

INTERCITY BALLET THEATRE A 33 YEAR CHRISTMAS TRADITION
THE NUTCRACKER

Intercity Ballet Theatre of Kingsport, with the help of area sponsors such as Eastman Chemical Company, Eastman Recreation Club, WKPT TV/AM, WTFM, Kingsport Town Center Mall, and Hampton Inn will present it's 33rd Annual Performance of the magical ballet THE NUTCRACKER for all to see and enjoy.

This year Christmas will come just a little bit early for 4,500 area school children at the morning shows at Eastman's Toy F. Reid Employee Center Theater on December 6th and 7th at 9:30 a.m. These special performances will be presented free of charge, as they have been for the past six years, to all area students and teachers, with additional seating for the public at a nominal fee.

The public is invited to enjoy the evening performances on Friday, December 7, 2012 and Saturday, December 8, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. Join us and experience a snow storm, see a forest magically appear, and a tree grow from 10 feet to 30 feet, all inside the Eastman Theater.

Membership in Intercity Ballet Theatre of Kingsport is open to all area dancers. Each year dancers from all over the area come to the annual audition for The Nutcracker. This year our production will have a cast of

over 140 dancers and actors from six different regional schools, along with many adult community leaders and business people.

This year three dancers from Intercity Ballet of Kingsport have been invited to perform the role of Chinese with the North County Ballet of San Diego, California.

Traveling to San Diego will be Julie Ellis, Sara Hrivnak, and Phil Clemons.

In the spirit of exchange, four dancers from the North County Ballet will be coming to Kingsport to dance the role of Reed Pipes.

Returning to Kingsport is Professional dancer Pablo Infante. Born in Tijuana, Mexico, he began studying ballet at Centro de Ballet y Arte. In 1998 he joined the Compania de Danza de Baja California, and in 2002 he was promoted to Principal Dancer.

In 2003 Pablo came to the US and joined the California Ballet Company, where by mid-season he was promoted to the rank of Soloist. His repertoire includes featured roles in full length ballets such as The Nutcracker, Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty, Midsummer Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet, Carmen, Cinderella, Who Cares, Ballet Imperial, Spanish Serenades, and Suite Vivaldi among many others. Pablo has also appeared as a guest in The Youth American Grand Prix, The San Diego Symphony, The San Diego Opera, The Ballet Conservatory of San Diego, The California Ballet School, Ballet West, and in The International Mainly Mozart Festival. Intercity Ballet Theatre welcomes Pablo who will be dancing the role of Snow King and Cavalier.

The role of Sugar Plum and Snow Queen will be danced by Cassandra Lund.

Cassandra received most of her dance training at New West Ballet School under the direction of Eugenia Keefer, where her roles range from Clara to the Sugar Plum Fairy and include the title role in *Cinderella* and Princess Aurora in *the Sleeping Beauty*. Her competition days earned her the titles of Miss Dance Celebration (Woodbridge High School) and first runner-up for USA National Champion in 1997, among others. She has danced on scholarship in New York City with the Joffrey Ballet School trainee program, and was a scholarship recipient with Tremaine Dance Conventions. Ms. Lund began teaching dance at the young age of 16. She currently teaches at high school dance camps across the Western United States for the United Spirit Association, where she serves as a head instructor, adjudicator and a member of the Program Development Team. She also received the prestigious MVP award for the USA's dance program in 2006. A versatile dancer, Ms Lund has preformed with the Mojalet Dance Collective (modern), the Palomar College Dance Ensemble (jazz), and in the year 2000 joined the California Ballet Company, rising quickly to the status of Principle Dancer. Her roles with California Ballet include Alice in *Alice and Wonderland*, Snow White in *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*, the Sugar Plum Fairy in *the Nutcracker*, Giselle in *Giselle* and Lucy in *Dracula*. She has taught and choreographed for numerous studios, high school dance teams and competition ensembles throughout Southern California, has coached a nationally ranked High School Dance Team, and has served as an assistant choreographer for the Super Bowl half time

show in 1999. She currently resides in Escondido, CA with her husband Brian and children Amanda and Nathan.

Dorothy Hanner Ratcliff, a native New Yorker, is Artistic Director of Intercity Ballet of Kingsport. Ms Ratcliff studied dance with the American School of Ballet, Ballet Arts, Robert Joffery, Tour Jete International in Cannes, France and graduated from the New York School of Performing Arts with a major in Ballet and a minor in Modern and Drama. Dorothy was awarded the Governor's Excellence in Teaching Award in Dance Education for the State of Virginia and the Arts Council of Greater Kingsport 2004 Arts Leadership Award. She was a founding member of the Tennessee Association of Dance for Tennessee and its first Treasurer.

Dorothy has danced professionally throughout the United States and Canada, and was a member of the world famous Radio City Music Hall Rockettes.

Ms. Ratcliff was also the Executive Producer for Lunch Break, a talk show on WTSG-TV, Albany Georgia. She has taught dance and choreographed events throughout the Southeast. For the past fourteen years she has been choreographer for Kingsport's Showtime, and now is co-director of the Centre for the Performing Arts, Kingsport, TN.

Local dancers giving their time and talent include, Phil Clemons, dancing the role of The Nutcracker. Madeline Howe, Chloe Lowe, and Chloe Ottinger will be sharing the role

of Clara, with Aaron Jackson, Wells Lemons, and Aiden Ponder sharing the role of Fritz.

Sharing the role of Mechanical Doll are Ayleonna Camp and Beth Harsock.

Devil Doll will be danced by Samantha Hess and Caroline Luethke. The role of Tree Fairy

and Chinese, will be danced by Julie Ellis and Sara Hrivnak, Spanish will be danced by

Danielle Bear and Dew Drop Fairies will be Jacquelyn Crawford, Chelsea Sumpter and

Whitney Welch. Sharing the role of Snow Demi Soloist will be Macy French and Catherine

Raible. Dancing the role of Arabian will be Casey Crawford and Kristen Odom.

The roles of Clara's parents will be danced by Jeff and Amy Luethke, and Ms. Ratcliff will again

dance the role of Grandmother. Daniel Ratcliff will be performing the role of the ever popular

Rat King. Mr. Mike McGinn will reprise his role of Uncle Drosselmeyer. E. T. Tarlton will be

dancing the role of Russian. Look for many community leaders in the roles as Party Parents

dancing with their daughters in the role of Ma Petite.

Tickets for the evening performances will be on sale beginning November 17th

at Kingsport Town Center Mall across from Santa Claus' Workshop, and

at Eastman's Toy F. Reid Employee Center. Reserved seating will be sold for the

Orchestra floor of the theater while the Balcony tickets are festival seating.

If available, tickets may be purchased at the door.

For more information about Intercity Ballet Theatre and The Nutcracker

school performances, public performances, or ticket sales, please visit our web site

www.intercityballet.org or call 239-5620 or 246-2199.

This year's celebration of the 33rd anniversary of The Nutcracker is sure to be memorable. Former dancers and families are invited to a special recognition at the end of both evening performances. This is a holiday tradition that the whole family can enjoy together. Come be a part of the holiday magic that is The Nutcracker.