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

Saturday, September 15 and 22, 2012
Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Young dancers at all levels of experience are encouraged to audition for this outstanding opportunity to perform with Inland Pacific Ballet's professional company. Auditions for all children's roles will be held on two consecutive Saturday afternoons on September 17 and 25 and on Tuesday evening on September 18. All auditions will be held at the Inland Pacific Ballet studios at 5050 Arrow Highway in Montclair, between Central and Monte Vista.

Audition details, schedule, dress code requirements and fees are available online at www.ipballet.org or by calling (909) 482-1590. Casting selections and rehearsal schedules will be announced by September 29, with rehearsals beginning on October 5.

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

"With nine performances scheduled at two Inland Empire theatres, we need about 130 children to fill three different casts," states Artistic Director Victoria Koenig. "The past two years we have seen a great turnout of dancers and performers from the region. Last year in these auditions we discovered eight year-old Logan Watts of Redlands, who gave an incredible performance in the key role of Fritz, Clara's mischievous brother. Being part of a full-scale, professional performance on these magnificent stages before an audience of 500 to 1,800 persons is a transforming experience for these young people."

Inland Pacific Ballet will perform its spectacular 18th annual *Nutcracker* from December 8-9 at Lewis Family Playhouse in Rancho Cucamonga, and December 15-23 at Bridges Auditorium in Claremont. "We always hope dancers from all schools and studios in the region will come to audition. This show is a great opportunity to give young dancers real exposure to how a performance is put together from start to finish. They get to experience studio rehearsals, costume fittings, and the all the excitement backstage during a professional production."

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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