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*Inland Pacific Ballet to Hold Open Auditions For Children's Roles in *The Nutcracker**

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Young dancers at all levels of experience are encouraged to audition for this outstanding opportunity to perform with a professional ballet company. "Our Nutcracker production features more than 100 dancers on stage, and this year we'll need close to 120 children to fill out 3 different casts," states Artistic Director Victoria Koenig.

Auditions for all children's roles will be held on Saturday, September 25, beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the IPB studios in Montclair. Details about the audition schedule, dress code requirements and fees are available online at www.ipballet.org or call (909) 482-1590.

Inland Pacific Ballet's studios are located at 5050 Arrow Highway, between Central and Monte Vista. Casting selections and rehearsal schedules will be announced in early October, with rehearsals beginning on October 8.

As southern California's largest and most lavish production, IPB's enchanting interpretation of *The Nutcracker* has become a holiday tradition for thousands. For the first time audiences can experience IPB's Nutcracker at two of the Southland's most magnificent theaters, Bridges Auditorium in Claremont and the Lewis Family Playhouse in Rancho Cucamonga.

"I'm hoping dancers from all schools and studios in the region will come to audition. Being part of this show gives young dancers real exposure to how a performance is put together from start to finish. In addition to performing they'll get to experience studio rehearsals, costume fittings, and the excitement backstage during a professional production.

Inland Pacific Ballet will perform its spectacular annual Nutcracker from December 4-19 at Bridges Auditorium in Claremont, and December 16-17 at Lewis Family Playhouse in Rancho Cucamonga.

Founded in 1994 by Southern California natives Victoria Koenig and Kevin Myers, the Inland Pacific Ballet has become one of southern California's cultural jewels. Its mission is to build and sustain a professional ballet company of national stature in the Inland Empire of Southern California, committed to producing exquisitely staged productions of full-length classic story ballets as well as presenting the best in contemporary choreography.

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