

## *About Dance Discovery*

Dance Discovery is a period dance troupe that performs historic social dances of French, English, and American origin. Initially created to research and perform the dances of the Lewis and Clark era for the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the commemoration of the Louisiana Purchase (2004-2006), our repertoire now includes music and dances from 17<sup>th</sup> century Europe, 18<sup>th</sup> century Colonial America, the 19<sup>th</sup> century (Jane Austen era, the American Civil War), and present-day American country dance styles.

Our historical presentations are thoroughly researched by dance historian and Artistic Director Emeritus Dr. John Ramsay, and by the Tu' Penny Uprights.

The troupe has been featured at many locations in the St. Louis area and beyond:

- Missouri Botanical Garden
- Missouri History Museum
- Gateway Arch
- St. Charles, MO, Heritage Day Festivals
- Washington, MO, Lewis and Clark celebrations
- Ste. Genevieve, MO, Felix Vallé House French Festival
- Lewis and Clark Illinois State Historic Sites, Lincoln Museum opening
- Jefferson City, MO, statewide meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution



*American Colonial period*

***Think of Dance Discovery for your special event:***

- Unique and elegant weddings
- Banquets and receptions
- Conventions
- Commemorative events
- Historic balls and celebrations

***Let us tailor a program to meet your needs.***

## ***Tu' Penny Uprights: Exceptional Music***

The Tu' Penny Uprights consists of three musicians—Kristin Graham on keyboard, Martha Edwards on fiddle, and Paul Wexler on clarinet, recorder, and penny whistle. All three are classically trained musicians who found themselves drawn to the folk and popular dance music of the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries—music that was an inspiration to the great composers from Bach to Mozart, Handel, and Purcell.

Their music can be lively and energetic, lyrical, and sometimes raucous. It will lift you off your feet!



*Tu' Penny Uprights*

Visit us at [www.dancediscovery.org](http://www.dancediscovery.org)



*American Civil War era*

### *Performance Options for Dance Discovery include*

- A **Performance** – with period-costumed dancers and live music by the Tu' Penny Uprights
- A **Workshop** – with an experienced Dance Master to teach your group historical dances, and live music by the Tu' Penny Uprights

Contact us. We will help you design an event to delight you and your guests. Whether you want to relax and enjoy the spectacle, or to learn the dances yourselves, we guarantee festivity and merriment for all!

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*Introducing*

# Dance Discovery



*Lewis and Clark era*

Dance Discovery provides festivity and merriment to celebrations by researching, performing, and fostering historically appropriate social dances from the 1600s to the present, including those of American, English, French, and Spanish origin.

Authentic programs from the American Colonial period, the Lewis and Clark era, the Regency (Jane Austen), and the Civil War are available for your event.