patricia R. Cook - Charleston - (needlepoint)
Terry Belanger - Pawley's Island - (needlepoint)
Robbie N. Wisham - Rock Hill - (needlepoint)
Carlton Whelan - Mt. Pleasant - (needlepoint)
Cary Bonner - Camden - (needlepoint)

The Brotherhood Gospel Singers of Mount Pleasant - Mount Pleasant
December 14 - 2:00 pm

South Dakota

Diane Phillips Ginsbach - Dell Rapids - (needlepoint)
Peggy Robertson - Mitchell - (needlepoint)
Irene J. Burton - Aurora - (needlepoint)

Tennessee

Louise W. Funk - Nashville - (needlepoint)
Allie-Lou Reid - Murfreesboro - (needlepoint)
Nancy Pardue - Cookeville - (needlepoint)
Mary Margaret Lovell - Columbia - (needlepoint)
Anita Redden - Germantown - (needlepoint)
Elizabeth B. Thompson - Fayetteville - (needlepoint)
Ballet Memphis (Memphis) - Carol Plumlee of Memphis
Kids in Tune - Kingsport - December 15 -1:00 pm

Texas

Marcella E. Holland - Dallas - (needlepoint)
Pamela Stiles Brummal - El Paso - (needlepoint)
Leslie Hancock - Austin - (needlepoint)
Carmen Perez - El Paso - (needlepoint)
John Voss Brummal - El Paso - (needlepoint)
Leticia Jaroski - Houston - (needlepoint)
Jane Spivey - Austin - (needlepoint)
Mary Ann Douglas - Midland - (needlepoint)
Sandy Coyne - Kingwood - (wood artist)
Norman D. Adams - Brenham - (wood artist)
Charles and Tami Kegley - Pearland - (wood artist)
Lone Star Ballet (Amarillo) - Mary Jane Murrell of Amarillo
Ballet Austin (Austin) - Tommy Bourgeois of Dallas
Dallas Metropolitan Ballet (Dallas) - Ann Etgen of Dallas
Bill Atkinson of Dallas
North Houston Dance Theatre (Houston) - Patti Osborne of Spring
San Antonio Metropolitan Ballet (San Antonio) - Mary Johnson of San Antonio
Ballet El Paso at the University of Texas, El Paso - Rosa Barrientos of El Paso

*Abilene Ballet Theatre (Abilene) - Clint Hamilton of Abilene
Nancy Gore of Abilene*
*Denton Civic Ballet (Denton) - Robert Canavan of Dallas
Kim Cummings of Dallas
Lisa Mizlo of Dallas*
*Beaumont Civic Ballet (Beaumont) - Marsha Woody of Beaumont
Raydelle Robbins of Beaumont
Lynda Crisp of Beaumont
Ouida Broussard of Beaumont*
Pampa Civic Ballet Company (Pampa) - Cile Taylor
*Fort Worth Dallas Ballet (Dallas/Fort Worth) - Eugenia P. Stallings &
Paul Mejia of Fort Worth*
Victoria Ballet Theatre (Victoria) - Leslee Lee of Victoria
Houston Ballet - Ben Stevenson of Houston
The TKO Kids - Arlington - December 19 - 2:00 pm

Utah

Beth Myrer - Provo - (needlepoint)
Linda Schmunk - Salt Lake City - (needlepoint)
Kim Cannon - Fruit Heights (needlepoint)
Janet Haycock Perry - Salt Lake City - (needlepoint)
Cheri White - Sandy - (needlepoint)
Robin McCabe - Salt Lake City - (needlepoint)
Kathleen Lind - Midvale - (needlepoint)
*Ballet West (Salt Lake City) - Bill Brewer of Salt Lake City
Christine Murdock of Salt Lake City*

Vermont

Dawn Senftleber - Shelburne - (needlepoint)
Elizabeth Morgan - Fairfax - (needlepoint)
Diana Snyder - South Burlington - (needlepoint)
Eleanor Ranzal - Manchester Center - (needlepoint)
Marsha Norman - Dorset - (needlepoint)

Virginia

Sheryl DeJong - Reston - (needlepoint)
Toni Dvoranchik - Vienna - (needlepoint)
Sally Hemmes - Falls Church - (needlepoint)
Joan Clark - Danville - (needlepoint)
Mary Lee Robinson - Warrenton - (needlepoint)

Neil Kiendel - Warrenton - (needlepoint)
Charlotte Mattern - Warrenton - (needlepoint)

Minnie LaRue - Abingdon - (needlepoint)
Kathy Ryan - Virginia Beach - (needlepoint)

Margareta MacGregor - Virginia Beach - (needlepoint)
Julia Karp and Larissa Karp - Midlothian - (needlepoint)

Tan Tooker and Juanita Hopes - Dublin (wood artists)

Mary Myers - Virginia Beach - (wood artist)

Baxter Wood - Lexington - (wood artist)

Ronald and Susan Derrow - Mt. Sidney - (wood artists)

Cindy Neuschwander - Richmond - (wood artist)

Maryann Soystser - Annandale - (wood artist)

Chamber Ballet Company (Williamsburg) - Heidrun Sichert Robitchek

*Old Dominion University Ballet Company (Norfolk) - Istvan Ament of Norfolk
Debbi Skuluzak of
Chesapeake*

The Bristol Ballet Company (Bristol) - Anne Steele of Bristol

Richmond Ballet (Richmond) - Bill Nelson of Richmond

Concert Ballet of Virginia (Richmond) - Karen Wilkins of Ashland

Alexandria Harmonizers - Clifton - December 15 5:10 pm

Designer Sounds - Burke - December 9 8:30 am

Fairfax High School A Capella Singers - Fairfax - December 16 8:30 am

Herndon High School Madrigal Singers - Herndon - December 12 1:00 pm

**Midlothian High School Madrigal Singers - Midlothian - December 11
1:00 pm**

Osborne Park Madrigal Singers - Manassas - December 11 7:00 pm

**Sanctuary Choir from Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church - Lynchburg
December 28 5:00 pm**

The Camerata Singers of Longwood College - Farmville -

December 11 4:30 pm

The Fredericksburg Singers of Mary Washington College - Fredericksburg

December 28 7:00 pm

The Lake Braddock High School Madrigal Singers - Burke

December 14 2:00 pm

Virginia Consort Youth Chorale - Charlottesville - December 26 - 7:00 pm
Woodbridge Youth Chorale - Woodbridge - December 28 7:00 pm
Engleside Christian School Choir - Alexandria - December 9 - 10:30 am
Lee Madrigal Singers - Springfield - December 11 - 4:30 pm
Thomas Jefferson Brass Sextet - Vienna - December 7 - 2:00 pm

Washington

Moya Jean Udd - Maple Valley - (needlepoint)
Connie Porter - Issaquah - (needlepoint)
Nancy White - Spokane - (needlepoint)
Gini Wilburn - Spokane - (needlepoint)
Gay Foster - Bainbridge Island - (needlepoint)
Lillian Hofland - Seattle - (needlepoint)
Mary Ellen Sand - Gig Harbor - (needlepoint)
Susan Entriken Renz - Spokane (needlepoint)
Bill Durovchic - Ridgefield - (wood artist)
Ronald L. Hopkins - Washougal - (wood artist)
Tacoma City Ballet (Tacoma) - Sheryl Schock of Tacoma
Tacoma Performing Dance Company (Tacoma) - Karen Chapman of
University Place
Mid-Columbia Regional Ballet (Richland) - Greg Elder of Auburn
Evergreen City Ballet (Auburn) - James David and Alex Kuiper of Tacoma

West Virginia

Luci Haddad - Fairmont - (needlepoint)
Delphine Wolfe - Huntington - (needlepoint)
Patricia Aldrich - Huntington - (needlepoint)
Barb Idzkowski - Murraysville - (needlepoint)
Patricia Hood - Parkersburg - (needlepoint)
Elizabeth A. Cain - Parkersburg - (needlepoint)
Inwood Dance Company (Inwood) - Maida Jones and Deena Smith of Inwood
Mid Ohio Valley Ballet (Parkersburg)

Wisconsin

Sandra Winder - Madison - (needlepoint)
Karen Wojahn - Green Bay - (needlepoint)

Mary A. Hancock - Weston - (needlepoint)
Maida M. Crown - Waukesha - (needlepoint).
Tina D. Fisher - Mequon - (needlepoint)
Susan Bundy - Waukesha - (needlepoint)
Donna M. Olson - Oregon - (needlepoint)
Marion P. Stemmler - Madison - (needlepoint)
Delma E. Larson - Mt. Horeb - (needlepoint)
Sandra Rixen - Hudson - (wood artist)
Wisconsin Dance Ensemble (Monoma) - Jo Jean Retrum of Monoma
Jean Adams of Monoma
Debbie Krause of Monoma

Wyoming

Ann Hudson - Casper - (needlepoint)
Sue Moore - Casper - (needlepoint)
Joanne Kolkman - Cheyenne - (needlepoint)
Ann R. Seese - Casper - (needlepoint)
Nancy F. Munier - Rock River - (needlepoint)

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