



The Ngin Karet Foundation for Cambodia
has the great honour and pleasure to announce that
on Friday 27th February 2009 at 17h30;
and Saturday 28th February at 17h30
a select group of 38 young dancers from Banteay Srey
will perform in Phnom Penh for the very first time
at the invitation of the *Hotel Royal*

From the shadows of the delicate pink temple of Banteay Srey these children from humble backgrounds whose parents in 1999, when NKFC first began to work in the region, numbered amidst the poorest of the poor, living under the stronghold of the Khmer rouge, have flourished into proud and dedicated exponents and defenders of Khmer culture and tradition through traditional classical and folk dance.

In order to restore their dignity and leading them to the path of a sustainable future the NKFC initially worked with seven settlements of displaced refugees (1181 families) and at the end of 2003 expanded to another seven villages (1353 families). NKFC has implemented a rolling programme of education in hygiene, basic healthcare, vaccination, malaria prevention and aid awareness; agriculture and animal husbandry; water policy and distributing wells and latrines after training. NKFC has also built 3 schools (9 classrooms) to provide parallel programmes for both parents and children.

Two years ago NKFC expanded their work to include vocational training for adults and children. The first dance school with 128 dancers was sponsored by NKFC France and proved to be a great success, beyond all expectations, transforming little muddy children into elegant and gracious creatures dancing with their soul.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are raising funds to build both a music school and another dance school for the other seven villages in 2009

Please “adopt a dancer” so that s/he could attend regularly both the academic school in one half of the day and the dance school in the other without a loss of earning to the family. For just 20\$ a month (5\$ a week) you can support these children in their dream of becoming the celestial beings of the Apsara carvings.

Please visit our website for more information.

www.nkfc.org

“From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank you for your generous support in making the dreams of these children come true.”

Ravynn Karet Coxen, NKFC Founder Chairman