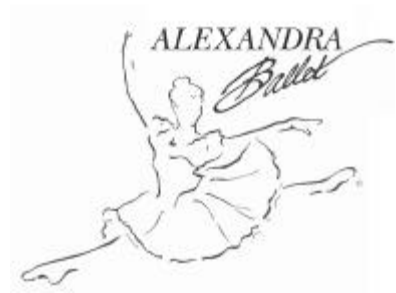


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*Educating, Elevating, and Enriching
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*Alexandra Ballet Hosts
Moscow Ballet's*

THE GREAT RUSSIAN NUTCRACKER

WHEN: Friday, November 18, 2005, at 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 19, 2005, at 2 pm
Saturday, November 19, 2005, at 7:30 pm

WHERE: Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center
University of Missouri-St. Louis
8001 Natural Bridge Road
St. Louis, MO 63121

TICKETS: \$26 - \$64 through Touhill Box Office
314-516-4949

Alexandra Ballet, under the artistic direction of Alexandra Zaharias, will host Moscow Ballet's lavish production of ***The Great Russian Nutcracker*** for the third exciting year!

If you want to see a quality production of ***The Nutcracker*** and don't want to travel to New York City to see it, don't miss the Moscow Ballet's ***Great Russian Nutcracker***. This spectacle features the 50 member all-star Russian cast with dazzling costumes, hand-painted sets, and breathtaking scenic design by Valentin Fedorov.

Starring Irina Surneva, Honored Artist of Russia ('03) and Tatiana Predenia, Honored Artist of Russia ('05), this production is produced by Akiva Talmi and has been praised by critics for its unique setting of Act Two in the "Land of Peace and Harmony" rather than the Land of Sweets.

A local cast of 82 boys and girls representing ballet schools from around St. Louis will join the Moscow Ballet in this dazzling production. The children's cast has been rehearsed by ballet mistresses of Alexandra Ballet since auditions were held on October 4 with Boris Baskakov of Moscow Ballet.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.alexandraballet.com FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS PRODUCTION!

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