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September was a month of celebration and preparation for Chavalos. Our dancers shared Nicaraguan folklore with audiences in the Mission and beyond, honored Central American independence alongside our neighbors, and kept rehearsing for one of the biggest days on our calendar, Paseo Masaya II.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Paseo Masaya

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

FOLK TOUR WITH LIVE MARIMBA |
24th Street, San Francisco,
California



Giving Tuesday 2026

DECEMBER, 2026

Join us in supporting families in Nicaragua through our basic food basket donation campaign. Together we can turn generosity into meaningful impact.



La Purísima

DECEMBER, 2026

Chavalos de Aquí y Allá brings this beloved Nicaraguan tradition to the San Francisco Bay Area, bringing the community together to celebrate La Purísima and keep Nicaragua's cultural traditions alive across generations.



Photo by Pankaj Bhargava

ON STAGE

Celebrating independence at Fiesta de las Américas

SAN FRANCISCO, CA. September 12, 2026.

Just days before Nicaragua's Independence Day on September 15, Chavalos Danzas took the stage at Fiesta de las Américas in the heart of the Mission District. Produced by the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District, this family friendly festival filled the Mission with music stages, folkloric dance, local bands, a youth pavilion, and more than 80 community vendors.

Performing on the 25th and Harrison Stage, our dancers brought the colors, rhythms, and stories of Nicaraguan folklore to a crowd gathered to celebrate the independence of countries across Latin America. For Chavalos, it was important to honor Nicaragua's independence side by side with other groups and organizations from across the Americas. Standing together on one street, each community shared its own traditions while celebrating what unites us.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Seeking a Folk Dance Instructor

Chavalos Danza por Nicaragua is looking for a dance instructor to join our team and help train the next generation of dancers. We're seeking someone passionate about Nicaraguan culture, with experience in folk dance, and eager to share their knowledge with the children, youth, and families in our community.

We're looking for someone who:

- Has experience in Nicaraguan folk dance

- Enjoys working with children and youth
- Is committed to preserving our cultural traditions
- Can commit to regular rehearsals and performances at community events

If you're passionate about dance and Nicaraguan culture and want to be part of this journey, we'd love to hear from you! For more information or **to apply, contact us at info@chavalos.org**

CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

Young dancers take Nicaraguan folklore on the road to Latin Fest

ROCKLIN, CA. September 24, 2026. Our young dancers took a road trip from San Francisco all the way to Rocklin, where Sierra College invited Chavalos Danzas to perform at its Latin Fest for students. The dancers wowed the crowd with several pieces representing different regions of Nicaragua, showing the variety of rhythms, costumes, and traditions found across the country.

Many students were seeing Nicaraguan folklore for the first time, and the performance opened the door to conversations about culture, identity, and heritage. Moments like this show why we dance: to carry Nicaragua's traditions beyond the Bay Area and inspire the next generation to take pride in where they come from.

A special thank you to Sierra College for the invitation, and to the families and volunteers who made the long drive possible.



Photos courtesy by Johanna Gutiérrez-Cabe



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COMING SOON

Paseo Masaya II: Raíces del Mestizaje

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Our dancers of Chavalos Danzas - Folklore Tradicional continue to rehearse for the second Paseo Masaya. This year's theme, "Raíces del Mestizaje" (Roots of Mestizaje), invites us to look back at our origins to understand who we are today. Mestizaje is not only a chapter of Nicaraguan history but a living experience: the encounter, tension, and resistance between Indigenous peoples and European influences that shaped a culture that is rich, diverse, and deeply expressive. It is not a fixed identity but an ongoing process that keeps taking on new meaning, both in Nicaragua and across its diaspora.

Paseo Masaya is inspired by Masaya, known as the cradle of Nicaraguan folklore, where at this time of year the streets come alive with patron saint festivals. There, dance is part of everyday life. Folklore is taught in schools, dance groups are everywhere, and teachers pass the tradition to the next generation. Marimba rhythms carry dancers through the streets in vibrant costumes. The tradition is that dancers and live marimba visit many households, going from door to door to bring this traditional style of folklore to life. Neighbors and families gather to welcome them, and what begins at one doorstep grows into a procession of music, color, and dance that turns the whole neighborhood into a stage.



With Paseo Masaya, we seek to emulate that tradition here in the Bay Area, bringing the spirit of Masaya to Mission, where dancers, musicians, families, and neighbors fill the street together. Every step, every marimba rhythm, and every costume becomes an act of memory, and culture is not only preserved but lived and carried forward.

Mark your calendar and bring your family and friends. You won't want to miss it.

Get Involved!

Be part of something that creates change. Volunteer, support our programs, or contribute to our community initiatives. Together we can preserve our traditions, empower new generations, and strengthen the connection between the Bay Area and Nicaragua.



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In Loving Memory of Maritza del Socorro Avilés Sobalvarro

With deep sadness, Chavalos de Aquí y de Allá extends our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Mrs. Maritza del Socorro Avilés Sobalvarro, beloved mother of our dear friends Maritza Argüello, a Chavalos de Aquí y de Allá Board Member, and Jorge Luis Argüello, a Chavalos volunteer. Both Maritza and Jorge Luis are cherished members of our Chavalos family.

Mrs. Avilés was a wonderful woman who generously shared her time, kindness, and support with our community. She participated in and contributed to many Chavalos de Aquí y de Allá activities, always showing her support for our mission and our efforts to strengthen and uplift the Latino community.

Her warmth, generosity, and commitment to the well-being of others will be remembered with great appreciation and affection. We are grateful for the love and support she gave to our organization and to so many people around her.

During this difficult time, we stand alongside Maritza Argüello and her entire family, offering our prayers, love, and deepest condolences. May the beautiful memories of Mrs. Avilés bring comfort and strength to all who knew and loved her.

May she rest in eternal peace.
With love and sympathy,

The Chavalos de Aquí y de Allá Family

