Step outside your familiar cultural routine and engage in a dynamic learning and growth opportunity through the China Dance Study Abroad program presented by the BYU Department of Dance. Participants will take and or observe classes at world-renowned professional dance academies in China, including Beijing Dance Academy, Central Minority University, and others. Participants will also take classes with distinguished professors and masters in traditional Chinese art forms such as calligraphy and martial arts. The classroom curriculum is complemented by a diverse set of cultural activities, including visits to select cities, universities, and historical sites; collaborations with Chinese students while creating and performing original choreography; and attendance at formal concerts. These activities are designed to foster exploration, innovation, and increased global awareness leading to enhanced dance skill, knowledge and critical thinking. As part of the learning experience, students will participate in performance exchanges with Chinese students from dance conservatories and schools, wherein they will share choreographic talents and develop collaborative skills as they create, problem solve, learn from, and teach one another.

DATES
7 May–18 June 2016

HOUSING
Students will be housed in pairs in a hotel in Wu Xi and in dormitory-style accommodations at the Beijing Minzu University. All accommodations are clean and safe.

COURSES
Students will register for 6 credit hours during the spring term 2016.

DANCE 229R: Dance Performance (1 credit hour)
DANCE 363: Dance Improvisation Intermediate (1 credit hour)
DANCE 500R Independent Study – Cultural Exchange and Collaboration (2 credit hours)

And one of the following:
DANCE 362R: Contemporary Modern Choreography Intermediate (2 credit hours)
Or
DANCE 462: Contemporary Modern Choreography Advanced (2 credit hours)
COST
$4,400-$4,600

Includes LDS, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for grads and non-LDS), housing and hotels, three meals each day, all Chinese cultural classes taught by Chinese experts, flights within China, local transportation, and international health insurance coverage.

Not Included
Airfare to China and personal expenses. Participants must pay for these independently.

PREPARATION
Program eligibility requires students to have completed DANCE 243R and 244R. Accepted students will register for DANCE 341R (Chinese Contemporary Dance) during winter semester 2016.

Students are also required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 2 credit hours). This evening course will be held one night per week for one and a half hours per class during the winter semester 2016. Day of week and time to be determined.

FUNDING SOURCES
Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs.

Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a study abroad scholarship and may be considered for other scholarships. They must indicate on their original online application that they want to be considered for financial aid.

Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants.

Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS
Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply
The application requires a $35 fee
Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete
Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program

Deadline: 10 January 2016

FACULTY
The faculty directors for the 2016 program include Jiamin Huang, Marilyn Berrett, and Kate Monson, professors in the Department of Dance. Each one brings a unique array of dance and international experience. All are passionate about teaching and learning.

Questions? Please contact jiamin_huang@byu.edu, 801-422-3283

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Students should plan to be in China from May 7 to June 18. Scheduling and curricular programming will not accommodate late arrivals or early departures.

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
ISP reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost estimates due to conditions beyond its control.