

Calling All Dancers!

Greater New Orleans Area Youth Invited to Open Auditions to Perform in Moscow Ballets Great Russian Nutcracker

(Berkshires, MA) Oct. 1, 2010 Moscow Ballet is in the midst of holding auditions across North America for its Great Russian Nutcracker next stop: New Orleans!

Open auditions will be held on Sunday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. at Main Street Dance in Hammond, La. Anna Tyutyunnyk, a Russian-trained soloist and dance teacher with Moscow Ballet, will facilitate the auditions and work with the selected students in rehearsal at a later date, to be announced.

Those chosen will perform in the *Great Russian Nutcracker* at the Mahalia Jackson Theater of the Performing Arts in New Orleans on Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 8 p.m.

Applicants must have dance experience and be between 7 and 16 years old. Applicants must also dress in dance attire and may bring Pointe shoes. For more information about the auditions, contact local Dance Coordinator *Beth Fagan* at (985) 902-9229.

This is a rare opportunity for young dancers in the greater New Orleans region to work with and learn from a professional, expert Russian ballet dancer and teacher Anna Tyutyunnyk and to be a part of Moscow Ballets renowned international tour of its *Great Russian Nutcracker* performance.

*****We can put you in touch with Anna for an interview and photos. Please contact Moscow Ballet (413.499.1733, x21) or Beth at Main Street Dance directly (985.902.9229) to discuss this.***

Praised for exquisite dancing and gorgeous costumes, the *Great Russian Nutcracker* is directed by Ballet Master Vladimir Troschenko. Troschenko partnered such legendary Russian ballerinas as Nadia Pavlova, Ludmilla Seminyaka, and Galina Mezentseva and is an honors graduate of the Bolshoi and Kirov academies. He will tour *Swan Lake* to 61 cities in Europe from June 30 to Aug. 31. Set against Valentin Fedorov's spectacular hand-painted backdrops and life-sized dancing puppets, the *Great Russian Nutcracker* delights audiences with a visual tapestry rich in detail and whimsy. It is especially distinctive for its unique setting of the Land of Peace and Harmony in Act II and for the introduction of a Christmas Dove and a fantasy clock with wings of an owl that cast a shadow over the battle between the Soldiers and the Mice. Fedorov, an Honored Artist of Chuvashia, was a protégée of the legendary designer Valery Leventhal of the Bolshoi Theatre. He is art director at the Chuvashia State Theater and has designed over 40 productions for opera and ballet. Acclaimed for exquisite classical ballet dancers and bejeweled, sumptuous costumes, critics rave that Moscow Ballets *Great Russian Nutcracker* is flawless, breathtaking, and dazzling. The richness of the Russian classical ballet dancers blended with whimsical storytelling have made *The*

Great Russian Nutcracker a memorable holiday treat for the last 17 years.

Tickets are now on sale. To purchase by phone call Ticketmaster 800–745–3000, or buy online at www.nutcracker.com or www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets start at \$27.50. Group rates are available for 10 or more tickets call 800–320–1733 for more information.

***(Below is a complete listing of tour dates.)**

And for a truly special Christmas experience Moscow Ballet introduces its **Platinum Seating and Gift** promotion. Platinum ticket buyers receive a limited edition fine art giclee print created by contemporary Russian masters from the St. Petersburg Academy of Art. These stunning first edition prints were commissioned to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Marius Petipa's life. Renowned as the creator of *Swan Lake* and *The Nutcracker*, Petipa is revered as the Father of Russian Ballet. Platinum Seating includes the best centered seats, a backstage Meet and Greet, gourmet chocolates, preferred parking and a Platinum Members Benefit Card for purchases at www.nutcracker.com. Only seven pairs of platinum tickets per performance are available! For information on Platinum, VIP or discount tickets visit <http://www.nutcracker.com/premium.php>.

East Tour Great Russian Nutcracker

West Point NY 11/13 Wilkes
Barre PA 11/14 Paducah
KY 11/16 Birmingham AL
11/17* Meridian MS
11/18 Dallas TX
11/19–21 *Stephenville TX
11/22 *Alma AR 11/23 Little
Rock AR 11/24 Muskegon
MI 11/26 Indianapolis IN
11/27 Knoxville TN 11/28
Memphis TN 11/29
*Blacksburg VA
12/1 Charleston WV
12/2 Youngstown OH
12/3* Easton PA 12/4* Verona
NY 12/5 Rochester NY
12/7 Bethesda MD 12/8–9
*Somerville NJ
12/10 Baltimore MD 12/11–12
Charlottesville VA 12/13–14 Virginia
Beach VA 12/15–16 Cleveland
OH 12/17 Rosemont IL
12/18 Detroit MI
12/19* Ashland KY 12/20
Asheville NC 12/21
Durham NC 12/22 N.
Charleston SC
12/23 Sarasota FL
12/26 Lakeland FL 12/27 St
Petersburg FL 12/28–29 *denotes
*Moscow Ballet produced but not Moscow
Ballet presented***West Tour Swan Lake
and Great Russian
Nutcracker**Lethbridge CAN
11/5^ Medicine Hat CAN 11/6
^*Saskatoon CAN 11/9–10

^*Regina CAN 11/11–12
 ^*Edmonton CAN 11/15–16Surrey,
 BC CAN 11/19Yakima
 WA 11/20^Missoula MT 11/21
 ^*Calgary CAN 11/22–23*Lake of
 Torches WI 11/26–27Fargo
 ND 11/28 ^*Winnipeg CAN
 11/29^Thunder Bay CAN 11/30Grand
 Forks ND 12/1Rochester
 MN 12/2Minneapolis MN
 12/3–4Cedar Rapids IA
 12/5Cheyenne WY
 12/8Casper WY
 12/9Denver CO
 12/10–11Grand Junction CO
 12/12Farmington NM 12/13–14
 *Albuquerque NM 12/15
 Bakersfield CA
 12/16Cupertino CA 12/17Santa
 Rosa CA 12/18*La Mirada
 CA 12/19San Diego CA
 12/20Tucson AZ
 12/21*Phoenix AR 12/22El
 Paso TX 12/23San Antonio
 TX 12/26Lake Charles LA
 12/27New Orleans LA
 12/28Panama City FL
 12/29*denotes *Moscow Ballet produced*
but not Moscow Ballet presented
 ^denotes *Swan Lake performance*

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About Moscow Ballet

Moscow Ballet is known for its annual touring *Great Russian Nutcracker* and full-length productions of classic story-ballets, *Swan Lake*, *Cinderella*, *Sleeping Beauty* and others. Created by award winning Juilliard alumnus, composer/conductor and theatrical producer, Akiva Talmi, the organization evolved out of Talmi's all-star Russian "Glasnost Festival Tour" (1986–92). Moscow Ballet made its debut in 1993 with the *Great Russian Nutcracker*, which was directed and choreographed by soloist Stanislav Vlasov of the famous Russian Bolshoi Theatre. In 1994, Moscow Ballet invited the Moscow State Theatre of Natalia Sats, and the theatre's full orchestra, to expand the company to an 88-artist tour which was billed as the "19th Century Classical Nutcracker." In 2003, Moscow Ballet announced the appointment of Anatoly Emelianov, winner of the Diagelev award, and Vladimir Troshchenko, director of Odessa State Ballet and a pivotal figure in the ballet world, as co-artistic directors. Moscow Ballet continues to feature top graduates of Perm, Vaganova, Moscow State Academic Choreographic and Kiev schools in its productions.

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