

Disney theme colors MacKinnon Royal Dance Institute show, "A World of Color" Tuesday, June 12

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MacKinnon Royal Dance Institute students Bailey Ostdiek, Rayner Mangum, Taylor Griffith and Tiana Struble wait to take the stage the 2011 holiday performance of "The Nutcracker."? (Special to Go) (Picasa)



Mike Schissell navigates a jump as part of a hip-hop performance by four MacKinnon Royal Dance Institute students that won them a Silver Award at the Hollywood Connections Regional competition in Denver last year. (Special to Go) (Picasa)

Young and old alike may take a journey back to the favorite memories of childhood when the Loveland dance troupe, the MacKinnon Royal Dance Institute, presents "A World of Color" Tuesday, June 12, at the Rialto Theater Center.

About 35 of the MacKinnon students will perform choreographed dances to music and scenes from Disney movies and other classic tales. "We'll be looking back to the older Disney animated films such as 'Snow White' and 'Peter Pan,' as well as some other productions that are a little broader," says Meredith MacKinnon, who purchased the dance studio last year.

In keeping with the show's title, MacKinnon says the focus will be on clever color schemes that change to coordinate with each dance number. "We're concentrating on costumes that are whimsical and bright with creative lighting in the background that can transport the audience to different places," she says. "It will be a rainbow of color."

The dance studio has from 75 to 100 students at various times, each of whom learns the specialized techniques of ballet and movement designed by the international Royal Dance Institute.

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"A World of Color" by the MacKinnon Royal Dance Institute

When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12.

Where: Rialto Theater Center, 228 E. Fourth St., Loveland.

Tickets: \$10 advance, available at the box office 12:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, at <http://rialtoloveland.ticketforce.com/> or by calling 962-2120. Tickets at the door are \$15.

"It's very much based on a ballet curriculum," says MacKinnon. "We feel it builds fundamental skills in keeping with the strong belief that ballet is the foundation of all dance. Even if you go into hip-hop, jazz, tap or any of the other types of dance, you'll be so much better having started out with ballet."

Last year, the MacKinnon Royal Dance team won a Silver Award for its hip-hop routine at the Hollywood Connection Regional Championships in Denver.

The dancers range in age from 3 to 15 and, as is the norm, include more girls than boys. "We do, however, have more boys than usual," says MacKinnon. "We go out of our way to be more open to boys and to find ways to make them comfortable and excited about dance."

The boys will be featured in a variety of Tuesday's dance numbers. "They're in a lot of them," she says. "That means lots of quick costume changes, so they'll all get quite a workout."