Fact Sheet

CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE

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- The Contemporary Dance Theatre will tour Europe, participating in festivals and public performances, in June and July, 2015. Their production is titled *Encounters*. This will be the Company's first tour of Europe.

- In November 2014 the group performed in Beijing, China in the National Center for the Performing Arts to a capacity audience.

- Contemporary Dance Theatre performs from a wide modern dance repertoire, including dramatic, jazz, humorous, and lyrical works choreographed by nationally recognized choreographers, as well as past and present company directors.

- The company is under the artistic direction of Nathan Balser, a professor in BYU's Dance Department.

- Company members are tutored by master teachers and professional dancers. These young people are prepared to teach as well as perform, and share the joy of movement with hundreds of students through innovative dance workshops for all ages and abilities.

- In February of 2013, the dancers took their moving performance *The Thing About Love* to Colorado, and performed in many cities throughout the state.

- During the summer of 2012, the Contemporary Dance Theatre traveled to India for a three week performance tour. Through workshops and outreaches, the company shared its dance aesthetic throughout India where contemporary dance is an emerging style of dance.

- In October 2009, the company brought their joy in movement to Montana and Wyoming. Later that year they toured the Midwestern United States, including performances in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. Other tour destinations have included New Mexico and Texas, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and Jamaica.

- Contemporary Dance Theatre is one of the most widely toured university-based modern dance companies in the United States. Since its creation in 1974, the company has toured throughout the United States and in 17 countries around the world. Tour locations include: Argentina, Chile, Hawaii, Israel, Turkey, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, Australia, the Philippines, South Africa, India and China.

- Contemporary Dance Theatre originates in the Department of Dance of the College of Fine Arts and Communications at Brigham Young University. BYU is one of the nation's largest private universities with an enrollment of 30,000 students from across the United States and more than 120 foreign countries.