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BALLET WEST PERFORMING AT UM THURSDAY NIGHT

MISSOULA --

Ballet West, a company of 50, will perform at the University of Montana Thursday (May 21).

The performance is scheduled for the University Theater at 8:15 p.m., announced Lee J. Tickell, University Center Program Director.

The ballet company, which has been winning increasing recognition throughout the western part of the country, is primarily a classical company. Their repertoire also includes numerous contemporary works.

The group is based at the University of Utah and is directed by William F. Christensen. It is the first school of ballet in an American university.

Commenting on ballet Christensen said, "I feel that good dance should show the nobility of man rather than his distortions. We need the latter, but in my portraits, I lean more toward the depiction of the nobility."

The Amarillo <u>News-Globe</u> said that Ballet West is "characterized by exuberance, unflagging energies and enthusiasm."

Admission is \$3.50, \$3 and \$2.50, with a \$1 reduction for UM students. Tickets are on sale at the University Center Ticket Office and the Cartwheel.