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Shell National Folkloric Festival



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The annual Shell National Folkloric Festival at the Sydney Opera House is one of the truly unique folk festivals of the world.

The 1982 Festival was the 10th since it blazed into existence as one of the highlights of the Opera House Opening Ceremony in 1973.

Then 700 performers from 21 countries displayed the beauty of their costumes and the richness of their cultures to the Queen and assembled dignitaries on the opening day. Five days later they performed for the first time in the Opera House Concert Hall on October 26.

The self-engendered growth and excitement continued over the years.

Exhibitions of the accoutrements of the performing arts - costumes, instruments, accessories - were supplied by the groups and mounted in the Concert Hall foyer.

In 1975 an outdoor parade was staged in the grounds of the Opera House. Now it is a spectacular event with the cast in costume parading around Circular Quay, culminating in a programme of performances

