



Educating, Elevating, and Enriching
St. Louis for over 20 Years!

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2006 Season—Fall Preview!

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Alexandra Ballet is a non-profit organization committed to educating, elevating, and enriching St. Louis through the art of dance. Under the artistic direction of St. Louis legend Alexandra Zaharias, the company repertoire ranges from beautiful full-length ballets to powerful contemporary ballets and modern dance, showcasing original works as well as the classics. Alumni from the Company have gone on to perform with major dance companies all over the world. Alexandra Ballet is proud to provide the community with free performances throughout the season at venues across the region, bringing the magic of a live performance to audiences everywhere.

Here is the schedule of events for our 2006 Fall Season:

CLASSIC 99's Rhapsody in Bloom September 30, 10:00 am & 2:00 pm **FREE**
Two free performances are offered to the public at the Missouri Botanical Garden in conjunction with KFUC Classic99's *Rhapsody in Bloom*. Enjoy the splendor of the surroundings in the historic gardens of Henry Shaw, which serve as a perfect backdrop for the beautiful dancers of Alexandra Ballet, performing classical, contemporary, and modern works. Check our website for specifics about this special event, and a link to Classic99 for more information about *Rhapsody in Bloom*.

THE GREAT RUSSIAN NUTCRACKER—Auditions October 6, 6:30-8:30 pm **FREE**
Children aged 8 to 18 from the St. Louis region will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to perform with the 50 member company of Moscow Ballet in *The Great Russian Nutcracker* on December 3, 2006 at the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, hosted by **Alexandra Ballet**. The audition will be held at Alexandra School of Ballet, 68E Four Seasons Center in Chesterfield, and will be conducted by Eckaterina Cupcinova, children's ballet mistress of Moscow Ballet. Please check the website for additional information. ***NO HEIGHT REQUIREMENT***

POLONAISE BALL—Polish American Cultural Society Saturday, October 14 **BY INVITATION**
Alexandra Ballet is proud to be a part of this annual gala ball, held at the University Club in Clayton, performing pieces from their extensive repertoire. Proceeds from this event benefit the Polish American Cultural Society's Arts and Education foundation and the Stan Musial Scholarship Fund.

THE NUTCRACKER SUITE—Presented by Alexandra Ballet & Chesterfield Arts Dec. 8 Marquette High **\$6-\$14**
Alexandra Ballet is proud to present this newly expanded, delightful production of *The Nutcracker* in collaboration with Chesterfield Arts. Perfect for children of all ages, this 45-minute narrated version presented at the Marquette High School Theater was created especially for families like yours. Make this exciting new production the beginning of a great holiday tradition!

SUGAR PLUM PARTIES—Presented by Alexandra Ballet & Saint Louis Galleria November 24 **FREE**
Start the holiday season by joining Alexandra Ballet for this wonderful tradition at Saint Louis Galleria. Presentations are offered at 9:30 am and 11:30 am at no charge to the public. The event begins with "sugar plum" treats for children, along with holiday crafts for all. Then watch as the company dancers present this entertaining version of *The Nutcracker*, narrated by St. Louis storyteller Karen Young. This is the perfect opportunity to introduce your child to the magical world of ballet!
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BEFORE EACH PERFORMANCE

THE GREAT RUSSIAN NUTCRACKER—Public Performance December 3 12:00, 4:00 & 8:00 pm **\$25-\$65**
Alexandra Ballet hosts Moscow Ballet's *Great Russian Nutcracker* for the fourth thrilling year at the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center! Local dancers representing more than a dozen area ballet schools participate in this production, and have been rehearsed by the talented artistic staff of Alexandra Ballet. They join the prestigious 50-member Russian company in this dazzling holiday tradition. Alexandra Ballet is proud to provide the community once again with this truly exciting experience—an incredible production unsurpassed in the St. Louis region! **TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

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