

Colorado Rocky Mountain Dancers
Press Release

The Colorado Rocky Mountain Dancers (CRMD) provide a varied recreational dance activity for youth based on the square dance family of folk dances. Current membership ranges between 10 and 55 years old. Begun in the fall of 1999 as part of a History of Dance pageant, the group performed a dance style first offered to the public in the 1930's and 1940's by Lloyd Shaw's Cheyenne Mountain Dancers out of Colorado Springs. The CRMD continue this legacy, with the support and assistance of current members of Calico & Boots performance group originating at the University of Colorado.

Dances now performed include Modern Western Square Dance, couple dances such as the waltz and two-step, mixers, contras, specialty five and six couple formations, and the spectacular aerial and traditional figures the Cheyenne Mountain Dancers presented more than a generation ago. Venues have included Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Nebraska's Cowboy History Museum, the Colorado State History Museum, the National Folk Organization's Conference on Youth in Dance, Wyoming's AAPHERD Conference, the Idaho International Folk Festival, and seven National Square Dance Conventions. In July 2004 they spent sixteen days in Ukraine (Komsomolsk, Kiev, and Lutsk) demonstrating and sharing these unique and varied styles of the folk dances of the United States.

They are an exciting, exuberant group of young people, who perform, as well as being available for participatory dancing situations. They serve as a wonderful link for intergenerational events. Come watch them dance. Their joy of dancing, their energy and their youthful exuberance is sure to be contagious.

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