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### Inland Pacific Ballet to Hold Open Auditions for Children's Roles in their Annual Spectacular Production of *The Nutcracker*

Friday and Saturday, September 2 - 3, 2016

Performances take place between November 26 – December 18, 2016 at Bridges Auditorium, Claremont; Fox Performing Arts Center, Riverside; and Lewis Family Playhouse, Rancho Cucamonga

Inland Pacific Ballet will hold auditions for all children's roles in its spectacular annual production of *The Nutcracker* on Friday, September 2 and Saturday, September 3 at their studios located at 5050 Arrow Highway, Montclair 91763, between Central and Monte Vista.

A holiday tradition for families throughout the region, critically acclaimed Inland Pacific Ballet brings *The Nutcracker* to life with dazzling sets, beautiful costumes, and nearly 80 dancers on stage. The annual holiday favorite tells the story of a young girl named Clara who receives a magical nutcracker doll on Christmas Eve and sets out on a wondrous journey to the Land of the Snow and the Kingdom of Sweets. A fantastic dream with battling mice, dancing snowflakes, waltzing flowers, and the delightful Sugar Plum Fairy stir the imagination. This is family entertainment at its best! Enjoy a treasured holiday tradition with family and friends at southern California's most spectacular production of *The Nutcracker*.

Young dancers ages six to twenty from any school or studio in southern California are invited to audition. Individuals selected for roles must be available for every rehearsal and all performances for their cast. There will be from two to four casts of children selected to perform during the four weekends of performances. There is a \$20 audition fee and additional production and rehearsal fees for those who are offered a role. Casting selections and rehearsal schedules will be announced by September 21, with children's rehearsals beginning on September 30 and October 1.

Those selected for roles in *The Nutcracker* must be available for every rehearsal and all performances for their cast. Casting is determined by many criteria including technical level, acting ability, height/body proportions and conduct.

#### **Audition #1: Friday, September 2, 2016**

6:00–7:30 pm; 15-20 year olds with a minimum of 4 years on pointe (audition is on pointe; IPB Academy Level 5A & up). For those who wish to be considered, this audition also serves as the Apprentice/Trainee Audition for the 2016-2017 Season.

#### **Audition #2: Saturday, September 3, 2016**

1:30–2:15 pm; 6-8 year olds (IPB Academy Level 1A-1C), minimum 1 year of ballet  
2:15–3:00 pm; 8-11 year olds (IPB Academy Level 2A-2B), minimum 2 years of ballet  
3:00–3:30 pm; Boys 6-13 year olds (IPB Academy Level 1B-4B), no minimum requirements  
3:45–4:30 pm; 9-12 year olds (IPB Academy Level 3A-3B-3C), minimum 3 years of ballet (3C bring pointe shoes)  
4:30–4:45 pm; 11-12 year olds (IPB Academy Level 3C), for dancers who are on pointe  
4:45–5:30 pm; 11-14 year olds (IPB Academy Level 4A-4B), minimum 4 years of ballet (bring pointe shoes)

Performances take place at the Lewis Family Playhouse in Rancho Cucamonga from November 26-December 4; Fox Performing Arts Center in Riverside from December 9-11; and Bridges Auditorium, Pomona College in Claremont from December 15-18.

Founded in 1994 by Southern California natives Victoria Koenig and Kevin Frank 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.

Complete audition information is available for download at [IPBALLET.org](http://IPBALLET.org) . For questions, please contact Jill Voznick, Ballet Mistress at 909-482-1590 or [jill@ipballet.org](mailto:jill@ipballet.org).

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