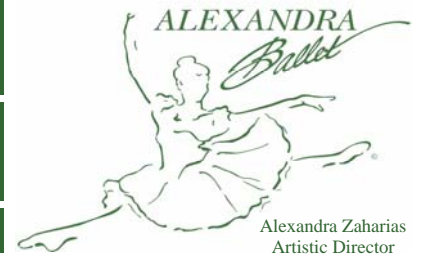


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The Magic of Alexandra Ballet's Nutcracker

Alexandra Ballet's special narrated version of *The Nutcracker* has become a holiday tradition for hundreds of families. Chesterfield Arts is pleased to present this performance as part of their Arts Alive! multicultural performance series at the beautiful Purser Center on the campus of Logan College on Sunday, December 20th at 2:00pm and 6:00pm.

This enchanting fairy-tale story about a young girl, Clara (Megan Rigabar), who receives a magical Nutcracker as a gift from Godfather Drosselmeyer (Lara Teeter) on Christmas Eve. Her Nutcracker turns into a handsome Prince (Elisha Malinski) who takes Clara on a journey to the Land of the Sweets to meet the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy (Makensie Howe) and her loyal subjects from around the world. The stunning Snow Scene includes the graceful Snow Queen (Jasmine Smith) with her Cavalier (Dillon Malinski) for an exquisite pas de deux. The stage is filled with the spectacular flurry of the shimmering Snowflake corps as they dance to Tchaikovsky's beautiful Nutcracker score.

Back by popular demand, Tony award nominated Lara Teeter will entertain the audience as Godfather Drosselmeyer. Lara has performed in numerous Broadway productions and is currently an Associate Professor and Head of the Musical Theatre Program at Webster Conservatory for Theater Arts.

Children will be delighted to have the opportunity to meet and get their picture taken with the Sugar Plum Fairy, Clara and Nutcracker after each performance.

This one hour ballet, narrated by Anne Marie Ruhlin, is perfect for the whole family. The Nutcracker reminds us all how the holidays are filled with dreams. This wonderful story never grows old and is the perfect opportunity to introduce the entire family to the beautiful world of classical ballet. Don't Miss the Magic of the Nutcracker!



The Sugar Plum Fairy welcomes



Snow Queen and her Cavalier

The Nutcracker

Sunday, December 20, 2009

2:00pm & 6:00pm

Purser Center at Logan College

1851 Shoettler Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017

Tickets: Adults \$12 & Children \$6 in advance

Adults \$15 & Children \$7 at the door

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