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BalletNova Presents The Nutcracker Ballet Featuring Returning Alumni

Falls Church, VA: BalletNova presents the beloved holiday ballet, *The Nutcracker* on December 4 – 7, 2014 for six performances at Thomas Jefferson Community Theater in Arlington (125 South Old Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22204).

Featured performers this year are two BalletNova alumni, **Simon Bull** and **Frank Spohn**, dancing the roles of the Nutcracker/Cavalier and the Mouse King. Conservatory student Amara Forsley dances the Sugar Plum Fairy (recipient of the 2015 Fredgren Scholarship Award and the 2015 Fairfax County Dance Coalition Senior Student Scholarship Award).

Choreographed by Nancie Woods and Caroline Frankil Warren in 2003 to Tchaikovsky's familiar score, BalletNova's full-length Nutcracker leads you through the magical story of Clara and her mysterious Uncle Drosselmayer (a magician who can stop time) and her adventures with giant mice, life-size dolls, faeries, beautiful Snowflakes and a lush Kingdom of the Sweets. A sophisticated 1940s Party Scene sets the tone for the **family-friendly** 1 hour and 45 minute performance (with one 15 minute intermission).

Performance Schedule:

Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 PM

Friday, December 5 at 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 6 at 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM

11:00 AM - Girl Scout "Behind the Scenes" Education Program

Sunday, December 7 at 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM

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Advance sale full-length performance tickets range from \$13 - \$35 with special discounts for Students under 18 and Seniors over 65.

* **Nutcracker Petite Performances.** BalletNova also presents a series of "Petite Performances" at BalletNova's Fredgren Studio Theatre (3443 Carlin Springs Road, Falls Church, VA 22031). These shorter 45-minute mini-performances include a narrative of the story, and highlights from Act II – The Kingdom of the Sweets and are

especially appropriate for the pre-school aged (2 – 5 year old) crowd. The schedule is:

- Friday, December 12 at 5:00 pm
- Saturday, December 13 at 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM

Tickets for the Petite Performances are \$15 for children under 12, and \$20 for anyone over 12. All tickets are an additional \$3 if purchased at the door; groups of 10 or more receive a 10% discount. *NOTE: these performances sell out quickly!*

Tickets are available online at www.BalletNova.org, or call 703-778-3008. Tickets can also be purchased at the studio (3443 Carlin Springs Road, Falls Church, VA 22041). *CAUTION: Reserve your seats early as these performances sell out!*

PLUS MORE NUTCRACKER EVENTS:

- ◆ **A Girl Scout “Behind the Scenes Education Program”** presented before the matinee performances on December 6 and 7 at 11:00 AM is geared for children 12 and under, and can be used by Girl Scouts to earn their Nutcracker patch (program is an additional fee of \$7).
- ◆ **The Nutcracker Teas** at the Ritz-Carlton-Pentagon City (1250 S Hayes St, Arlington, VA 22202) - 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM on Sunday, December 14. Come in your holiday best to enjoy an elegant Tea at the newly renovated Ritz-Carlton at Pentagon City! Guests enjoy an elegant high tea, have their pictures taken with the Sugar Plum Fairy, watch a mini-Nutcracker performance, take a chance to win raffle prizes, and have the opportunity to meet their favorite Nutcracker dancers and get their autographs. Tickets: \$68 adults over 12 years old (ticket includes mimosa or glass of champagne); \$48/ages 3 – 12.
 - Reserved tables available – Private Tables of 4 - \$290; VIP tables of 10 - \$680. **RSVP DEADLINE: December 10.** Ticket reservations online at www.BalletNova.org; for reserved tables please call 703-778-3008.
- ◆ **Nutcracker Storytime at Barnes & Noble.** Costumed dancers read the Nutcracker to children during the Saturday morning Barnes & Noble Storytimes, followed by a mini-performance, crafts, and the chance to meet the dancers. **Free and open to the public.** Schedule is
 - November 1, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm: Barnes & Noble Tysons Corner
 - November 8, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Barnes & Noble Seven Corners
 - November 15, 10:30 am - 11:30 am: Barnes & Noble Clarendon

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Studio: 3443 Carlin Springs Road, Falls Church, Virginia 22041. Mailing: P.O. Box 5587, Arlington, VA 22205 .

Board of Directors. Naomi Pizarro, President; Brian Gradle, Vice President; Mohit Chopra, Treasurer;

Shannon MacGregor, Secretary; Directors: Ann-Marie Bolton; Jay Cohen, Rebecca Holderness, Jennifer Walcott; Constance Walsh, Faculty Liaison

Who: BalletNova Center for Dance
Where: Thomas Jefferson Community Theater, 125 South Old Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22204
Tickets: Reserved seating - Adults: \$15 - \$35; Students/Seniors: \$13 - \$32. All tickets an additional \$3 at the door day of performance. Advanced purchase highly recommended.

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What: **Nutcracker Petites with BalletNova**

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Saturday, December 13 at 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM

Who: BalletNova Center for Dance
Where: 3443 Carlin Springs Road, Falls Church, VA 22041

Tickets: General seating- \$15 for children under 12, and \$20 for anyone over 12. All tickets an additional \$3 at the door day of performance. Advanced purchase highly recommended.

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What: **The Nutcracker Tea at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City**

When: Sunday, December 14

Who: BalletNova

Where: Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, 1250 S Hayes St, Arlington, VA 22202 Arlington, VA

Tickets: Tickets: \$68 adults (over 12); \$48/ages 3 – 12. Private Reserved tables of 4 - \$280; VIP reserved tables of 10 - \$680. RSVP DEADLINE: **December 10.**

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Who: BalletNova Center for Dance

Tickets: **FREE**

BalletNova Center for Dance, founded in 1981, is dedicated to educating and mentoring dancers in a positive, nurturing environment and preserving the traditions of classical ballet through quality dance productions and education. Formerly Arlington Center for Dance/The Center Dance Company, the organization moved to a beautiful six-studio 20,800 square foot state-of-the-art facility in July 2008, and offers classes in ballet, modern, tap, jazz, and hip hop for children, teens and adult dancers. The award-winning pre-professional ballet program is recognized as one of the best in the Metro Washington DC area, and BalletNova also has an extensive Adult Dance Division with classes in several levels of Ballet, Contemporary, Tap, Jazz and Theater Dance.

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