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

Friday and Saturday, September 11-12, 2015

Performances take place between November 28 – December 20, 2015 at four theaters – Arcadia Performing Arts Center, Bridges Auditorium in Claremont, Fox Performing Arts Center in Riverside, and Lewis Family Playhouse in Rancho Cucamonga

Inland Pacific Ballet will hold auditions for all children's roles in its annual spectacular production of *The Nutcracker* on Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12 at its studios located at 5050 Arrow Highway in Montclair, between Central and Monte Vista.

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. 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 28, with children's rehearsals beginning on October 2 and 3.

Audition #1: Friday, September 11, 2015

7:15–8:30 pm; 14-20 year olds with a minimum of 3 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 2015-2016 Season.

Audition #2: Saturday, September 12, 2015

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, 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 cont'd), dancers who are on pointe

4:45–5:30 pm; 11-15 year olds (IPB Academy Level 4A-4B), minimum 4 years of ballet
(bring pointe shoes)

Performances take place at the Arcadia Performing Arts Center from November 28-29; Bridges Auditorium, Pomona College in Claremont from December 3-6; Fox Performing Arts Center in Riverside from December 11-14; and the Lewis Family Playhouse in Rancho Cucamonga from December 17-20.

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.

For additional audition information, please visit IPBALLET.org or contact Jill Voznick at 909-482-1590 ext. 13 or jill@ipballet.org.

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