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Dates & Times

Friday, November 24, 2017 at 2PM
Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 2PM & 7PM
Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 2PM
At Macky Auditorium on the CU Boulder Campus

Tickets & Box Office

\$15 - \$82
www.BoulderPhil.org/nutcracker

The Nutcracker

See the magical holiday tale come alive this Thanksgiving Weekend

Boulder Ballet and Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra present *The Nutcracker*, with impressive choreography, stunning sets and costumes, and a full live orchestra bringing a host of fantastic characters to life.

Experience Clara's journey through the vision of Artistic Director Ana Claire, and Associate Artistic Director Lance Hardin, complemented by live music from the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Principal Guest Conductor Gary Lewis, and a special performance by the Boulder Children's Chorale. *The Nutcracker* is the perfect festive celebration for the whole family.

In addition to our professional company of nine dancers and four apprentices, the ballet also welcomes 85 Boulder Ballet student performers to the production. *The Nutcracker* will also feature special guest performers Peter Davison (Former Boulder Ballet Co-Artistic Director) as Drosselmeyer, and Roberta Brenza as Mother Ginger.

This year's casting features Giada Haskins and Noah Slade-Yarnell as Child Clara, Melissa Heslep and Phoebe Magna as Adult Clara, Ryland Early and Matthew Helms as Nutcracker Prince, Raul Orozco as the Rat King, and Kelsey Byrne as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Voted "Best Live Dance Group" by *Boulder Weekly* and celebrated for the "...stunning live shows that deliver on theatrics and impressive choreography," Boulder Ballet, with the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra, presents the show to usher in the holidays! So bring friends and family, and enjoy the wonder and theatricality of a new take on an old classic.

For directions to the show and for more information about Boulder Ballet—including classes and our upcoming season—please visit boulderballet.org. For more information about the Boulder Philharmonic, please visit boulderphil.org.

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ABOUT BOULDER BALLET

The Ballet Arts Studio was founded in 1982 by Barbara Demaree and Larry Boyette. The first performing ensemble to grow out of the school was the Boulder City Ballet. In 1985, the name was changed to Boulder Ballet Ensemble, and in 1995 the present names Boulder Ballet and Boulder Ballet School were adopted. Our rich history includes bringing classic, contemporary, and uniquely theatrical ballet to venues that range from Estes Park to Highlands Ranch. Boulder Ballet currently performs in Macky Auditorium, the Dairy Center for the Arts, Boulder Theater, and outdoor amphitheaters throughout the Denver-metro area for our free summertime Ballet in the Park events.

Boulder Ballet now looks to an exciting future under the artistic direction of Ana Claire and new Associate Artistic Director Lance Hardin, including continuing collaborations with the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra, additional outreach programs, and new choreographic explorations.

ABOUT BOULDER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

As one of Colorado's premiere ensembles, the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra is creating a new model for American orchestras through dynamic performances that reflect our community's own values, creativity, and sense of place. Under the vision and leadership of Music Director, Michael Butterman, the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra's main concert series—broadcast state-wide on Colorado Public Radio—is presented at the Macky Auditorium, an historic jewel on the University of Colorado, Boulder Campus.

From multi-genre productions featuring dance, choral and visual elements to concerts with a unique hometown flavor, the Phil's imaginative programming has resulted in increasing numbers of sold-out concerts and nationwide notice in *Symphony Magazine*. In recent seasons, the Phil has collaborated with an impressive 45 local organizations, encompassing arts, science, nature, youth, social services and more. By going beyond simply performing great music, we strive to connect ever more people to the inspiring power of orchestral music.

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