

# ĐÊM VIỆT NAM

*A Night in Vietnam*

**FINDING YOUR LIGHT**

**ĐI TÌM ÁNH SÁNG**

# ABOUT DVN

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Đêm Việt Nam (DVN) is an annual culture show hosted by the Vietnamese Student Association that showcases Vietnamese culture through traditional dances and modern dances. Our show is entirely student run and includes over 120 student performers. All proceeds from DVN will be donated to the Pacific Links Foundation.



This year's theme is "Find Your Light" which translates to "Đi Tìm Ánh Sáng" in Vietnamese. "Find Your Light" is about a young girl refuses to go to Hoi An and experience her culture with her mom which creates tension between the two. She then follows a guide into an unknown realm similar to Hội An, where she immerses herself into a world of unbelievable sights and finds her true self and her own culture. Follow us through this enlightened journey of finding your light.

# ĐÊM VIỆT NAM 2017 PERFORMANCES

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Umbrella

Guy Girl Hip Hop

Guy Hip Hop

Northern Hat Dance

Guy Girl Traditional

Fashion Show

Raffle

*(Intermission)*

Charity

Board Video

Izzat

Ribbon and Traditional Medley

Girl Hip Hop

Lotus

B2Viet

Fan

# UMBRELLA



Mom, Julia, teaches her kid, Anna, about her hometown Hoi An and its influence on the indigenous people and traders. She goes on to tell Anna about the traditional outfit áo dài and its lightweight and breathable properties and shows her a video of her dancing back in the day.

## MUSIC

Để Em Rời Xa - HẠNH SINO, Real Love - Kimmese & JustaTee

## CHOREOGRAPHERS

Karen Cao & Uyen Nguyen

## PERFORMERS

Karen Cao, Uyen Nguyen, Megan Tran,  
Sarah Wang, Katherine Wei, Eunice Yau



# GUY GIRL HIP HOP



Anna isn't impressed with the traditional dance her mom shows her and challenges her mom's dance with one of her favorite videos.

She loads up a hip hop dance video on her laptop and turns it towards her mom.

## MUSIC

Best Love Song – Trey Songz, Can't Sit with Us – Honey Cocaine,  
Not Going Home - DVBBS

## CHOREOGRAPHERS

Jessica Ma and Katie Gu

## PERFORMERS

Jessica Ma, Katie Gu, Jessica Yen, Alyssa Fellabaum, Kelly Chang,  
Nicole Yang, Cindy Shi, Elise Hsiung, Kevin Liu, Seungyouun Lee, Minh  
Nguyen, Curtis Fang, An Nguyen, Harsh Gusani, Ji Hyun Kim, Jeremy  
Jeung

# GUY HIP HOP



Julia isn't impressed by the hip hop dance video but tries not to express her disappointment. Anna cuts off Julia's comment about the hip-hop dance and loads another video to attempt to change her mom's mind.

## MUSIC

Thought of You – Justin Bieber, Finesse – Bruno Mars

## CHOREOGRAPHERS

Michelle Nguyen & Kevin Zhang

## PERFORMERS

Sean Tran, Minh Tran, Sang Tran, Stone Stewart, Mason Dial, Austin Cao, Karl Cai, Dan Tran, Jason Ngoj, Andy Ly

# NORTHERN HAT DANCE



Anna gushes about the boys dancing in the previous videos, but Julia disagrees. Anna doesn't get her mother's obsession with traditional dances and ends up fighting with her. Julia storms off, telling Anna to stay in America.

Anna wakes up on the ground, confused. A Northern Hat Dance, Nón Quai Thao, that is popular in Northern Vietnam was performing on the stage next to her.

## MUSIC

Lỗi Ở Yêu Thương – THANH DUY

## CHOREOGRAPHERS

Melissa Lin & Julia Wu

## PERFORMERS

Melissa Linh, Julia Wu, Ngan Nguyen, Sydney Koh, Theresa Nguyen, Alyssa Soparanat, Amanda Wang, Jessie Yang, Ciara Timban

# GUY GIRL TRADITIONAL



Unaware of her surroundings, Anna asks the two men next to her where they are. The men explain they are her guides and that they transported Anna to Hội An and leave to continue arranging the town's festival.

One of the guides, Sang, walks towards the stage and leads Sean, the other guide, and Anna to the next performance.

## MUSIC

Thời thanh xuân – Phạm Hồng Phước ft. Văn Mai Hương  
Nơi Thương Nại Thi Dung Lam Trai Tim Em Dâu – Bích Phương

## CHOREOGRAPHER

Chau Nguyen

## PERFORMERS

Amy Zhou, Tiana Huang, Robert Fong, Will Yang, Wendi Tang,  
Cathleen Huang, Helen Tan, Kimberly Cao, Daniel Gomez, Nate  
Baker, Angela Yu, Christopher Combs, Jonathan Choi

# FASHION SHOW



## MUSIC

YÊU 5 – Rhymastic

## MODELS

Jessica Jiang, Julian Tran, Alyssa Fellabaum, Isabelle Tran, Tiana Huang, Tiffany Huynh, Theresa Nguyen, Lyndsey Van, Marilyn Padau, Uyen Nguyen, Khang Huynh, Victoria Thach, Thomas Hoang, Alyssa Sopanarat, Lucy Jiang, Sydney Koh

# PACIFIC LINKS FOUNDATION

## CHARITY



This year, VSA will be donating all proceeds to the Pacific Links Foundation, whose aim is to prevent trafficking by empowering the most vulnerable populations. They break the cycle of human trafficking by investing comprehensively in at-risk youth to prevent trafficking and in survivors to help them build new lives and work throughout Vietnam and along the provinces bordering Cambodia, China and Laos.

The Pacific Links Foundation has two current initiatives: Counter-Trafficking and Early Childhood Education. To combat human trafficking, they lead counter-trafficking efforts at the frontiers of Vietnam by increasing access to education, providing shelter and reintegration services, and enabling economic opportunities. In addition, their programs enable the sustainable development of Vietnamese communities.



**PACIFIC LINKS  
FOUNDATION**

*[Pacificlinks.org](http://Pacificlinks.org)*



# 2017-2018 BOARD VIDEO

DIRECTED & EDITED BY: ANTHONY NGUYEN



**CO-CHAIRS** Jessica Jiang, Julian Tran

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# MICHIGAN IZZAT



Michigan Izzat, founded in January of 2013, is the University of Michigan's premier all-male fusion dance team. As a nationally ranked collegiate team, they strive to promote dance and culture while staying true to their identity and university. Using high energy choreography, innovative stunts, and their passion for dance, they come together fusing the styles of hip hop, bhangra and bollywood to produce a performance intended to inspire, to allure, and to celebrate Indian and American culture.



# RIBBON AND TRADITIONAL MEDLEY



Anna follows the guide and sees a lantern festival. The guide explains that the lantern festival is a tradition within the town. The lanterns are used as an offering and sign of worship to their ancestors and the God of the Land.

A group of dancers with ribbons and lanterns entertain the festival attendees with their bright and colorful performance.

## MUSIC

Anh Sẽ Về Sớm Thôi by Isaac  
Cuối Cùng Anh Cũng Đến by Hari Won ft. Mr Siro  
Nếu Như Một Ngày by MIN

## CHOREOGRAPHERS

Kristen Ailsworth, Tiffany Huynh, & Aliyah Spots

## PERFORMERS

Vanessa Dinh, Anly Li, Grace Li, Josephine Sulimin, Angela Lin, Karen Xiong, Elena Fang, Erika Tsuchiya, Anh Nguyen, Angela Shiue, Susie Qu, Rachel Liu, Michelle Nguyen, Cindy Ding

# GIRL HIP HOP



Anna was so impressed by the Indian Bollywood style performance earlier and its modern influences within a traditional styled dance that she reminisces about it. Sean, the other guide, points to the stage to direct Anna's attention to the girl hip hop group. Anna's face lit up with excitement.

## MUSIC

Just Like Fire - P!NK, 7/11 – Beyonce, Most Girls – Hailee,  
SteinfeldSurvivor - Destiny's Child

## CHOREOGRAPHERS

Victoria Briones & Angel Tsai

## PERFORMERS

Angel Tsai, Karen Xu, Alice Wang, Julian Ho, Julia McMahon, Connie  
You, Vanessa Lee, Sivanthy Vasanthan, Joyce Lee, Victoria Thach,  
Marilyn Padua, Dianne Ro

# LOTUS



Anna loved the modern dance and was impressed by their movement. Sang suggests they watch the girls with lotuses dance. Sean explains the the lotus's meaning and associated beauty and strength through difficult times. The girls starts their routine, lighting up the night with graceful movements.

## MUSIC

Giấc Mơ Trưa - Team Bảo Thy

## CHOREOGRAPHERS

Linh Le & Jessica Zhang

## PERFORMERS

Linh Le, Jessica Zhang, Erkina Sartbaeva, Michelle Fan, Ellie Nguyen, Zoie Chang, Sarah Samsundar, Sally Ruan

# B2VIET



Sang gifts Anna a lotus as a present. Sean tells Anna that the lotus is Vietnam's national flower and is symbolic with the struggles Vietnamese people have had to endure through difficult times. Anna, for the first time, felt proud to be Vietnamese.

Sang interrupts her thoughts and points to the boys on stage so Anna wouldn't miss it.

## MUSIC

Từng Ngày Em Mơ Về Anh - MLee ft Soobin, Ms. New Booty - feat. Ying Yang Twins and Mr. ColliPark, BỔNG BỔNG BANG BANG - 365DABAND

## CHOREOGRAPHERS

Sanjee Choudhuri & Scott Rola

## PERFORMERS

Sanjee Choudhuri, Scot Rola, Christopher Underwood, Christian Nguyen, Henry Nguyen, Gabriel Villa, Mark Hwang, Alexander Mize, Hyungmook Oh, Pratik Joshi, Umang Lathia, Bongjoon Lee, Jerry Lau, Thomas Hoang, Michael Nguyen, Andrew Tsao, Khang Huynh

# FAN



Sean tells Anna there is only one performance left and Anna's disappointment was apparent on her face. She turns back to the stage to enjoy the last few minutes of her trip.

## MUSIC

Bad Boy – Dong Nhi

## CHOREOGRAPHERS

Ashley Duong & Becky Quach

## PERFORMERS

Ashley Duong, Becky Quach, Janet Vu, Daphne Cheng, Hannah Dang,  
Lilian Sheu, Lily Chang, Y-linh Tran, Isabelle Tran, Jessica Jiang,  
Michelle Hoang, Khim Goh

# CONCLUSION

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Anna wakes up in her house with a lantern in her arms. Julia says good-bye to Anna, intending to leave for Việt Nam. Anna stops Julia and requests to accompany her mom.

As Julia and Anna leave for their flight, Julia reminds Anna about her childhood friends she played with when she was younger. Julia tells Anna they are also coming along.

The two guides from Anna's dream, Sang and Sean, walk into the house. As soon as Anna sees them, she recognizes them as her new friends from Hội An.

# STAGE CREW & TECH PRODUCTION

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STAGE MANAGER Isabelle Tran

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER Sydney Koh

EMCEES Anna Dang, Julia Duong

CO-EMCEES Sean Tran, Sang Tran

AUDIO Theresa Pham, Vanessa Dinh

CURTAINS Minh Tran

LIGHTING Megan Tran, Lyndsey Van

PROJECTOR Caitlyn Shyuu, Sara Anstey

VIDEOGRAPHER Lucy Jiang

PHOTOGRAPHERS Samuel So, Brian Lin

# THANK YOU FROM DVN BOARD

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Sydney Koh, Theresa Nguyen, Uyen Nguyen, Alyssa Sopanarat, Isabelle Tran

Hello everyone,

We would like to thank all of those who have helped to make this show possible! Thank you to choreographers, dancers, stage crew, emcees, guest performers, photographers, and sponsors! Without all of you, this show would not have been possible! A special thank you to Anthony Nguyen for working incredibly hard the past three weeks editing our entire board video and making Snapchat: VSA Edition come to life through his creativity and talent!

Another special thank you to Alyssa Fellabaum for designing our tickets and flyers for this show. We are very thankful to have such a dedicated senior with a natural eye for graphic design.

We would especially like to thank all the choreographers for their leadership and hard work they have put into creating the dances along with teaching the dancers. We greatly appreciate the dedication that dancers and choreographers have put into making this show successful!

Lastly, we would like to thank all attendees for coming out to our show and supporting us! We are very thankful and hope to see you next year at DVN 2019!

DVN Board 2017-2018



# THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

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*Special thank you to our generous alumni:*

Vinh Phung

Kathy Pham

Linh-Yen Hoang

# A SPECIAL THANKS TO: VINH PHUNG

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Vinh Phung is an alumni of the University of Michigan and was involved within the Vietnamese community on campus, participating in the Vietnamese Student Association. He graduated in 2014 with a Bachelors in Economics and stays involved within the community.

Vinh generously donated to Đêm Việt Nam 2018 and the Vietnamese Student Association would like to express our gratitude to Vinh for his donation.