

Dear Benefactor/Donor,

I've had the opportunity to participate in the ballet with Mountain West Ballet multiple times as the parent of a dancer.

I have continuously been impressed with the level of professionalism shown during every step of their shows. My daughter first danced as a little mouse when she was 6. During that show she fell madly in love with performing. She learned that hard work and weekly practice was critical to being ready to perform her best on stage. Those lessons have carried with her as she has grown to be a beautiful dancer who gives her all in each class. She was shown love and patience as her teacher trained these tiny little girls to be the best mice they could be. They celebrated together and experienced success dancing for a large audience. As she has grown she has turned down multiple opportunities to be on teams and in classes that perform throughout the community so that she can dance in the Nutcracker. She loves to watch the older dancers warmup, practice and shine on stage and aspires to be one of the lead roles one day. I love that she has role models in these beautiful dancers as she grows.

As I have volunteered in various positions, I have been impressed with the ability Mountain West Ballet has to make everyone feel comfortable and important. They rely on the volunteers to run their shows but we as volunteers feel needed and important. They do a fabulous job helping us, as dancers and their families, feel completely invested and connected to the ballet and the community.

I have been impressed with their awareness and support of the community around them. They open their ballet to several shows for field trips and shorter shows for audiences of special needs and different expectations. They understand the importance to make the arts available to everyone, regardless of physical, emotional or social ability. They also open their door to dancers of different abilities. I loved watching a small party boy this past Christmas who had some physical challenges but danced well and was welcomed without hesitation in the show. This ballet truly is for the people of the Salt Lake Valley, not just the elect.

Finally, because of donations such as yours, the ballet is affordable to my family and many others throughout the average community. Being part of the cast is affordable but also bringing our whole family, as well as friends and extended family to support our daughter is an option for everyone. Having this tradition is something we look forward to and know it won't be a huge burden during the Christmas season.

Thank you for your part in the ballet. Thank you for your donation and what it means to the financial side of Mountain West Ballet. I love this company and the opportunities it opens for all children in this part of the valley. The arts are important in our lives. They bring culture, opportunity and joy to our lives and I have truly appreciated what Mountain West Ballet offers to our community.

Sincerely,
Brynn Lillywhite

Mountain West Ballet's Impact on the Community

Partnerships with MWB & Collaborators with Our Share the Arts Night

Partnerships

Canyons School District: We partner with schools to bring the students an outreach program. This program is designed to give elementary students the opportunity to learn about classical ballet and see portions of a live performance. **2,200 students attend**

57 Dance studios: We partner with 57 dance studios and universities (BYU, U of U, & UVU) through out the Wasatch Front. These studios send their dancers to our audition each year to dance in either the Nutcracker or our spring ballet.

Dance studio owners: We collaborate with Linda Fenton Dance Studio, Utah Dance Center, Lancaster School of Ballet and Classical Ballet Conservatory. These studio owners are our artistic directors and choreographers.

Sharetix: We partner with Sharetix who has about 40 agencies they work with that serve at-risk communities along the Wasatch Front. They range in populations from low income, special needs, and victims of abuse, refugees and immigrants to other under-served communities. We provide tickets to lots of local arts groups.

Volunteers: The ballet uses the time, talents and resources of more that 486 volunteers each year in different capacities to help ensure the performances of the ballet run smoothly and the audiences are provided with an enjoyable experience.

Vettix : Veteran Tickets Foundation gives event tickets to Currently Serving Military, Veterans and their Families.

The organizations listed below come to our free Share the Arts performance.

***Mascot Miracles Foundation:** Founded in 2013, the Mascot Miracles Foundation is a non-profit organization that helps children who have serious illness through professional, college and corporate mascots; by creating and attending events, and parties; and bring smiles to those children in unthinkable situations.

***Utah Down Syndrome Foundation:** Brings families together to build a community and help individuals with Down syndrome reach their highest potential. We provide programs and services for parents and families as well as for individuals with Down syndrome.

***UHope (Formally known as Hopekids):** A community of support for families who have children with cancer or other life-threatening medical conditions.

***United Angel Foundation:** A non-profit, parent-to-parent support group. The primary mission of the foundation is to support parents and families of children with special needs. We do this through three main focuses: Interaction, Education, and Resources.

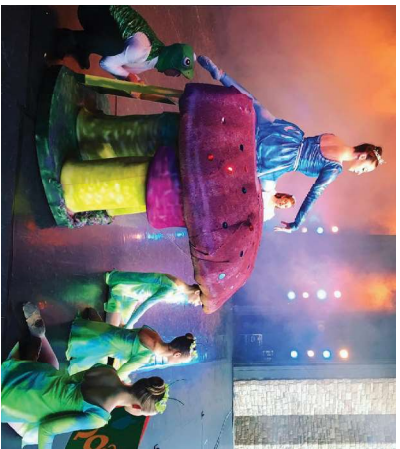
***Sandy Club, A safe Place for Boys and Girls:** an after school program and summer program for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade in Sandy.

***Kids Community Ballet/ Rise up:** Kids Community Ballet gives free ballet lessons to children from 3-12 years old in low-income areas of SLC. This program helps build the community and gives an opportunity for children to experience and learn ballet.

***Americorps VISTA**

*** Senior Citizens of Sandy**

MWB PAST PRODUCTIONS



Alice in Wonderland, 2018



A Midsummer Night's Dream, 2019



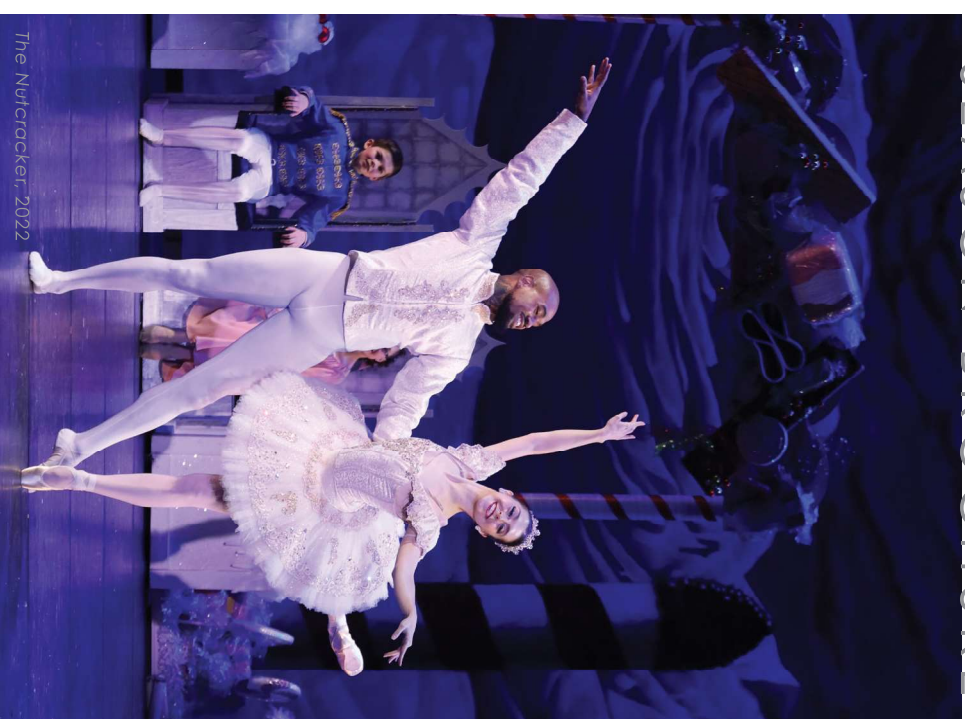
The Nutcracker, 2019



The Nutcracker, 2021



Coppélia, 2022



The Nutcracker, 2022

SEASON BROCHURE





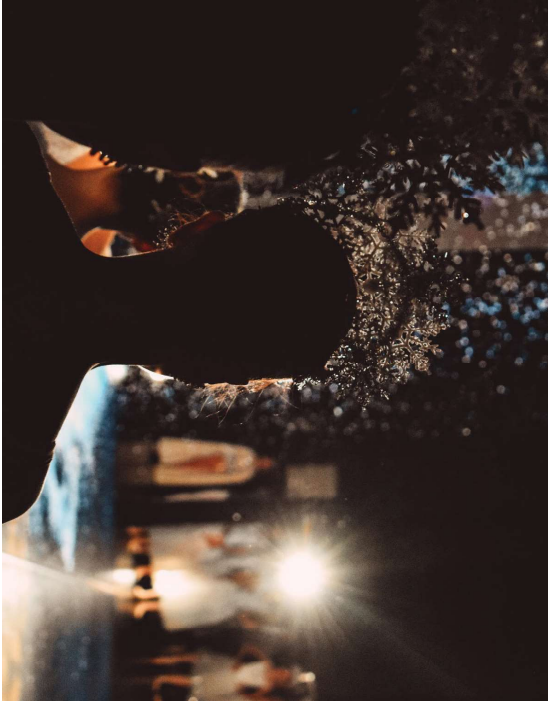




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ABOUT MOUNTAIN WEST BALLET

Mountain West Ballet was organized in 1983 as a non-profit organization committed to preserving, advancing and sharing the beauty of ballet. By providing performing opportunities for aspiring dancers to work in a professional, nurturing atmosphere, the ballet company also benefits the community by providing affordable quality productions for entertainment and educational purposes.

To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit www.MountainWestBallet.org or call 801.572.6222.

2023 SEASON PRODUCTIONS



THE SLEEPING BEAUTY – May 19, 20 & 22, 2023

Join Mountain West Ballet, as they perform their fresh adaptation of The Sleeping Beauty. It will captivate audience members of all ages with the harrowing tale of Princess Aurora. Elements of magic, intrigue and deception unfold to create this unforgettable and enchanting ballet.

The ballet will be performed under the stars at the Sandy Amphitheater (1245 East 9400 South) May 19, 20 and 22, 2023. Friday and Saturday evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with a Saturday matinee beginning at 4:00 p.m. Monday night will be a special family night performance. Ticket prices range from \$10-\$14.

THE NUTCRACKER- December 9-17, 2023

Celebrate the wonder and joy of the season as we follow Clara and her beloved Nutcracker Prince on a thrilling adventure through an enchanted land.

This special holiday production will run for 12 performances from December 9-22, 2022 at The Theatre at Mount Jordan (9400 S 300 E) in Sandy. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday matinee performances will be at 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$15 - \$19.

