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# Fact Sheet

## BALLROOM DANCE COMPANY

2015 – 2016 Season

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- The ensemble is known worldwide for its exciting and energetic performances. Their 90-minute showcase, *Swing N' Sway*, features a wide variety of dances ranging from the Viennese Waltz to the West Coast Swing and including solo, small group, and full company numbers. The showcase includes theatre arts dancing, formation medleys, and light-hearted fun.
- Last summer the company performed in Nauvoo, Illinois where they presented special interactive programs at city care centers and public venues in nearby cities during their two-week stay.
- The company will return in May 2016 to Blackpool, England where they will defend their first place titles in both British Ballroom formation and Latin formation competitions.
- The dancers combine traditional formation dances and standard ballroom steps with fresh choreography, breathtaking lifts and spins, stunning costumes, and energetic melodies in a show which delights and entertains audiences of all ages.
- The Brigham Young University ballroom dance program has gained an international reputation as the largest collegiate ballroom dance program in the world. Since its formation in 1971, the Ballroom Dance Company has performed in 37 of the United States and in 36 foreign countries throughout Europe, East Asia, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, South Africa, and the South Pacific.
- During their 2014 tour to China, the company was joined by a film crew to document the story of the team performing a joint number with their Chinese counterparts in the Guangzhou Academy. The couple running the academy was hosted by Curt Holman during a visit to observe BYU's ballroom program.
- The BYU Ballroom Dance Company toured for three weeks in May, 2011 in Thailand and Vietnam, giving nine performances to more than 14,700 people, was filmed for TV broadcast three times, and performed for a Royal Princess of Thailand. This was the first time the group has performed in Vietnam.
- In June 2008 the Ballroom Dance Company performed extensively in Hong Kong and China. The highlight of the 2008 tour was participation in the opening of the Beijing Cultural Olympic Festival, preceding the Summer Olympic Games in Beijing in August.
- The BYU Ballroom Dance Company is the current United States National Formation Dance Champion, a title the team has won 30 consecutive times, dating back to 1982.
- The Ballroom Dance Company originates in the Department of Dance of the College of Fine Arts and Communications at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. BYU is one of the nation's largest private universities with an enrollment of more than 30,000 students from across the United States and more than 100 foreign countries.

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