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# The Spotlight



## Why We LOVE Dance! by the JSOD Dance Company

\* Happy Valentine's Day!

\* We LOVE Dance!

\* National Day of Dance – Feb. 23!

\* Visit our website:  
[www.jsodwaco.com](http://www.jsodwaco.com)

\* Costume Update!

\* Ballroom Lessons!

The JSOD Dance Company members recently wrote essays about why they loved dance. The following is a compilation of their inspiring words.

"My love for dance is so immense, so complex, so deeply rooted in my soul, that I can rarely find the words through which to express it. I thank God every day for the privilege of dancing." Lacey Pailes

"When I dance, I feel like I am truly myself. Dance

was my first love." Jessica Mauppin

"I love dance because of the movement, the expression you can show and you can communicate without words." Samantha Adair

"Dance is a form of showing how you truly feel. It's the best sport I have ever played." Cameron Gradel

"Dance makes me feel peaceful." Lauren Tidmore

"I live for the moments when a dance makes me cry and feel totally vulnerable and free." Carly Connally

"The bottom line is I dance because I love it. I have a true dancer's heart!" Madison Taylor

"One of the main reasons I love dance is because it's a challenge. It doesn't just come naturally to you and you have to work for it. Dance is just an addiction." Alex Tandy

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## Meet the Staff – Amanda Seale!

Miss Amanda grew up in Abilene, TX and went to Wylie High School.

Amanda took dance lessons growing up for 16 years! During high school Amanda performed for six years at the Southwest Regional Dance Festival! She also choreographed over 10 dances, one of which was featured at the festival. She was asked to be in the festival's Honors Class two years in a row!

Amanda's favorite dance memory is performing the role of Sugar Plum Fairy in her studio's Nutcracker. She said it was a lot of

hard work, but it definitely paid off in the end to wear a beautiful tutu and perform in front of two nearly sold out crowds.

Amanda currently attends Baylor University and is pursuing a BBA degree in Music and Entertainment Marketing. She plans to graduate in August 2009.

Amanda is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and is in charge of the sorority's All-University Sing Act this year.

When she's not dancing, Amanda enjoys hanging out with friends, singing

out her lungs in her car, watching chick flicks, and baking desserts.

Amanda has been teaching dance for 6 years to all ages. She currently teaches ballet and tap to 5 and 6 year olds and Contemporary Ballet to the company students.



"I love teaching dance because I love dance and I want nothing more than to watch a young girl improve throughout a year in her dancing skills."



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## Why We LOVE Dance continued....

"Living life a bit larger than the average sized American girl, the media could have easily destroyed any minute amount of positive self-esteem I retained for myself, but through dance, being fully aware of my body has allowed me to know and understand my own capabilities and planted a seed for me to motivate myself to stretch those even more." Arcasia James

"I love dance because I get to express myself and I could do that all day long." Aundrea Stevens

"The biggest reason I love dance is that you can be whoever you want to be and express yourself through dance." Jill Adair

"Dance gives me friends. My friends at dance are some of my best friends because at dance everyone is equal. It doesn't matter what clothes you wear or how you act, because we are all here for the same thing – to dance." Savannah Newman

"I love when you are dancing together and the music gets loud. You can feel the crowd enjoying your performance and at the same time you are feeling accomplished and proud of all of your hard work." Chloe Connally

"When I dance, I forget about all the problems I had at school or home that day." Abby Remine

"When I dance, I can almost feel God smiling down at me as I praise Him through my dancing." Anna Jane Reihl

"Once you start dancing, you can't stop. I think every dancer has a fairy-tale story that begins with 'once upon a time', but there is never 'the end'." Alex Tandy

"I dance to prove myself and it makes me feel beautiful." Sarah Langley

"Dance because it's coming from your heart and pushing through your hands and feet, open for everyone to see because it's your passion." Amanda Gohring

## Happy Valentine's Day!

Thursday, February 14

The Studio will have classes!

## Show Me the Costumes!

Recital Costumes have been ordered and the book displaying all costumes will be in the lobby soon. Costumes will be handed out to dancers sometime in late April or early May before recital pictures. Costumes must be paid for in full before they are distributed. On your February statement you will see your costume balance. Your total amount includes all costumes and one pair of pink tights for ballet and tan tights for tap/ jazz. Please let us know if you have questions regarding this matter.

## Company Corner....

The JSOD Dance Company will perform this month on Feb. 23 at the National Day of Dance Celebration at the Mayborn Museum. Admission to the museum that day is free! We are very proud of our dance company and we hope that you are inspired by their amazing love for dance.

**National Day of Dance! February 23**  
**Mayborn Museum – Free Admission!**  
**Performance Time - TBA**



*Looking for a fun and unique Valentine's Day present?*

*Why not surprise your special sweetheart with 6 weeks of Ballroom Dancing Lessons at Joy's School of Dance!*

*Come learn the fox trot, waltz, swing dance, country western dance, Latin dances and more!*

*A new 6 week session starts February 21! Classes are on Thursdays from 6:45 – 7:45 p.m. The cost is \$120 per couple.*

