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## PRESS RELEASE

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### ***INLAND PACIFIC BALLET'S SPECTACULAR NUTCRACKER DRAWS LARGE AUDIENCES AS IT HEADS INTO FINAL WEEKEND***

With only three performances remaining, Inland Pacific Ballet is rehearsing for the final weekend of its holiday spectacular, *The Nutcracker*, at Bridges Auditorium in Claremont. Tickets are still available for the Dec. 22 and 23 performances online by calling the box office at (909) 607-1139 or online at [thebestnutcracker.com](http://thebestnutcracker.com).

With sold out audiences at Lewis Family Playhouse and outstanding attendance during its first weekend at Bridges Auditorium, IPB staff and crew are preparing for another busy weekend.

“We’re seeing a lot of first-time ballet attendees and that’s exciting,” says Victoria Koenig, Artistic Director for the 18 year old professional ballet company. “After four years of a tough economy, it’s great to have some of our biggest audiences, with lots of families and children.”

With more than 100 dancers on stage, IPB’s *Nutcracker* is a spectacular holiday classic that has become an annual event for many families from the San Gabriel Valley, Inland Empire and High Desert areas. “We’re noticing a lot more people dressing up for the occasion and making it a special day for their children,” says Annette Johnson, Director of Marketing and Development.

“Our guests have really embraced the idea of attending *The Nutcracker* as an annual tradition and it’s something they do each year during the holidays. It’s really a wonderful family outing.”

Volunteers will be tending IPB’s Holiday Boutique again this weekend in the theater’s grand marble entrance hall with dozens of beautiful holiday gifts for sale. All proceeds from merchandise and food concession sales directly support future ballet programming.

Inland Pacific Ballet is also supported by The Ahmanson Foundation, The James Irvine Foundation, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, Covina Hills Sports Medicine, KPCC 89.3, The Doubletree–Claremont, Target, The Haskell Fund, KVCR, the Los Angeles Times, The Victor Elmaleh Foundation, CEP America–Desert Regional Medical Center, and Dolce Bistro and Bakery.

Bridges Auditorium is located at 450 N. College Way in Claremont. Parking is free.

**What:** Inland Pacific Ballet's: The Nutcracker

**Where:** Bridges Auditorium  
450 N. College Way  
Claremont, CA 91711

**Tickets:** (909) 607-1139  
Box Office Hours for Phone/In Person Orders: M-F 10 am – 4 pm

**Dates:** Saturday, December 22, 2012 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
Sunday, December 23, 2012 1:00 pm

**Online Orders:** [www.thebestnutcracker.com](http://www.thebestnutcracker.com)

**Prices:** Prices start at \$36 for adults.  
Child, Senior and Group discounts available

**More information, photos and video:** [www.TheBestNutcracker.Com](http://www.TheBestNutcracker.Com)

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