

Traditionz 2017

Tour History

Migrations



“Wherever you go becomes a part of you somehow.”

--Anita Desai

May 2nd - Day one (Drew Duncan and Camille Ensign)



Today brings our tour! Wahoo! And nothing starts a tour off better than a visit by the BYU police who paid us a visit this morning at the warehouse. Apparently when one of the doors to the warehouse is open for more than a few minutes, it sends an alarm to the police. Sorry good sir, to have you come all the way over to only find a group of overly excited extroverts with trash bag headpieces. You're the real MVP.

Our first school today was Kearns. The principal today called us Living Traditions. I (Camille) went to high 5 a kid and he did a dab instead. There was an announcement made over the intercom saying there is no library (because it was the girls dressing room) and Tyler Brown was super confused. There was another announcement made by the principal

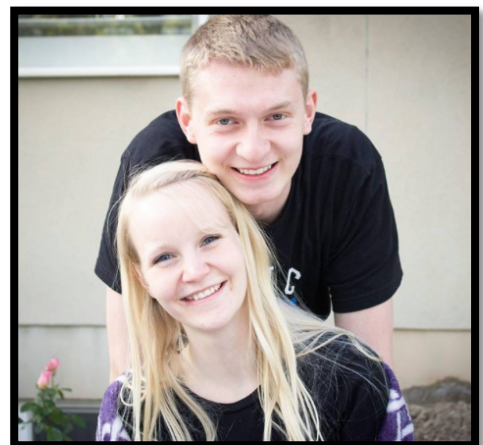
who said, "Okay, ready... listen". We sang the national anthem and recited the pledge. Drew Brown was introducing Turkish and as he was trying to buy time, he asked the kids questions. He asked where Turkey is and said it is in Europe instead of Asia. HAHA!

Clark was in Akidoso and forgot to tie the drawstrings in his pants. The large pants fell and 10 seconds later Clark noticed the pants at his ankles. (Thank goodness for Hopak pants!)

Andrew sprained his ankle last night doing a lift for a ballroom performance. As such, we made some last minute changes to the show. Drew D. was able to do a quick change from Roma into Israeli. During the last 2 shows, Clark did Andrew's back handsprings and while doing it he picked up the hand ribbons dropped by the girls who spin.

Drew D. fell out of a garbage can trying to change for privacy (it was very clean says he). It was a hardcore fall but he recovered well. Isaiah put Lauren's curly wig down his pants!

Well crew, this concludes the first magical day here in SPACville. It's been a privilege writing this. Love y'all you beautiful people.



May 3rd - Day Two (McCall McClellan and Jpaul Storrs)

What a glorious second day. Roscoe started us off by saying, "Bless us during this crazy stupid awesome tour with the crazy kids" in his prayer. A kid at Westfield elementary talked to Drew Duncan and decided Drew was his father.

Per usual: Clark cut himself while loading. Clark fell down in Czech polka. Clark did three trick steps in Hopak. Clark continued his legendary existence.

Sadly, Matt's vehicular was towed, and he had to get a ride to the warehouse arriving fashionably late, but with style nonetheless. Drew Duncan's narration before Hopak at the Westfield elementary show was especially heartwarming. Drew: "Fortunately, we will be leaving you shortly". Drew Brown hurtled over 5 girls in his bhangra entrance at Midvalley elementary. They were swooning and trying to grab him, I mean who wouldn't?



The kids at Primary Children's behavioral center nicknamed us:

McCall: cookies **Ellen:** milk **Camille:** cake **Jacob Barazoto:** ice cream **JPaul:** corn dog
Drew Duncan: Hair/ pizza **Tyler Brown:** flaming hot cheeto (for obvious reasons)

Lauren Handy went through each letter of the alphabet to talk and ask questions to an adorable girl at the Behavioral center. We love our sugar mama Laur.

The kids got a little more of a show than they expected when Lauren Handy's skirt fell off in Czech polka at Westfield elementary. She had a stellar recovery and it was back on before you could say bacon. Emily didn't make it on for Czech polka. Darn those costume changes.

McCalls skirt fell off in Hopak, Drew Brown threw it off stage with the last "Hey!" Style points: 20. A cute girl at Midvalley said her favorite dance was Turkish because she's from Turkey! She told us about how her mom speaks Turkish and she loved it!

A Kid asked for Drew Brown's phone number so that he could come over to his house to dance with him. It worked. 2 girls said they were going to their friends' house and go learn their 2 favorite dances. We're influencing lives people. Midvalley school was energetic and fun! The kids were so excited and into what we were doing. Best audience yet! The door of the red dragon (one of the red vans) flew open with Andrew in the back when we pull into the warehouse. He survived #solidoak

May 4th- Day 3

(Laura Garff and Clark DeFranco)



A long, long, time ago, in a galaxy right here, SPAC completed their one and only 4 show day...on May the Fourth. We traveled at light speed (well, a tad bit slower), to the Lincoln, Twin Peaks, Roosevelt, and Moss sectors. There was a disturbance in the force and from the beginning, the lineups and Jedi were under attack. Our Starfleet captain McKenzie was MIA, off in another galaxy so line up A became line up D. However, our Jedi master Andrew was still allowing his battle wounds to heal and line up D became line up E. The battle took a turn for the worse as our brave princesses Lauren Loera and

Camille fell prey to the bamboo traps. *"It's a trap!"* Our lineups soon became lineups L, M, and K. But another blaster fire took out the polkas, Adelita story, and Hopak leading us to lineups W, X, and V.

The young padawans watching were adventurous, curious, and energetic as ever. A few took particular interest to Jedi master Drew Duncan, begging him to sit with them in the audience in his Bhangra attire. Another little Jawa shamelessly asked the same Jedi master, "Um, are you naked under there?" An extra entertainment that the padawans may have enjoyed if they noticed (several jedi dancers definitely noticed) a couple starship cables (bungee cords from the tinkling poles) hanging from the back of Saralee's Adelita dress. A kindly Ewok approached grand master Clara with a peace offering after one of the shows. She innocently held out a plastic cup of carrot sticks and said, "This is for you. I wanted to give it to one of the dancers."

Upon arrival at the Moss sector, the Jedi alliance was informed that much of the student population was made up of refugee children. The Jedi did their best to show their admiration and respect for the young padawans by letting them know that refugees are some of the bravest people in the world.

So, in spite of the blah blah blah, the SPACers blah blah blah. The END. #dabdbdab

Laura: "Do you know what country this costume is from? It starts with a T..."

Kids: "TEXAS!"

Laura: "Nope, Turkey."

Kid: "Turkey?! You eat Turkey!"

Kid: "We're not gonna eat them. We're gonna watch them dance!"

"Happy Star Wars Day.
Live long and prosper."

~School principal

Team dinner at JCW's

Clark: "Guys, they're giving me weird looks."

Team: "Why?"

Clark: "Because I'm acting weird!"

Camille: Guess how old I am.

Kid: 11?

Camille: Nope.

Kid: Um, 500?

May 5th- Day 4 (Mackenzie Moon and Isaiah Vela)



Today we traveled to the Kaysville/ Ogden area. Our first performance was at Windridge in Kaysville, and our second was at Horace Mann in Ogden. It was refreshing to only perform two shows after performing four shows the previous day. Stars started the show off with Mexican Polka with a grand running entrance of Trevor. He said he was in the bathroom... but we think he just wanted to make a grand entrance to the show. His partner Mackenzie started dancing alone because she knew he would show up eventually. After our show one of the teachers went up to Clint and talked to him. He told him that he was a substitute teacher there and that he was born and raised in the Philippines. He told us that he remembers dancing tinikling in his hometown as a little boy. He told us he was very impressed

and loved watching us perform. We got a picture with him.

After performing at our first school we drove to Hill Aerospace Museum. On our way, we ran into nasty traffic because of a motorcycle accident. Right after that a motorcyclist cut off one of our vans and the van erupted into a fit of incredulous exasperation about the stupidity of the motorcyclist. We walked through the museum where stopped by one of the Veteran Volunteers. He asked us who we were and told us he was Roman reenactor and showed us a Roman scourge similar to what Christ would have been whipped with. Super cool! The last of the team members to walk through the museum came out to discover that all of the vans had already left...the nerve!! The museum was about to close for a special ceremony so we frantically asked our team mates to pick us up! It turns out that Clark's van was in the parking lot the whole time but we didn't see him ☺. Thankfully we got to Horace Mann in one piece! Horace Mann was interesting. The girls' dressing room was in the faculty lounge and it smelled like nasty garbage and really old coffee. By the end of the show it felt like a steamy sauna!! The show went well and the floor (wooden) had awesome sound! The school was kind and gave us all banana Creamies and water. After the show, we packed up super quick and headed out to beat the traffic. Unfortunately, it was a slow go, but thankfully we made it without losing our minds (and to the exclamation of Isaiah, "This sucks!").

That night we all gathered in one of the guy's apartments and had a sweet music jam. Saralee played the violin, Austin played the guitar, and Lauren L. played the uke. They basically should start a band/music group. Also, we've decided Saralee should serenade us all to sleep.

Other funny happenings from the day:

-Some boy karate chopped McKenna's arm (??)

-Drew Brown had quite the fan club...during Hopak, a little girl near the front was reaching her hand out towards him. Afterwards he went up to her but she was hiding behind some others. After some questioning, she admitted that she liked him and thought he was cute! Another little girl gave him a hug. Quite the lady catcher ;).

-At Windridge, a little boy (Alex) attempted to kidnap Julianne. She was giving out high fives and he refused to let go after his. He proceeded to pull her towards his class. Drew Duncan sauntered down the hall after them saying, "Who is this girlfriend stealer?" About halfway down the hall Drew caught up but Alex placed a hand on his chest and with all of the bravado the little second grader could said "Stop!" Eventually she had to explain that she couldn't go with him. Probably broke the poor kid's heart ☺.



May 8th- Day 5 (Trevor Bird and Natalie Van Wagoner)



First official Monday of Tour!!! Monday started off rough. We all got into the van at Bountiful Court and we were ready to go when Trevor shouted mid bite of his bowl of cereal “maudhgiaushdf!” which, translated, means “my costumes!” Yes folks we almost left the apartments without the freshly laundered costumes. Drew D trust FAILED at the warehouse. No one was awake enough to catch him. Amy doubted if anyone was going to pick her up that morning. Luckily, Clark’s WHOLE van responded in the affirmative. During our warm-up at the first school, we discovered the principal had a sense of humor when he got on the

intercom and during the morning announcements said, “Hmm the parking lot is full of big red vans, which is so bizarre since we have the BYU folk dancers here today. I thought that BYU was BLUE!” *insert Principal’s weird cackle over the intercom here* I hope some of the kids that morning got the joke. Lol We had two shows at the first school – and we had a tough crowd. Mckenna got quite the compliment—“You look like my mom.” Matt says that three girls at the end of Hopak looked at us and said “BOOOO!” But, as usual, they did love Clark’s backflips in Hopak. When Tyler Persson was talking to some of the kids after the show, they said, “Where is the guy that does the backflips?” Tyler P said, “Like this?” and proceeded to do a backflip for them. They were like “Yeah that guy.” No fooling these kids. We ended on a good note though. There were a lot of Hispanic kids at this school and so all the Spanish speakers were talking to them. A little girl who didn’t speak English came up to them at the end of the show and gave them a hug. For lunch, we stopped at Clint’s house and relaxed in his sunny backyard. Amy told the story of how she and Kyley met (classic). Lots of naps, ultimate Frisbee, ice fights, etc. Also, Saralee secretly displayed her amazing piano talents in the house while everyone was outside.

In our 3rd show that day in the afternoon, we had a normal amount of mishaps. Julianne actually kissed Tyler P on the cheek during Mexican. Emily fell flat on her butt in clogging. Drew D was filling in for Andrew in Israeli. He forgot that people were waiting backstage to quick change him so he ran back to the dressing rooms and shouted, “Where are my clothes?” and had to RUN back to the stage and nearly took out some children and the black curtain in the process. Cassidy couldn’t find the baby for the story so she improvised with a bundle of fabric. Both she and Roscoe couldn’t hide their giggles.

This show was also full of FANS: The principal said a new teacher was blown away—“I’ve never seen anything like this!” Maddie says that a little boy grabbed his chest and exclaimed, “You gave me a heart attack!” after Turkish. Natalie had a fan who kept yelling “Hey!” at her during Gypsy. A little boy blew a kiss at Laura right before Hopak. Mackenzie got a random hug attack from a little boy. And Tyler Brown had a fan club who cheered for him the WHOLE show, calling his name every time they saw him. A little girl even turned to her friend and aid “I LOVEEEEEEE him!”

We left that school in RECORD time--loading up the cargo van so fast we didn’t know how it happened—because Isaiah had an EFY interview to get to. Austin’s mom made us some delicious chocolate chip mint cookies for the ride home (Bless these mothers who make us food). This was good fuel food for Hong Long AKA Red Dragon. They passed the drive home looking up zodiac signs and the proper way to woo each passenger according to their sign.

May 9th- Day 6 (Saralee Dunster and Roscoe McGhee)

May 9th brought us to Lakeview Academy of Saratoga Springs and Diamond Ridge of Mill Valley Lane. It was one of those envied days where we performed twice at one school, and where many events took place:

In spite of our habitual drivers, Mackenzie claimed the title of being the first and only girl to drive a passenger van!

Mackenzie also had a boy ask her to dab after a show. The girl next to him then said that they are not allowed to dab else they get privileges taken away.

Both the charismatic Drew Duncan and talented Julianne got called “pretty.”

In the boy’s dressing room they found stacks of very colorful Mexican hats. Drew Brown wore one during the Mexican Polka, so during Star’s rendition of Adelita all the guys were seen sporting them.

We crashed at Amy’s place for a really long break between schools. Downstairs, aka “the sleeping room,” you have found bodies on the floor and sprawled on the couch, accompanied by the rumble of gentle snoring. In the kitchen on the main floor, Amy chatted with mingling dancers while others took turns on the floor for Mackenzie’s famous massage. Outside a Frisbee was seen constantly flying from player to player with music wafting through the open door. As sleepers awoke, the piano grew in volume, and as Saralee pounded out “Stars” from Les Misérables, Matt, Drew and Tyler belted out a beautiful trio of harmony, the accompanist releasing her personal surround sound concert.



Later, when Clark disappeared, it was not because he was translated for his dabbing skills, but simply because he accompanied Amy to go shopping at Wal-Mart and Best Buy.

At the last school Drew Brown walked by a classroom where he saw they were teaching in French. Whipping out his French skills he called “Bonjour!” and introduced himself, asking the names of several students. They introduced themselves and he bid them a good day, leaving the students thrilled by the experience of encountering a stranger who spoke the same foreign language.



May 10th- Day 7 (Laura Garff and Jacob Barazoto)

Baby Cakes: Hello, this is your friendly neighborhood Baby Cakes (Laura Garff) documenting the day. The team arose bright and early to perform at Daybreak Elementary...which meant the lucky patrons of the attached rec center got a free show while they worked out on their treadmills from above. The little ninos were very excited about the show, and one boy told McKenna afterwards that he “wanted to be a dancer.” Another girl excitedly told me that she had just moved here from Ukraine 2 years ago and that she “loved BYU.” Unbeknownst to the youngsters, a series of sewing mishaps occurred when both Isaiah’s and Jacob’s pants ripped during the Adelita story... Sorry Amy Handy. We now turn the time over to Jacob for an account of lunch:

Jacob Barazoto: Thanks, Laura! Following their performance at Daybreak Elementary (sadly the school had no breakfast for Jacob Barazoto to indulge in), the team was shown a tender mercy by being invited to Tyler Brown’s parents’ house for a wonderful lunch, prepared by Momma Brown herself. They ate delicious taco soup, followed by German chocolate cake made by Tyler Persson and another cake made by Momma Brown for McCall McClellan, for it happened to be her birthday today. We’ll go back to Baby Cakes for more on that topic! Lunch at Tyler Brown’s house.

Baby Cakes: Actually, Jacob, I feel like you would do a better job relating those events.

Jacob Barazoto: You betcha, Baby Cakes!

Baby Cakes: Don’t call me that.

Jacob Barazoto: Sorry.

Baby Cakes: ...JK, it’s great.

Jacob Barazoto: Anyways, after lunch they traveled to Woodrow Wilson Elementary; the men of SPAC decided at the beginning of their last 2 performances to chant, for McCall’s birthday, “McCall!” and “Happy Birthday, McCall!” during our yells in Tinikling, the colonial farandole, Israeli, and Hopak. The women were unaware of this plan and had a hard time breathing because they were laughing so hard. It was a great moment for them all.

BC: It sure was, Jakey-poo.

Jacob: Ehh...

BC: My bad.

Jacob: All good in the hood.

What made it better is that for their second performance at the same school, they did the same thing for Ellen Ford (whose birthday was on Sunday) in Bhangra, American Clogging, and Hopak again! What a sight to behold for the 2 birthday girls when the entire school wished them a happy birthday at the end of the show.



BC: What a beautiful story!

Jacob: It sure is! I also heard a juicy rumor during American clogging as well!

BC: Ooooh! Do tell!

Jacob: You know I like gossiping! Well, apparently Drew Duncan and Emily Hardy kissed during clogging!

BC: On the lips?!

Jacob: On the lips! Our reporters down in the mix of it all say that Emily had supposedly turned towards him at the last second thinking “[Drew] was done with the fake kiss” while Drew at the same time was going in for the fake kiss! And lips touched!

BC: Oh my! Can it be the start of a new romance?!

Jacob: I don’t think so, Cakes. Emily’s an engaged woman.

BC: Oh my. That does create quite an awkward situation.

Jacob: Well, how about you finish up with the last part of their day.

Baby Cakes: I’d love to, Jacob. At the end of the last performance, a teacher eagerly approached the team and informed them that she herself was from Ukraine. Her name was Alla, and she had just moved here 2 years ago. She told the team of the missionaries who had taught her in Ukraine and at Temple Square and of her own desire to one day be a professor at BYU. Apparently she came to the assembly late and didn’t see any other dances besides Hopak. She joyfully said, “I am so happy. This made my day! It is a miracle!”



May 11th- Day 8 (McKenna Wright and Jory Kaiser)

Today was quite an exciting day for us SPACers. Overall, our adventures are exciting and grand and wonderful. However, each adventure has hiccups, and we've had plenty of them ourselves. The day started out normal enough, we arrived at the warehouse uncomfortably early, packed the cargo van, prayed and set out on our odyssey. As we set up at the first school, Amy frantically came into the dressing rooms and asked if anyone had the music. She was confronted with confuzzled looks as many people just stood there. As it turns out, her kids had taken her iPad out of the bag she kept it in and had neglected to put it back; those poor children, we have yet to find out their consequence. Despite this original setback, Amy had blessedly brought her computer with her! However, another problem arose when we realized that her children had drained the battery of her laptop, and a charger was nowhere to be found. Good times. So instead of using the two devices with all the music on them, we used a collection of dancer-owned phones for the first performance. At the second performance of the day, a charger was found!! We continued to charge it through the day and eventually had fully functioning music. The next leg of our adventurous mishaps took us to warm up and while nothing bad happened here, the subject of the warm-up was something that was potentially... well, hairy to the girls. They all have ridiculously complex braids to deal with and each dance has a different hairstyle. What is the only appropriate song to warm up to? The most bumpin' song ever: HAIR UPPPP!!! McKenna sure knows how to pump up a team in preparation for craziness. Then came Tinikling. That dance is the root of many mishaps! This time, the mishap was of the wardrobe type. Roscoe was beating that show and somehow ripped his pants! Evil spirits ought to be blamed, since the beaters don't move at all. After coming off the stage, Natalie pointed out to him by informing him to fix his pants but Roscoe had definitely noticed, and who wouldn't after accidentally flashing a hundred little kids? A few other costume malfunctions occurred today. For example, the zipper on Clara's Mexican shirt exploded and she had to safety pin it all together. Due to the rapid rate at which the ladies have to change their hair from a braid to a bun and back again, bobby pins are hardly a rare commodity. As a precious bobby pin flew from McCall's head, a lucky child grabbed McCall's bobby pin and desired to keep it as a souvenir. His wish was granted. To top off a day of incredible costuming surprises, the boys on the Stars team wore Mexican mustaches on stage for the Mexican Polka! It should probably be a permanent change to the show. Now, we all know that the women on our team have a certain charm that is irresistible. Julianne was particularly alluring today. Like once before, she was kidnapped by a kid! Well, we got her back due to our team's selfish desires to keep her for ourselves. Hopak is the finale and highlight of our show. Every time we perform the number, Clark displays his affection for McKenna to see, whether he body-checks her, pulls on her beads, shoots her with finger guns, or he face-palms her. If this were ever noticed by any of the audience members, I'm sure it would only add to the entertainment factor of our show. However, how much more entertaining could we be?



We had a teacher tell us, "I paid big bucks for vocal point, but you guys are way more entertaining!!" Take that Vocal Point! Neener neener neeeeeener.

There is opposition in all things, and elementary students are no exception to that rule. One of the interactions that happened between a teammate and an elementary student went as follows:

SPACer to little boy: "What do you like to do?"

Little boy: "I don't like anything."

That little boy just needs a little Folk Dance in his life, to help him realize that there are quite a few things in life worth liking.

Some of the little kids who watch us already get it. It's amazing when we tell little kids to join folk dance and they say "Oh, I will!!"

Unloading the costume bags from the cargo van is always one of the most dreaded yet delightful parts of each day. Today, a little boy asked Tyler Persson if he could join in on the fun: "Can I help you carry dead bodies?"

This request was a valid one, but sometimes the children demand way too much from us. A little boy expressed just how much he loved our show to Clint: "Your show was so good! It should have been 3 hours!! No....6 hours!!!! No....10 hours!!!" To which Clint replied, "Can you dance for 10 hours?" and this little kid said, "YEAH!" Just take a second and imagine dancing for that long.....

On a more touching note, Laura talked to a little girl from Turkey who recognized the costumes and the dance moves!

Let us end our last show of the day with a hilarious story: There was a Jolly Rancher in the middle of the floor for the last narration, so Ellen went to go grab it. She grabs it, but it slipped out of her hand and went flying into the crowd of kids! What a sweet surprise!

May 12th- Day 9 (Fill in yourself!)

Sorry folks- this day was never filled out. Please use your personal journal to fill in the blanks or ask someone else for their notes!



May 15th- Day 10

(Lauren Handy and Austin Allen)

Little boy to Lauren Handy!! "ARE YOU A HOBO??? ANSWER ME!!!!"

There was a Scary punching dummy in the girl's dressing room at our first school and as a joke a couple girls put him into the boy's dressing room dressed up as a Hopak girl!! The dummy was named Olga (with the Hopak costume) Bob without Hopak!!

McKenna Wright to little girl: "Are you two together?" Little girl looks at him - "We're not sure yet!!!"

Lauren Loera met a girl that's half Indian at one of the schools!! And the little girl asked why we didn't do Madeira (blue dress Israeli) she was Jewish!!! How cool she knew the difference!!

A little boy that constantly dabbed 20 times during Turkish

Jackson who was the leader of Julianne's fan club in the back (Mrs. Colin's Class)

Stars on the last pose in Mexican Polka put up their fans and some of those lucky boys even got a SMOOCH

Trevor Bird talked in a Valley Girl accent for Dona Michaela in Adelita ☑

Cool down featuring Mrs. Winder and "Can't Stop the Feeling" Justin Timberlake!! She was doing Zumba with the kids and we jumped in to join them!! J-Paul broke it down and REALLY enjoyed himself!!

The boys Pranked the girls in Hopak by switching partners only they didn't account for Maddy and Austin not being in it and it went terribly wrong ☑ Lauren Handy's line was non-existent ☑

Turkish - guys walked right in front of the girls!! And stayed like that the whole first singing part!!

Little girl to Lauren Handy - "That was so good I almost cried!!"

John and Jory had a breathtaking pun battle!!

We got to do the Mexican Hat Dance with Mrs. Vance's 3rd grade class!! And the class is learning French so the French speakers on our team (including Amy) got to tell the kids why school is important in French!! Also the class's TA was Monsieur Hot Stuff☑

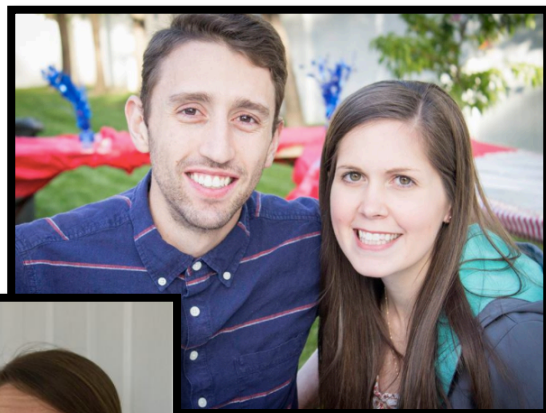
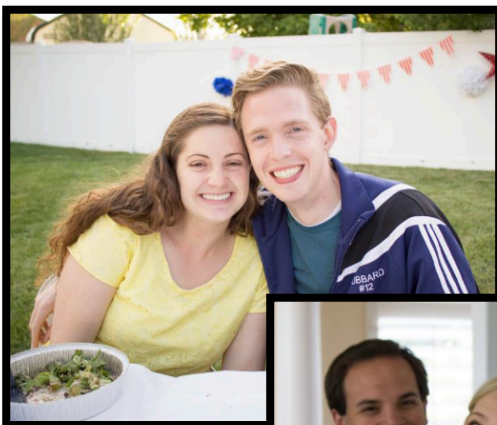
The boys got all of the girls on team (including Amy) a rose for Mother's Day and gave them to us in the morning!! ☑



May 16th- Day 11

(Reilly Andreasen and Drew Brown)

Once upon a time, on a morning oh so pretty
Our little group of SPACers made their way up to Park City
But we hit a major bump before we had even packed the vans,
For we had misplaced Amy's card and almost ruined our day's plans
Without her card we had no key to get us through the door,
And we needed all our clothes and props to have a good day's tour.
But our teammates are no slackers, but are clever and quick-witted,
And asked Outdoors Unlimited if to the warehouse we could be admitted
And so another major crisis was averted on that spring day
So the SPACers quickly packed the vans and were speedily on their way
A small group of children were the audience at our first show,
And our performance seemed a little off even though no one seemed to know.
The teacher who first booked our show said among her cheers
That she would call right away and schedule the next ten years.
After clean up Amy came and gathered up the team,
She talked about resilience and to help children reach their dreams.
To kill the time during lunch some shopped the outlet stores,
While others ate their meals and took bets on who'd buy more.
Right before the second show we had an exciting warm up
With some Zumba led by Cass and Amy danced to the King of
Pop.
We didn't get to talk to kids once we were done dancing,
Because all of the school teachers were attacked by silly string.
The school was also special for some members on our cast,
Who got to soothe a little girl with a troubled past.
And finally the day was topped by a surprising sight,
For Drew Brown actually came to the training room that night!



May 17th- Day 12 (Emily Hardy/Wright and Tyler Brown)

It was a **splendiferous** morning on May the 17th in the year of our Lord 2017. It was Twin Day so all of the SPACers were looking extra **dabalicious**. Although the bus rides can be somewhat **soporific**, **effervescent colloquialisms** were shared as we made our way to Plymouth Elementary in Taylorsville. We danced with **rapture**. Our **bubbly** faces made sure no kids thought we were **weirdos**, right? **Yeah no. Nyah**. Some kids thought JPPaul was a **giraffe**. Sorry JPPaul, have a **Frozen Kleenex**.

A funny story from the day:

*Tyler Persson runs down the hallway to get to the cargo van. Two boys poke their heads out of a classroom. "That guy doesn't know the rules of our school."

At Gourley Elementary in Kearns, some spontaneous snowball fights broke out. This of course included Drew Brown in his Akidoso costume using his headband as a sling. It was all in good fun, nothing too **nefarious**, nor **deleterious**.



After our second show, we went over to Laura's church where Laura's mom and Julianne's mom had lots of treats waiting for us! That's definitely **fêteable**! Pretty much the opposite of a **zugzwang**. It was quite **refreshing**. There were tables with Swedish Fish, Sour Patch Kids, and Sour Patch Watermelons. Then they brought out the cinnamon rolls. People were **wergling** left and right trying to get their hands on them. I think someone contracted **osteoporosis** in the confusion. We spotlighted Julianne, Austin, and Ellen. What lovely people.





It being Twin Day all the SPACers dressed the same as each other! **Sexy, kissable**, but still **#single**.

Our last show of the day was at Valley Crest Elementary in West Valley. We met a little boy from the Phillipines who had learned tinkling before!

The ride home was entertaining as usual. Many strange noises were heard. Some people imitating **Groot** and **Taserface**. The low **burble** of the Red Dragon. The occasional “**Suuuuuuuuggggggg!**” Even attempts at speaking in **Parsletongue**. **Shred**. People kept trying to take Lauren Loera’s **Takis**. Not shred. When we got home acts of **slacktivism** were performed (that last one was a stretch...).

If any of this seemed super weird to read it’s because everyone chose a word to include into our history today, and some of the words were.... Interesting.

Word Bank:

Refreshing (Julianne) - Camille
 Shred - Andrew
 Effervescent - Roscoe
 Groot - Drew B.
 Parsletongue - Matt
 Colloquialism - Nat
 Splendiferous - Julianne
 Osteoporosis - Tyler P.
 Wergle - Tyler B.
 Weirdo - Amy
 Yeah no or no yeah - Trevor
 Rapture - Mckenna
 Sexy - Lauren H.
 Suuuuuuuuggggggg - Isaiah
 Taserface - Drew D.
 Fêteble – Clara

Dabalicious - Laura
 Burble - Mackenzie
 Zugzwang - Jory
 Takis - Emily
 Soporific - Saralee
 #single - Clark
 Giraffe - Ellen
 Deleterious - John
 Bubbly - Alailee
 Kissable - Reilly
 Nefarious - Austin
 Frozen Kleenex - JPaul
 Nyah - Lauren L.
 Slacktivism - Clint

May 18th- Day 13

(Clara Smith and Clark DeFranco)























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Thur, May 18, 2017

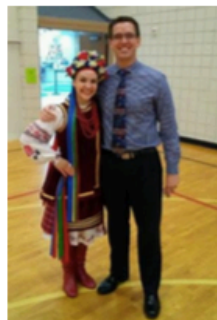
Early in the A.M.

-  Amy Jex
Good morning SPACers! We'll meet at 7:15 AM and head to William Penn for 2 shows! 
-  Reilly Andersen
Wear something fancy! 
-  SPACer
What does fancy mean? 
-  Reilly Andersen
Something nice! No sloppy jeans or sweats! 
-  Clara Smith
@Clark DeFranco, we'll do our devotional on the sons of Mosiah in chapter 17 talking about focusing on the scriptures! 
-  Clark DeFranco
@Clara Smith Ummm...that's not what I got out of it...
...Oh, Alma 17! 
-  Isaiah Vela
Guys, I'm going to be the best man at a wedding so I won't be dancing today! #bestman 
-  SPACer
Noooooooooooo!!! We'll miss our best man! 

-  Trevor Bird
Hey Isaiah, I got you covered! #3dancesbacktoback #tiniklinggyisyisraeli 
-  Julianne Binns
I volunteer Clint as being the prince (since he's already married to Princess Ariel)! 

2 Shows Later...

-  SPACer
Guys, that was an awesome school! And the school principal was rad! 
-  Laura Garff
Yeah, Bro Nixon is awesome! He was in my ward! 





SPACer

That was a cool school! Also, wasn't it cool that the 6th graders knew tinkling!



SPACer

How about those 2 BFFs wearing the BYU & U of U hoodies sitting together and filming us!



SPACer

Did you guys see Marina and LaNaya standing in the back! I'm glad they could come!



SPACer

Yeah, that was fun! Let's invite them to go to Temple Square/City Creek with us!



City Creek & Temple Square



SPACer

Whoa, Jory, I'm glad you didn't hit anyone swerving back there! Did you find parking?



Jacob Barazoto

If you're looking for parking, don't go to the Marriott parking lot, you'll hit the ceiling!
#wealmostdid #scaredtodeath



Clara Smith

Do you see that guy eating Chick-fil-a over there? The back of his head looks just like Austin's!



SPACer

Ummm... that IS Austin.... But what is he doing sitting with all those old ladies?



SPACer

Shout out to Andrew for getting a hot date! Man, he looks excited! #heelclicks
#relationshipgoals #TylerBrownonlywisheshewentonthatdate



Amy Jex

Alright SPACers, we are heading to temple square for some pictures and reverent walking around.



Drew Duncan

Wasn't Andy great, taking pictures for us!? #gardenman



SPACer


Did y'all notice that all the guys were matching?! #notplanned #zion



SPACer

I'm glad we could visit temple square! #uplifted #spiritually&physically





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Amy Jex



Our next show is at Taylorsville Elementary at 2:45 PM.

Taylorsville Elementary


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Alailee Oldroyd

Hey, Cargo van, come around back next to the portables to unload! And yes....those portable are your changing rooms.



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All SPACers

WHATTTTTTT!!!! #everychangequickchange


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Amy Jex




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Laura Garff

Guys, Clark intentionally marked the floor so I would hit my head on the hanging cord during the lift in Czech Polka.


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Camille Ensign

Clark would do that. Did you see that girl with the bright green sweater that was jamming out and clapping like crazy through the whole show!?!





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SPACer

Oh yeah, I definitely saw her! Did y'all also see Clint's mom and Clara's hubby!


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Lauren Handy



SO CUTE SUGGGGGGGG!!!!   


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Amy Jex



Great job running back and forth to the changing rooms! #chillJPaul





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McKenna Wright

Request for the no dabbing/bottle flipping sign.


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Clark DeFranco




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McKenna Wright



Hey, if you want to get Chinese food with us, we are leaving at 7! #ChefGao


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SPACer



I'm coming!!!

Time passes...as it always does


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SPACer

That food was awesome! And shout out to the boy singing Moana in Chinese! #howfari'llgo


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SPACer

Come over now for game night! #BCapt23 #FOIL


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Clara Smith

Hey guys, if you have any stories from today, send it to either me or Clark! #ASAP


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Julianne Binns

Hey guys, send in your tour history! #accio history



May 19th- Day 14

(Fill in yourself!)

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May 22nd- Day 15

(Lauren Loera and Tyler Persson)

The Book of SPAC

Chapter 15: *The SPACers travel to Rock Canyon Elementary in Provo, then to the house of McKenna Wright and family; they rest briefly at McKenna Wright's home in Pleasant Grove; they proceed to Valley View Elementary in Pleasant Grove, just down the street; a family home evening in the SPAC ward followed; their shenanigans in their journey, and the difficulties and triumphs thereof.*

1. And it came to pass that on the 22nd day in the fourth month, the SPACers celebrated the birth of their own Maddie Zackrison, having occurred 22 years prior.

2. In the morning thereof, the day having just begun, Julianne Binns leapt from the van at a red light on the way to the costume warehouse; for behold, Camille Ensign had a letter that needed to be mailed, and a mailbox was nigh.

3. Having arrived at the costume warehouse, it was made known unto the SPACers that John Oldroyd's labrum was injured, preventing him from dancing with those who would otherwise have rejoiced with him, except in the Mexican and Gypsy dances, and in the presentation of the bread and salt.

4. It was further made known to the SPACers that Jacob Barazoto would also be absent, for his sickness was such as to prevent his participation in this thing; nevertheless, they journeyed on.

5. And at the beginning of the performance and Rock Canyon Elementary the SPACers Drew Duncan and McKenna Wright observed that a young girl danced the chicken dance throughout the Mexican Polka, and they were much amused.

6. And it came to pass that following the SPACtacular beginning of the performance, that the rejoicing was interrupted as Tyler Persson's Bhangra skirt would not come off of his body; after four men attempting to remove them, having obtained a knife from Jory, Isaiah cut him from his skirt and the performance proceeded without incident.

7. And thus we saw at this performance also that Tyler Brown was able to flatter away the hearts of many children, leading them away after foolish chantings; and Mackenzie Moon also gained many followers at this performance.

8. Following the rejoicing at the close of the performance, Laura Garff proceeded to speak with a young child, the conversation thereof proceeded as follows:

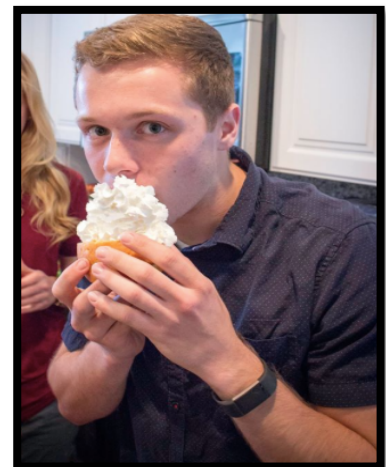
9. The young boy proclaimed, "It has been said that really good grades are needed to attend BYU."

10. "Yea, our labors are many," Laura promptly responded

11. The boy unashamedly declared with great courage, "Then I shall work hard, that I may be found in the book of BYU, and reap the rewards thereof."

12. And thus Laura Garff felt a confirmation of that which had been declared unto the SPACers by Amy Jex, that the children would be inspired by their labors.

13. And having thus performed, the SPACers did travel, upon invitation, to the Wright home, at which they were graciously received, given much sustenance, and there received also



spiritual upliftment and further knowledge concerning a select few of their fellow SPACers.

14. Being fueled by their respite, the SPACers journeyed a small distance hence to Valley View Elementary, at which the performance proceeded as had the previous, though John being absent from the entirety thereof, J-Paul Storrs, Austin Allen, Clark DeFranco, and Trevor Bird beautifully filled in for both John and Jacob in both Clogging and Gypsy, and the team was filled with wonder and amazement at the perfection of their quick-changes.

15. As the performance neared its close, at the end of the Adelita story, Drew Duncan declared to the audience that the new couple of Adelita and Javier would live happily ever after, "Amen".

16. And it came to pass that during Hopak, because of the entirety of the cast being needed to perform it, enormous holes were found in the formations which were expertly filled by the men and women performing near them.

17. Having finished their performances of the day, the SPACers returned to the costume warehouse, and, having packed away all of their props and belongings, they proceeded to return to their homes.

18. And thus arriving at home, many of those SPACers residing at Bountiful Court jumped into the pool thereof, and thus being in the water, they performed many of the SPAC dances in the water; a video was taken, that the moment would be remembered.

19. Following such watery performances, many of the residents of Bountiful Court and others attended a Ward FHE at the Pioneer Chapel, where much dancing was performed by the SPACers; the Turkish, Irish, and Bhangra dances were thus performed, Julianne Binns substituting for Clara Smith perfectly in the Irish dance.

20. Having thus performed, the SPACers then taught the ward to dance the Rec Night Bhangra dance, after which the Cumberland Square was joyfully taught and received, and there was much wonder and amazement, as well as rejoicing among the members of the ward.

21. The SPACers then returned home from the evening to learn that, in interruption of their rejoicings, that their own Lauren Loera had been diagnosed with strep throat, she having gone to the urgent care during the ward FHE, which was the cause of much sorrow and worry among the SPACers.

22. Nevertheless, their spirits were revived as it was made known by means of a video (which has been preserved for the remembrance of the event) that Clark had taken Julianne in his arms and jumped into the pool in the midst of Bountiful Court, the two being fully clothed in the traditional folk dance blacks at the time.

23. And thus we see that the day and the faith of the SPACers was such that the joy of the SPACers was full, and they slept that night in joyful anticipation of the day to come; and thus, we close our epistle.

May 23rd- Day 16

(Fill in yourself!)

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May 24th- Day 17 (Ellen Ford and Andrew Schaat)

Today was a great day. We only had two shows today and were blessed to start at 7:45. John had hurt his shoulder and today we found out the verdict...he hurt his labrum rather than his rotator cuff. That means he'll heal much faster and will be able to do more dancing than expected! Jacob Barazoto had missed yesterday due to sickness. He was still super weak but was able to come today. Lauren Loera was diagnosed yesterday with strep throat so she wasn't able to make it today. Always a bummer to be missing people.

We did have a surprise this morning though. Jacob Madsen was there when we showed up to load the van!! He is back from Asia!! It was great to see him! And he is coming to our shows today! Poor guy. It is 6 pm for him. He'll be pretty drained by the end of the day. We were excited for him to see the show. All of us are anxious to hear what he thinks of it all. It's pretty cool that he gets to see it after a month of being away.

Our first show was in Salt Lake in the morning. It was pretty early, but we still had to get south pretty quick afterwards. Our second show was in Springville. We had to work miracles in both shows in order to compensate for the missing dancers but both shows went well. The second show was a bit unique in that we were filmed. We had a camera crew in the back to film it so we can go down in the record books of SPAC. It was nice ending the day close to home. The drive home was short. So short in fact that Drew Brown ran home. We passed him and everyone cat called as he ran along shirtless.

Some good stories from the day:

Drew Duncan: at the Springville school, after the show an entire class, rather than giving him high fives, they hit his hand with their heads.

Natalie Van Wagoner: in talking with a young girl after the first show, the young girl was talking about her birthday. She told Natalie that if her mom printed enough invitations, she'd give one to Natalie. She then said, "It'll probably be at 10 o'clock. After Christmas."

John used his typical awesomeness and began asking people "If you could be any big, what would it be?" Upon asking McCall McClellan, she responded saying, "Oh, don't tempt me."



May 25th- Day 18

(Austin Allen and Natalie Van Wagoner)

A Day of Pranks and Surprises



We woke up this morning and went out to the vans to discover that they had been attacked! Toilet paper covered every seat and bench and the likes of Gretchen and George were seat belted into the vans. Mackenzie is the prime suspect. We found George to be quite the party animal as we made the most of his takeover of the cargo van by jamming to some TSwift “Love Story” with him while waiting for the key at the warehouse. The already excellent morning was sweetened by the mint brownies and maple bars Julianne brought.

En route to the first school, we learned that Cassidy dreamed of Isaiah last night. He was at her house. A war was going on. He was able to break a code (Are we surprised? Not at all). The enemy was killing all the guys. Naturally, Cassidy had to disguise Isaiah as a girl to ensure his survival. What have we learned from this? Cassidy assured us that Isaiah looks good in a wig.

Side note: Tyler Brown arrived at the first show with 144 text messages. Side effect of driving one of the vans.

At our first show, some of the Stripes were waiting backstage during story to help quick-change the stepsisters for the fiesta when we realized that the zipper on McKenna’s dress was caught in the fabric. Everyone frantically tried to get the zipper unstuck, but before we knew it McKenna was backstage and it was now or never. We finally were able to get it on her and zipped up again, just in time for everyone to go on for the fiesta, but it took about 7 of us to get it done!!!

At the first school there were a ton of kids from all different countries! Mackenzie met a little boy from Ukraine who showed her some trick steps. She also met a little girl from Scotland, and one from India. Laura had a boy and his twin come up to her and tell her that they were Israeli! They taught her some words in Hebrew. Drew Brown tallied it all up and found that we had chances to speak Arabic, Chinese, French, and Spanish today with kids from Israel, Sudan, Uganda, China, Turkey, Tahiti, Mexico, and Chile! It was awesome. ***Editor’s note: We also had a chance to speak English with some of the kids too. What a day!!! ☺

A lot of the PAC’ers came to watch the first show. They sat in the back, where they had front row seats to one of the best moments of the show: Javier (Isaiah) proposed to Adelita (Saralee), and just as she accepted, a little boy in the back groaned with all he had and epically face palmed. Cenicienta or not, girls have cooties.

In our break between shows, some SPAC’ers went to a park and some went to Emily’s house for a bit. At the park, Drew, Drew, and Tyler tried using their ultimate

Frisbee skills to land them some free pizza. Unfortunately, they did not belong to the same church as the pizza pavilion people, so they were persuaded to take their Frisbee playing elsewhere. Next time, guys.

At our second show the ladies let the men know how much they care about their wellbeing by encouraging each and every one of the guys to leave the dressing room and go warm up with everyone. In a completely unrelated chain of events, when the men got back to their dressing room after warm-ups, somehow a pile of chocolate kisses and hugs, a poster, and pictures of all the ladies of SPAC were scattered around the men's dressing room. We may never know how this happened, but hey, we're not mad about it.

Our second show was our one and only show at a junior high. The kids went nuts for Bhangra! They loved it! The stage crew girl Miriam was so happy and excited to help us with tech stuff and whatever else we needed. What a pal. Lauren Loera received quite the compliment when she was stopped by a security officer to make sure that she was indeed a BYU student and not one of the junior high students. Not quite, officer. ☹️

In the wise words of Alailee: "At the junior high, every time I turned up the music for clogging because the dancers couldn't hear it, the very territorial junior high girl turned it back down when I wasn't looking." Haha!

As a final note, the Red Baron followed right behind the Red Dragon nearly all the way home on the freeway. The Red Dragon even gave a friendly hello by opening its back doors and waving, still while on the freeway. ***Editor's note: It was rush hour. We were basically stopped. #safetyfirst #friendlywavessecond #boldmove #ifyaknowwhatimean ☹️

Little boy called Lauren Loera hot. Boy did a "call me sign" to Julianne
At our first school a special needs girl got up and joined the stars in dancing Bhangra. She got up when the team was crossing the "sunburst" she ran straight through the middle and she was trying to follow along until the end of the song. She then came up for Akidoso. Ed Vickie and a bunch of Pac members came to the last school to watch us and we were filmed this time too.

May 26th- Day 19 (Fill in yourself!)

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Thank you for the memories!



Amy Jex
Jacob Madsen
Reilly Andreasen
Julianne Binns
Clint Hubbard
Andrew Schaat
Laura Garff
Ellen Ford
Emily Hardy
Mackenzie Moon
Isaiah Vela
McCall McClellan
Natalie Van Wagoner



JPaul Storrs
Clark DeFranco
Tyler Brown
Matthew Ferrell
Maddie Zackrison
Jacob Barazoto
Tyler Persson
Jory Kaiser
Saralee Dunster
Camille Ensign
Trevor Bird
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