

And you thought a pli  was a simple bend at the knees! No, it's so much more

TUTUMUCH

Popcorn with pointe shoes? Leave it to the multiplex to be the place where high culture cum reality TV cum documentary filmmaking would look to land its audience. TuTuMUCH is a film that follows nine young ballet dancers from around the world as they compete for coveted spots in the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School's summer professional program. Produced by the same crew who made the TV documentary-drama Ballet High, TuTuMUCH has all the drama of kids leaving home for summer camp fused with the edgy excitement of watching 12-year-olds attempt to pli  and pirouette (a good warm-up for Olympic figure skating? Watch for that on big screens next month). Better still, it's that rare type of film that only documentarians can make: a raw look at an exclusive world that's fascinating but mostly invisible to the average citizen. Jan. 17, 1 p.m. and Jan. 20, 7 p.m. Select theatres in the GTA, including Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Cinemas, 4861 Yonge St.; Scotiabank Theatre, 259 Richmond St. W. \$10.50. For tickets and full list of theatres, visit cineplex.com/events. Jason Rehel, National Post