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**Inland Pacific Ballet
Celebrates 25th Anniversary with the Returns of its Spectacular
Production of**

The Nutcracker

Everyone's Favorite Holiday Tradition in the Inland Empire

**Performances in three theaters between November 30 - December 22, 2019
Rancho Cucamonga ~ Riverside ~ Claremont**

And back by popular demand, three Friday performances of the hilarious *Nutty Nutcracker*

Who: Inland Pacific Ballet, southern California's premier professional ballet company

What: *The Nutcracker*

Enjoy a treasured holiday tradition with family and friends at southern California's most spectacular production of *The Nutcracker* from critically acclaimed Inland Pacific Ballet. Celebrating 25 years, Inland Pacific Ballet's *The Nutcracker* comes to life with this magnificent ballet comprised of beautiful sets, dazzling costumes, and more than 80 dancers on stage. This annual performance 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. Toy soldiers, life-sized dancing dolls, and a fantastic dream with battling mice, dancing snowflakes, waltzing flowers, and the delightful Sugar Plum Fairy stir the imagination. Meet the cast after the performance for photos and autographs. This is family entertainment at its best.

Back by popular demand! Since its debut in 2004, audience members have delighted in ***The Nutty Nutcracker***, which comes to the Lewis Family Playhouse in Rancho Cucamonga for the first time, and returns to Riverside's Fox Performing Arts Center and Claremont's Bridges Auditorium for one performance at each venue. A hilarious send up of everyone's favorite holiday ballet, ***The Nutty Nutcracker*** features a zany storyline loosely based on the traditional Nutcracker. Follow Clara and her offbeat cousin, Anya as they witness hysterical antics and unexpected visitors in the Land of the Sweets. Get ready for sidesplitting surprises and wacky characters in this comic version of the holiday classic.

Lewis Family Playhouse, 12505 Cultural Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

Saturday, **November 30**; 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, **December 1**; 2:00 p.m.

Friday, **December 6**; 7:30 p.m. – *The Nutty Nutcracker*

Saturday, **December 7**; 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, **December 8**; 2:00 p.m.

Fox Performing Arts Center, 3801 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501

Friday, December 13; 7:30 p.m. – *The Nutty Nutcracker*

Saturday, **December 14**; 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, **December 15**; 2:00 p.m.

Bridges Auditorium, Pomona College, 450 North College Way, Claremont, CA 91711

Friday, December 20; 7:30 p.m. – *The Nutty Nutcracker*

Saturday, **December 21**; 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, **December 22**; 2:00 p.m.

Information & Tickets: IPBALLET.org; tickets from \$25; senior/child/group discounts available.

Inland Pacific Ballet is celebrating its 25th Anniversary Season and was founded in 1994 by Southern California natives Victoria Koenig and Kevin Myers, and quickly become one of Southern California's cultural jewels. Its mission is to build and sustain a professional ballet company in the Inland Empire of Southern California, committed to producing exquisitely staged productions of full-length classic story ballets, presenting the best in contemporary choreography, and providing an essential training ground for serious young dancers.

During the past 25 years Koenig and Myers have built Inland Pacific Ballet into the premier ballet company in the region, enjoying critical acclaim while performing the largest and most varied repertoire in the area. The Company's repertoire includes such classics as *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Les Sylphides*, *Graduation Ball* and *Swan Lake Act II*. Full length classical masterpieces include *Giselle*, *Coppélia* and a lavish production of *The Nutcracker*. Contemporary classics include masterpieces by the legendary George Balanchine including *Serenade*, *Concerto Barocco* and *Who Cares?* and a growing body of original work which includes creative adaptations of much-loved stories such as *The Little Mermaid*, *Cinderella*, *Dracula* and *Beauty and the Beast*.

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