

BERKS **BALLET** THEATRE

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BERKS BALLET THEATRE PRESENTS “THE NUTCRACKER”

This year, reimagined with live orchestral music and a professional leading couple

Reading, PA (November 10, 2017)—This year, [Berks Ballet Theatre](#) is elevating a holiday classic. The show everyone knows and loves, “The Nutcracker” increases its excitement and vigor with the addition of the Reading Pops Orchestra, guiding the famed ballet’s score.

A Berks County community staple, the [Reading Pops Orchestra](#) has partnered with the 42-year-old ballet company to bring Tchaikovsky’s memorable score to life. Combined with the artistic finesse of the dancers, this year’s production will feature a leading dance duo from Dance Theatre of Harlem.

Renowned dancers, Ingrid Silva and Dylan Santos, are full-time professional company members of Dance Theatre Harlem, in New York, and will lead the performance in the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier, respectively. During the year Silva and Santos perform regularly at New York City Center and tour the country, showcasing classical and contemporary works.

The guest couple will join Berks Ballet Theatre senior company members: Gretchen Kimmel as Candy Cane, Olivia Moyer as Snow Queen and Arabian, Audra Nemirow as Dew Drop and Mouse Queen, Katie Riddle as Spanish, Ahna Romanski as Merlito, and Amber Warchol as Chinese.

Experience the magic of this show like never before. Immerse yourself in the story of Clara and her beloved Nutcracker, who magically springs to life through classical ballet and a beloved, soaring musical score.

WHO: Berks Ballet Theatre

WHAT: Presenting “The Nutcracker” at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, West Reading, PA

WHEN: Dec. 16 at 1:00PM and 6:00PM & Dec. 17 at 2:00PM

WHY: A community holiday classic now includes the Reading Pops Orchestra, and professional dancers from Dance Theatre of Harlem

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ADDITIONAL EVENTS:

The Sugar Plum Fairy Tea Party

Sunday, November 12, from 1:00-2:30PM

Join the star of “The Nutcracker” for a festive, annual tradition. Now in its second year, The Sugar Plum Fairy Tea Party hosts children in the Berks County area, treating them to special performances, desserts inspired by the “land of sweets,” and a performer meet-and-greet. Among the event sponsors is “Ady Cakes,” season five winners of “Cupcake Wars” on the Food Network.

The event kicks off at 1:00PM in the Goggleworks Center for the Arts, Room 420, 201 Washington Street, Reading, Pa. 19601

About Berks Ballet Theatre

Berks Ballet Theatre is Celebrating its 42th season and continues to bring the highest quality performances to Berks County audiences. Under the artistic direction of Kelly Barber and Nathan Bland who serves as Ballet Master & Resident Choreographer, conservatory students have the opportunity to perform with a professional company with the same caliber of the other great companies in the USA.

Berks Ballet Theatre is a non-profit 501(c)3 pre-professional ballet company whose primary purpose is to provide serious dancers the best possible forum of training and performance in classical and contemporary dance in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Founded by Carol Ennis in 1976, the company began with a simple philosophy: “given the training and opportunity, the ‘child-next-door’ can grow up to be anything they want, including a dancer in any major professional ballet company.”

Berks Ballet Theatre has performed and continues to perform for many local organizations including: Reading Symphony Orchestra, Berks Arts Council, BCTV, Reading Public Museum and the Exeter Festival of Lights. The company also performs The Nutcracker annually. For 25 years BBT was a member of Regional Dance America/Northeast and has performed all over the Northeastern USA & Canada. www.BerksBalletTheatre.com

About Reading Pops Orchestra

The mission of the Reading Pops Orchestra is to promote the musical arts in Reading and Berks county through the preservation of a professional orchestra for the performance of public concerts, and to provide a variety of historical and educational presentations of the classic pops repertoire, exposing the greater community to different musical art forms.

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