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## BalletMet Hosts Free *Nutcracker* Family Day

**COLUMBUS, OH**— Before its 30<sup>th</sup> annual production of the holiday classic *The Nutcracker*, BalletMet Columbus ushers in the season with a free *Nutcracker Family Day Open House* **1 – 4pm November 11** at the **BalletMet Dance Centre**, 322 Mt. Vernon Ave.

BalletMet's *Nutcracker* Family Day is an opportunity for children to meet characters from *The Nutcracker*; decorate ornaments courtesy of *Columbus Parent*; participate in storytimes and a creative movement class; win prizes, and try on costumes from the BalletMet Costume Shop. Additionally, the BalletMet Box Office will be on hand with an **exclusive offer**: buy three tickets to *The Nutcracker* and get one free. Families can also bring a donation for Firefighters 4 Kids and receive a special gift.

### ***THE NUTCRACKER***

BalletMet's *The Nutcracker* runs **December 8-23, 2007**, at the **Ohio Theatre** with Tchaikovsky's famous score performed live by the **Columbus Symphony Orchestra** and recorded narration by **Sir Roger Moore**. Select performances include fun extras, including opportunities to meet dancers from the production.

Tickets to *The Nutcracker* are \$18.50-\$64.50 through the BalletMet Box Office (614.229.4848), [www.balletmet.org](http://www.balletmet.org), CAPA (614.469.0939), and Ticketmaster (614.431.3600). Discounts are available at all central Ohio Kroger locations and on specially marked Sierra Mist products.

### **SPONSOR SUPPORT**

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With an annual budget of \$5 million, BalletMet Columbus ranks among the nation's 15 largest dance companies, and its Dance Academy ranks among the five largest professional dance-training centers. Since its inception in 1978, BalletMet has added 134 company premieres to its repertoire and produced 111 world premieres. It has also developed DanceReach, a series of educational and outreach programs that serve 40,000 people annually, as well as a Community Outreach Scholarship program that provides full tuition for talented minority and underserved youth.

**For more information, call 614.229.4860 or visit [www.balletmet.org](http://www.balletmet.org).**

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