

SWAN LAKE

Swan Lake is a classic and for many ballet companies, a staple in their repertoire. Ballet West's entrancing version - designed by Adam Sklute - includes many students from the Ballet West Academy!

Here are some other fun facts about Swan Lake. It is the oldest production that Ballet West owns. It takes 14 hours to set up the productions. Each performance uses 250 pounds of dry ice for the fog effect in the 2nd and 4th acts. The production is often rented by other ballet companies, but our most famous renter was when the swan tutus were rented for use in Taylor Swift's "Shake it off" video.

There are still 2 more chances tomorrow to see Swan Lake. [Purchase tickets here.](#)



SWEETHEARTS



Valentine's Day may be over, but we're not done celebrating! We're so excited to celebrate with you this Monday at Ballet Centre. Let's get grooving to the music of our favorite DJ. Bring a friend or two, or your special sweetheart. You can sign up ahead of time through the link below or you can purchase tickets at the door. Each ticket is good for a dancer, plus one.

This event, presented by our Student Life committee - will benefit the Ballet West Academy Financial Aid and Scholarship Fund. [Purchase tickets here.](#)

LIVING HISTORIC LANDMARK



One Utah Senator has proposed a bill to create a special designation for Ballet West's *The Nutcracker* as a "Living Historic Landmark" - defined in the bill as "a significant historic cultural event designated by the state as significant to the history, culture, economy, and character of the state." Ballet West's version of *The Nutcracker* - created by Ballet West founder Willam Christensen in 1944 - is the first full-length production of *The Nutcracker* in the United States. State Senator Luz Escamilla feels that this amazing distinction is something that should be celebrated for its impact on our great state. [Read more here.](#)

UTAH VALLEY MAGAZINE

Ballet West Academy Utah County Campus has been nominated for "Best Dance School" in Utah Valley Magazine. Show your support and cast your vote at the link here: <https://utahvalleymag.com/best-entertainment/>. You can vote for just the school, or fill out the other categories. Don't forget to vote!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- **Utah County Campus** - College Month - Feb. 17
- **Ballet West Performs Swan Lake** - February 9-17 at the Capitol Theatre. [Purchase tickets here.](#)
- **Presidents Day** - No Classes - All Campuses - February 19th
- **Sweethearts Dance** - February 19th - Ballet Centre - \$20 for dancer plus 1 [Purchase tickets here.](#)
- **Park City** - Ski Break - No Classes - February 19-25
- **Ballet Centre and Trolley** - Parent Observation - February 20-26
- **Trainee Performance** - February 29 and March 1 - 7:00 pm [Tickets here.](#)
- **Contemporary Showcase** - All Campuses - Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center, March 14-16