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- 1. Q: WHAT IS SHADOWDANCE? Shadowdance is an art form that uses light and a screen to create mesmerizing shadow stories. It can be performed with photography, videography, music, art, dance and mime.
- 2. Q: WHEN WAS SHADOWDANCE CREATED? Shadows were created by the sunlight and ancient civilizations used firelight and cave walls to perform stories and pass on history. The original roots of Shadowdance are claimed to be Indonesia, India and China.
- 3. Q: WHO ARE SOME FAMOUS SHADOWDANCERS? Martha Graham, Alvin Ailey, Micheal Jackson and The Silhouettes. (to name a few)
- 4. Q: WHAT SHAPES CAN YOU MAKE WITH SHADOWDANCE? Shadowdance is magical and offers endless possibilities for making shapes and storytelling. Trees, frogs, bunnies, horses, buildings, mountains, cars, cats, dogs... it's endless! Open your mind and begin to create.
- 5. Q: HOW OLD DO YOU HAVE TO BE TO SHADOWDANCE? The youngest shadowdance in history was 3 years old on America's Got Talent in 2011. Most shadowdance companies use adults, however, The Silhouettes are primarily made up of children, teens and young adults. Therefore, the answer to the question is you can be any age to perform shadowdance.
- 6. Q: DO YOU HAVE TO BE A DANCER TO SHADOWDANCE? Not necessarily. Shadowdance is a storytelling art form that requires acting, mime, concentration, spelling abilities and expression. Basically, shadowdance has something for everyone.

- 7. WHO WAS THE FIRST SHADOWDANCE COMPANY ON AMERICA'S GOT TALENT? The Silhouettes, Inc. was the first shadowdance company on America's Got Talent premiering in 2011. After their performance, the Got Talent worldwide franchise has created multiple shadowdance companies for appearance on their televised programs.
- 8. Q: WHAT SHADOWDANCE COMPANY WAS ON AMERICA'S GOT TALENT 11 TIMES? The Silhouettes, Inc. America's Got Talent continues to bring The Silhouettes back to the NBC stage for guest appearances and special programming. They also asked The Silhouettes to be a highlighted anchor act in America's Got Talent SUPERSTARS Live at The Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas Nevada for 2.5 years in 2021 2023
- 9. Q: CAN I SHADOWDANCE AT HOME? Absolutely! You just need a dark room (close your curtains), a light (can be a flashlight, LED shoplight or the light on a cell phone) and a wall. If you do not have a clean wall, you can hang a white or light colored sheet up. Place the light behind the sheet and stand between the light and the sheet and you will create shadows. You can also put the light in front of the sheet and stand between the light and sheet/wall, and create shadows. Let the experimenting begin and you will soon find yourself thinking of man objects, shapes, animals and stories you can tell.
- 10. Q: WHERE CAN I SEE A SHADOWDANCE PERFORMANCE? You are in luck! The Silhouettes, Inc., Golden Buzzer Act on America's Got Talent The Champions is coming to Rancho Cucamonga's Lewis Family Playhouse on December 6th and 7th!

For more information about The Silhouettes, Inc. go to the silhouettes.com or youtube and type "Silhouettes AGT" into the search bar.