

## Story of Preah Samuth and Neang Buth Somaly

Princess Buth Somaly, the daughter of Giant King Virulchak and Queen Vasun, once had a strange dream of being encircled by a massive Naga dragon. Her servants interpreted the dream as an omen, predicting she would soon gain a royal husband.

One day, by chance, her father allowed her to visit the royal park. There, Princess Buth Somaly encountered Prince Preah Samuth, who boldly declared that they had been a happily married couple in a previous life. As if fate had reconnected their paths, the prince cast a magic spell with his stick and spirited the princess away to his palace.

Enraged, King Virulchak summoned his troops to pursue the prince. Exhausted after a relentless escape, the prince and princess stopped to rest in the forest. However, the danger was far from over. A wild giant named Veykan stumbled upon them and was instantly captivated by Princess Buth Somaly's beauty. Overcome with desire, Veykhan hypnotized Prince Preah Samuth and fiercely demanded that the princess go with him, threatening to kill her husband otherwise.

Princess Buth Somaly, quick-witted and brave, deceived the wild giant. Seizing an opportunity, she took up her husband's enchanted bow and invoked his merit and magic to summon an army to battle Veykan. The fearless princess, driven by love and determination, fought to protect her husband and their union.

This tale of destiny, courage, and cleverness showcases the strength and resilience of Princess Buth Somaly, as well as the enduring power of love.



## Project Timeline

Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4
Overview of Dance, Pick and choose what parts of the story to showcase	Practice and review the story	Practice and review the story	Practice and review the story
Prepare the songbook for the story	Record music in Cambodia	Use the new recording and develop a layout for dance	Costume and fitting
Look in Costume inventory & see what's needed for this project	Use music from archives to practice	Finalize the show minutes and other technical	Walkthrough of performance
Connect with musicians and singers in Cambodia to record the dance audio	Start making accessories and needed items for project	Find a venue or event to showcase the performance	

## Number of Dancers

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. King Virulchak    | 5. Yeak Veakhan     |
| 2. Queen Vasun       | 6. Servants Qty (5) |
| 3. Preah Samuth      | 7. Giant Army (2)   |
| 4. Neang Buth Somaly | 8. Deity Army (2)   |



## Cost

### Recording Music (Break Down)

*The music will be recorded in Cambodia by Officials and students at the School of Fine Arts*

- Musicians **Total \$900**
  - o Qty (9) will receive \$100 each for their service from 8 AM – 5 PM
- Sound and Recording **Total \$500**
  - o The whole package is \$500; this includes final MP3 audio and editorial files
- Singers **Total \$600**
  - o Yann Borin, Professor of Khmer Vocals and retired singer of the Royal Ballet of Cambodia, will receive \$300 for his service
  - o Qty (2) other singers will receive \$150 each for their service
- Lunch and Food **Total \$150**
  - o An allocation of \$150 will be used to serve lunch and dinner to 20 artists, including musicians and singers.
- Rental of the Hall **Total \$300**
  - o Recording Hall is \$300 from 8 AM – 5 PM
  - o Includes stage, lower stage, bathroom, lighting, and electrical

**Recording Music Total Cost \$2450 USD**

### Dance Embellishments (Break Down)

*Embellishments will be produced both in Cambodia and the USA*

- Crowns **Total \$900**
  - o Qty (3) cost \$300 each (Copper Crowns) will be needed to fulfill the character's needs
- Skirts **Total \$420**
  - o Qty (8) cost \$52.50 each to produce
- Male Costumes **Total \$1400**
  - o Qty (4) cost \$350 each, made in-house. This cost will cover the fabric, and the embroidered metal imported from India.
- Mask **Total \$400**
  - o Qty (2) cost \$200 per mask mold imported from Cambodia and painted in the US.

**Dance Embellishments Total Cost \$3120 USD**

### **Teaching and Class and Food (Break Down)**

- All teachers are volunteer-based
  - (no cost)
- Class Location (temple space)
  - (no cost)
- Food **Total \$2000**
  - \$100 per class (4 classes a month\* 5 months)

**Teaching and Class Total Cost \$2000 USD**

**Total Cost of Project \$7570 USD**