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Trey McIntyre Project Review by Raymond Gallardo

When you hear of ballet you usually picture people on their tippy toes spinning around. But not this time; The Trey McIntyre Project performs a very interesting style of ballet that is more laid back and informal. We were lucky enough to have UApresents bring the Trey McIntyre Project to Desert View High School for all of the high school students and teachers. This performance had the audience in amazement because it was so emotional. You could feel the passion, heart, and soul that the performers put into this performance. This is what they love to do.

This performance was free, but normally the tickets run from 18 dollars to 38 dollars. The students at Desert View gave the performance their undivided attention. It was great to have this opportunity at school, because there are some unfortunate students that don't know what kind of performing arts are out there and how much time and effort it takes to be able to perform professionally. The performance showed the students the talent that is necessary to succeed in this industry.

Some of the dancers went step by step and showed us the names of the moves that were being performed. This demonstration was important because we were able to go into the performance knowing a little something about this type of dance. The dancers also instructed some students to call out how they wanted them to dance. For example, the students could say, "legato" meaning long and connected, or "staccato" meaning quick and separate movements. The dancers then improvised to music, coming up with the dance right then and there. This performance left the audience awing for more.

As a whole this performance was great because they interacted with the audience and the audience participated. Not only did I like the fact that they knew how to dance, but also that they were willing to share their knowledge and love of dance with students. This performance was brought up in conversation for the rest of the month. If the Trey McIntyre Project ever comes back to Tucson you should go see them perform.