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Ms. Martin is the Founder, Artistic Director, Choreographer, Instructor and Dancer of Ballet Folklorico Sol de San Antonio located near the downtown San Antonio area. With the help and support of her parents, Ms. Martin formed her company in early 2019 of her senior year of high school at the young age of 17. Ms. Martin graduated from South San Antonio High School in 2019 and continued her studies as a dance major at San Antonio College. Her company came together as a recreational group of eight friends/dancers wanting to participate in a local folklorico competition in Austin, Texas. She took the role of director not realizing that her passion was about to take her down an amazing path and into a new chapter of her dancing career. By her hard work and dedication, the eight-dancer group is now a full-blown group of 30 plus dancers where she does all the dance selections, choreographies and directing for competitions and other performances. They have performed at Luminaria Contemporary Arts Festival, Dia de Los Muertos Festival, Ford Mariachi Festival River Parade and at the Historic Market Square amongst other events and venues. On September 11, 2021, Ms. Martin put together her first ever production held at the Scottish Rite Theatre where she directed and choreographed all the pieces presented in her show. Most all to live mariachi music. Ms. Martin teaches technique to beginner, intermediate, advanced and professional levels of folklorico as well as ballet technique and provides 16-years of relevant experience in the art of dance with five of those years of professional folklorico experience. Ms. Martin decided to focus



on building her business and open as a dance studio in early 2021 out of an old warehouse. In December of 2021, she moved her studio to a more permanent location and is now in full swing of things, and keeps adding to her school roster. In addition to her full time job as a small business owner, Ms. Martin is also a Folklorico and Dance instructor through The Tobin Center for the Performing Arts Generation NEXT Education Initiative for SAISD where she continues to share her passion and knowledge with middle school and high school students. She strives to be a better leader in her community and expertise as she grows professionally. Ms. Martin has had the opportunity of performing in performances for Ballet San Antonio, The Children's Ballet, Dancing Across Cultures of Denver, Colorado, Ballet de Mexico, Ballet Folklorico Mexicano de Carlos Moreno of Oakland, California, Ballet Folklorico de Navarro, Ballet Folklorico de Tejas of Austin, Texas and SIMA Ballet Folklorico of Irvin, Texas. She has diverse experience ranging from classical ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary and with focus in folklorico. In addition, she continues her professional development by being a member of *Asociacion Nacional de Grupos Folkloricos (ANGF)* and attending Master workshops taught by region specific Mexican Folklorico instructors. This diverse experience allows Ms. Martin to effectively analyze, implement, choreograph and teach today's youth. She continues to work hard in being the prime example for young and teenage girls. Her passion and dedication is clearly seen in all her work and has committed to bring to San Antonio the strong Mexican culture, traditions and roots in her teaching.