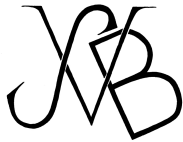


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***The Nutcracker***

The Nutcracker's beautiful music, lush scenery and lavish costumes set the perfect backdrop for E.T.A. Hoffmann's timeless story. Young imaginations will be sparked and audiences of all ages delighted as a Christmas tree grows to huge proportions, mice and soldiers battle, and waltzing Snowflakes whirl about amidst "real" falling snow. Children will especially enjoy seeing candies and sweets from exotic lands come to life and a gigantic Mother Ginger as she plays with her many ginger children.

This year will mark **Southwest Virginia Ballet's 17th production of The Nutcracker**, a holiday tradition for many families, and core part of the region's Christmas festivities. The cast of this season's production exceeds 160 participants from across Southwest Virginia.

**This season, Southwest Virginia Ballet is giving back!** According to Nancy Kelderhouse, Executive Director, Southwest Virginia Ballet is committed to making the performing arts experience available to all ages, from all walks of life. In addition to the annual school outreach performance of The Nutcracker, at least 500 public performance tickets to this season's production of The Nutcracker will be made available to clients of human service organizations from across Southwest Virginia. SVB dancers and Board of Directors are delighted to have the opportunity to share the joy of the performing arts and this magical holiday classic with individuals and families who may be going through difficult times or those without the means to attend the most beloved story ballet of all time, The Nutcracker. Additional outreach details are attached.

**The Nutcracker**

**Location: Roanoke Performing Arts Theatre**

**Dates: Sat., December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm & 7 pm**

**Sun., December 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**

**Buy tickets early for your favorite seats! Box Office: 540.853.5483**

***Clara's Tea Party***

Have tea and other treats with Clara and other Nutcracker characters prior to the Saturday 2 pm. and Sunday 3 pm performances. Delicious treats, photos with the Nutcracker characters, autographs, and memories of a lifetime are all part of the pre-performance Tea Party.

**Clara's Tea Party**

**Location: Roanoke Performing Arts Theatre Mezzanine**

**Date: Sat., December 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm**

**Sun., December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm**

**Buy your tickets for Clara's Tea Party today! Box Office: 540.853.5483**

**Southwest Virginia Ballet** is a regional, pre-professional youth ballet company, celebrating 23 years in the Roanoke Valley. Recognized locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally for artistic excellence, Southwest Virginia Ballet continues to "*Move Stories Beyond Words*", leaving audiences in awe of the amazing talent showcased by the youth of Southwest Virginia. Over the years more than 110,000 people have enjoyed SVB performances of The Nutcracker, Cinderella, Romeo and Juliet, Coppelia, Firebird, Snowmaiden, Graduation Ball, Paquita, Peter and the Wolf, and other original works. SVB dancers perform in full-length productions, community fairs and festivals, corporate and private events, and educational programs. Today their alumni are dancing professionally across the United States and Europe. **For complete information on all SVB performances and events, visit [www.svballet.org](http://www.svballet.org)**