

Inland Pacific Ballet

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THE NUTCRACKER AND THE NUTTY NUTCRACKER; DELIGHTFUL HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT AT THE MAGNIFICENT BRIDGES AUDITORIUM IN CLAREMONT

Claremont, CA
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Inland Pacific Ballet will present two **fabulous holiday events** this winter at the **historic Bridges Auditorium**, on the campus of the Claremont Colleges, where Inland Pacific Ballet is Company in Residence. (More about Bridges on page 4.)

The Nutcracker

A joyous holiday favorite, ***The Nutcracker***, will be performed December 3-18. **Award winning scenic designer Nancy Seruto's** sets create a brilliant and enchanting setting for this classic ballet. A cast of over 100 dancers, opulent costumes, and magical lighting make Inland Pacific Ballet's ***Nutcracker*** the Inland Empire's most **dazzling holiday event**. A magnificent Christmas tree and festive decorations in Bridges' lobby makes ***The Nutcracker*** both a **holiday celebration** and family entertainment at its best. Pick up a last minute stocking stuffer at Inland Pacific Ballet's **charming Holiday Boutique** in Bridges' Lobby. ***The Nutcracker* is perfect for families, with 50% discounts on all children's tickets.**

The Nutty Nutcracker

Back by Popular Demand! Since its debut in 2004, audience members have been begging for the return of ***The Nutty Nutcracker***, which will be back at Bridges Auditorium December 9 & 16. A hilarious send up of everyone's favorite holiday ballet, ***The Nutty Nutcracker*** features a **zany** storyline

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loosely based on the traditional Nutcracker. Follow Clara and her offbeat friend, Anita as they witness **hysterical antics** and **unexpected visitors** in the Land of the Sweets. For those who saw it last

year, get ready for **new sidesplitting surprises** and **wacky characters** in this updated holiday classic.

Holiday Program 2005-2006 Information

WHAT: **The Nutcracker**

WHERE: **Mabel Shaw Bridges Auditorium**
The Claremont Colleges
450 North College Way
Claremont, CA 91711

WHEN: Sunday, December 4, 2:00 PM
Saturday, December 10, 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM
Sunday, December 11, 2:00 PM
Saturday, December 17, 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM
Sunday, December 18, 2:00 PM

TICKETS: **Tickets go on sale through the Bridges Auditorium Box Office:**

- Fax/Mail Orders:

Download an order form at www.TheBestNutcracker.com

Fax form to: (909) 607-7774

Mail form to:

Bridges Auditorium
The Claremont Colleges
450 North College Way
Claremont, CA 91711

- Phone Orders/ In Person Orders:

Telephone Ticket Hotline: (909) 607-1139.

Box Office Hours for Phone Orders/ In Person Orders M-F 10:00am-4:00pm

- On-line Orders: www.TheBestNutcracker.com

PRICES: Adult: \$32, \$25, \$18
Senior: \$28 \$22.50, \$18
Child: \$16, \$12.50, \$9 (not recommended for children under 3)
Student Rush: \$10 day of show

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WHAT: **The Nutty Nutcracker**

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WHEN: Friday, December 9, 8:00 PM
Friday, December 16, 8:00 PM

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Inland Pacific Ballet: A Cultural Gem Serving the Inland Empire for Over a Decade

As a major art institution in the Inland Empire, **Inland Pacific Ballet enters its Spectacular 11th Season.** With attendance averaging **30,000 patrons annually**, an **Educational Outreach Program** that has served over **100,000 children** in its 11 years of programming, and an impressive artistic profile, IPB has become a cultural staple in the Inland Empire. The Company has widespread community support throughout the region and has earned **funding from leading philanthropic Foundations, including The James Irvine Foundation and The Disneyland Resort Cast Community Fund.** Growing steadily in stature and reputation in its 11-year history, IPB has now reached the status of a **major regional arts organization, adding immeasurably to the cultural life of the Inland Empire.**

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Bridges Auditorium: A Magnificent Opera House

Inland Pacific Ballet's 11th Season will be presented at the **historic Mabel Shaw Bridges Auditorium, the Claremont Colleges, where IPB is Company in Residence.** A magnificent

Appleton Shaw Bridges as a memorial to their daughter, this grand theater has a **brehtaking marble entrance hall with vaulted columns and sweeping staircases**. The largest and most elegant theater in the Inland Empire region, **Bridges Auditorium seats 2,500** and boasts a gold-leafed hand-painted ceiling depicting a star-scape of mythological creatures. Why drive to Los Angeles or Orange County? Bridges is conveniently close to all Inland Empire communities and parking is free.

Expanded Website: www.ipballet.org

For ease in purchasing your tickets, Inland Pacific Ballet has expanded its website to include an **on-line ticket ordering system**. The website also displays beautiful photographs of Inland Pacific Ballet's dancers, as well as featuring Dancer Biographies.

Educational Outreach

Also in its 11th year, Inland Pacific Ballet's acclaimed **Educational Outreach Program, A Young Person's Guide to the Ballet**, continues its tradition of **exposing Southland youth to the joys and cultural benefits of the world of Ballet**. As the Inland Valley's most extensive Educational Outreach Program, Inland Pacific Ballet prides itself in creating an **exciting learning environment** for students grades K-12. Special weekday morning performances at the historic Bridges Auditorium, The Claremont Colleges, includes a lecture/demonstration on ballet and stage technique, which also describes the workings of a live theater and shows **how a dancer tells a story without words**. During the lecture/demonstration audience members are invited to **participate in simple movement activities** in their seats, a **lively question and answer period**, followed by a **lavish professional ballet performance** and a chance to **meet the performers** afterwards. Special thanks to **the Disneyland Resort Cast Community Fund** for their generous donation in support of the 2005-2006 Educational Outreach Program.

Student Outreach Performances for **The Nutcracker** will be held December 8, 9, 14 & 15 and for **Cinderella**, March 16, 17, 23 & 24. Inland Pacific Ballet is committed to providing all children the **opportunity to experience the arts**, and therefore offers these special performances at a nominal **cost of \$5.00 per ticket**, making it the **most affordable program** of its kind in the region. Support from corporations, foundations, and individuals makes up the balance of funds needed to cover the cost of this important program.

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Inland Pacific Ballet's Mission

Founded in 1994, the **Inland Pacific Ballet** has become one of Southern California's cultural jewels. The Company's mission is to build and sustain a **professional ballet company of national stature in the Inland Empire of Southern California**. IPB is committed to producing **exquisitely staged productions of full-length classic story ballets as well as presenting the best in contemporary choreography**. Through creative marketing and an extensive outreach program,

more available and accessible to all. IPB is also committed to the continued nurturing of new talent by providing an **essential training ground for serious young dancers.**

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