

# Discover Dance

Madison Ballet's Education & Outreach Program  
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Madison Ballet's Discover Dance programs offer unique and often interactive exposure to the art of ballet. Students from preschool to high school have enjoyed the energy that Madison Ballet brings to its presentations. Discover Dance includes many different options including Behind the Curtains, Movement in Your World (MIYW), and Off-Stage & Personal. Programs are carefully customized to ensure that the participants are both entertained and educated.



*Movement in Your World gets students leaping, stretching, and having fun!*



*Students fill Overture Hall in anticipation of a Behind the Curtains presentation of The Nutcracker. Photo courtesy of Andrew Weeks Photography*

## Madison Ballet's outreach programs:

- INCREASE CREATIVE THINKING
- DEVELOP PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS
- FOSTER LIFE LONG ARTS APPRECIATION

## Benefits that come with dance education are endless!

- SELF-ESTEEM • COOPERATION
- SELF-DISCIPLINE • BALANCE
- RHYTHM • COORDINATION

## The Programs:

### BEHIND THE CURTAINS

Behind the Curtains is an educational event that shares Madison Ballet's holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*, with 2,000 elementary, middle, and high school students each year. The program combines a well-rounded curriculum with a special performance to create a one-of-a-kind arts experience. This year's Behind the Curtains program is on Friday, December 16, 2011.

### MOVEMENT IN YOUR WORLD (MIYW)

Movement In Your World introduces children ages three to five to creative movement and music. The programming is designed to stimulate children's intellectual and cultural development through fun experiences with dance and music.

### OFF-STAGE & PERSONAL

Off-Stage & Personal presentations are fun and interactive lecture/demonstrations which showcase students and faculty from the School of Madison Ballet in a format that exposes audiences to the physical requirements and challenges of dancing ballet. Lecture-demonstrations take place at schools and are tailored for each location to be age appropriate for children from kindergarten through high school.



*School of Madison Ballet dancers demonstrate a typical class exercise at the barre for an Off Stage & Personal program.*

*Photo courtesy of Deb Heneghan*

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