Primarily focused on two local performing groups, the Ballet Folklórico Mexicapan and the Mexican Players of Padua Hills Theatre, the exhibit tells their stories and how they preserved and shared Mexican folklore in Southern California through song, dance, music, and theater.

This exhibit contains a sampling of Mexican folklore materials which can be found in Special Collections at The Claremont Colleges Library and Scripps College’s Ella Strong Denison Library. Prominently featured are items donated by the Ballet Folklórico Mexicapan, materials collected by Special Collections staff as part of its Padua Hills Theatre Collection, and artifacts from the Mexican Players’ theater productions on loan from Claremont Heritage.
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2. Padua Hills Theatre Collection, H.Mss.0617.
   - Fantasía mexicana playbill, circa 1970s.
   - Festival folklórico mexicano flyer.


4. Riveroll’s Art Gallery (Mexico City, Mexico). *Riveroll’s Mexican Native Dances: Twelve Colorful Plates, a Set of the Most Outstanding Mexican Dances, with a Brief Description of Them*. Mexico City: Riveroll’s, circa 1940s. NE544.4 R58 1940z.


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12. *La danza de los quetzales photograph*, Ballet Folklórico Mexicapan Collection, H.Mss.1109.

13. *La danza de los quetzales headdress*, Ballet Folklórico Mexicapan Collection, H.Mss.1109.

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Exhibit case 3: displaying artifacts from Ballet Folklórico Mexicapan Collection, Padua Hills Theatre Collection, and Matt Garcia Papers (Special Collections) and Padua Hills Theatre Collection, Claremont Heritage Archives and Special Collections.
14. **Public relations brochures.** Ballet Folklórico Mexicapan Collection, H.Mss.1109.

15. **Unidentified photograph.** Ballet Folklórico Mexicapan Collection, H.Mss.1109.

16. **Sandals from a Michoacán costume.** Ballet Folklórico Mexicapan Collection, H.Mss.1109.


18. **Choreography notes.** Ballet Folklórico Mexicapan Collection, H.Mss.1109.
   - *Jarabe tapatio* (Jalisco)
   - *Las perlitas* (norteña)

19. **Photographs.** Ballet Folklórico Mexicapan Collection, H.Mss.1109.
   - Dancers performing *El potorrillo de tarima* from the state of Nayarit, Mexico.
   - Soloists performing *El canelo* from the state of Veracruz.
   - Sal Lopez dancing *El potorrillo de tarima* from the state of Nayarit, Mexico.

20. **Program from event held at Garrison Theater, presented by the Chicano Studies Center of The Claremont Colleges,** March 5, 1977. Ballet Folklórico Mexicapan Collection, H.Mss.1109.

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22. **Charro costume.** Ballet Folklórico Mexicapan Collection, H.Mss.1109.

23. **Unidentified photograph.** Ballet Folklórico Mexicapan Collection, H.Mss.1109.


25. **Padua Hills Theatre brochure.** Padua Hills Theatre Collection, H.Mss.0617.

26. Padua Hills Theatre Collection, Claremont Heritage Archives and Special Collections. *On loan from Claremont Heritage, Claremont, CA.*
   - Padua Institute, *Songs from Old Mexico songbook*, circa 1940s.


28. **Postcard.** Padua Hills Theatre Collection, H.Mss.0617.

29. **Photographs.** Matt Garcia Papers, H.Mss.1096.
   - Scene from *Serenata mexicana*.
   - Francisco Sánchez Flores and Sara Macias.
30. Mexican Player props. **Gourd with rope**, circa 1950s. Padua Hills Theatre Collection, Claremont Heritage Archives and Special Collections. *On loan from Claremont Heritage, Claremont, CA.*

31. Mexican Player props. Padua Hills Theatre Collection, Claremont Heritage Archives and Special Collections. *On loan from Claremont Heritage, Claremont, CA.*
- **Los viejitos mask**, circa 1950s.
- **Decorative floral plate**, circa 1950s.
- **Decorative rug**.

32. **Pesos o besos (Money or Kisses) program.** Padua Hills Theatre Collection, H.Mss.0617.


35. Padua Hills Theatre Collection, H.Mss.0617.
- **Las Posadas broadside**
- Assorted **Las Posadas flyers**
- Assorted **Las Posadas playbills**

### Media

36. **Recording media.** Ballet Folklórico Mexicapan Collection, H.Mss.1109.
- **Mexicapan**, May 1974, 8mm film.
- **ANGF [Asociación Nacional de Grupos Folklóricos]**, reel-to-reel audio tape recording.
- KCET TV22, **Mexicapan Special**, 1976, 8mm film.
- **Mexicapan & los ludeños**, San Jose, 1977, audio cassette tape.

- 3 vinyl audio discs, 33 1/3 rpm, mono, 10 inches.