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ARC Dance Presents the 12th Annual Family-Friendly

Nutcracker Sweets

ARC Dance Space - 9250 14th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98117

Friday, December 9, 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 10, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 11, 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Tickets: \$12 Child (10 years and younger); \$20 Adult/Sr 65+

Tickets available online at www.arcdance.org

Seattle, WA --- ARC Dance brings the magic of *The Nutcracker* alive for families and the community in a child-friendly version of this holiday classic ballet that will warm your spirit.

Nutcracker Sweets showcases the talented students of Arc School of Ballet and the professional dancers of ARC Dance. With roughly an hour-long running time, it is specifically designed to appeal to young audiences and has become a favorite tradition for families across Seattle. *Nutcracker Sweets* captivates children and adults alike with the magic of the music, costumes, and beautiful dancing. All performances held in ARC's large facility in Ballard have sold out for the past eleven years.

ARC Dance Productions maintains and supports a 9,000 square foot facility in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle. ARC presents dance education programs, performances, and a resident professional dance company, ARC Dance Company. Under the artistic direction of Marie Chong since 1999, ARC has produced performances seen by over 20,000 people in standard theater venues with seating capacities of 300 to 2500.

Additional information can be found at www.arcdance.org or by calling ARC at (206) 352-0798.

About ARC Dance Company

ARC Dance Company is a professional repertory dance company in Seattle, Washington that presents contemporary ballet in intimate settings. Since its inception in 1999, ARC has performed works by nationally recognized and emerging choreographers in a regular performance season from July through December.

About Arc Youth Dance Company

Arc Dance Productions, in association with Arc School of Ballet, launched the Arc Youth Dance Company (AYDC) in 2013. It offers artistic and personal growth to dancers ages 11-20 years old who seek further artistic excellence in dance performance. AYDC members are students of Arc School of Ballet (ASB) in the Intermediate level or higher as selected by annual audition.

About Arc School of Ballet

Arc School of Ballet provides personalized ballet training in an atmosphere that promotes personal and artistic growth. Focusing on elements of both classical and contemporary ballet technique from the classic French, Italian, and Russian Schools of training, the core curriculum at Arc School of Ballet (ASB) provides dancers with a broad knowledge of classical technique and the comprehension to adapt to all current ballet styles and techniques.

Arc School of Ballet offers four coordinated, high-quality programs to dancers of all ages and backgrounds. The variety of classes works to meet students' varying interests in dance, ranging from children's creative movement and beginning ballet to adult education/fitness and specialized professional career bound training.

Arc School of Ballet opened its doors in July 2004. The school provides individual attention to students through limited class sizes. It focuses on classical ballet and offers a professional dance career preparation program. Its training regimen is consistent with the stylistic requirements of ARC Dance Company, the resident professional dance company.

Since 2004, Arc School of Ballet has educated over 1500 dancers who are ongoing dance ambassadors, working with and supporting professional performing companies beyond their time at ARC.

Graduates of Arc School of Ballet have gone on to dance with the following organizations: Alvin Ailey School, Alberta Ballet, American Ballet Theater/JKO School, Ballet Austin, Pacific Northwest Ballet School, Boston Ballet, Nevada Dance Theater, Cirque du Soleil, School of American Ballet, Ballet Tucson, San Francisco Ballet School, Joffrey Ballet, Milwaukee Ballet, San Diego Ballet, Nashville Ballet, North Carolina School of the Arts, Alonzo King's Lines Ballet, Princeton Ballet, The Juilliard School, San Francisco Conservatory of Dance, City Ballet of San Diego, Mark Morris Dance Company, Penninsula Dance Theater, and ARC Dance Company.

ARC Dance combined with Arc School of Ballet

Arc School of Ballet shares common goals with its resident professional dance company, ARC Dance Company: to provide opportunities for the public to explore the joy and beauty of dance. Arc School of Ballet and ARC Dance Company occupy over 9,000 square feet of the former Crown Hill School, now the Crown Hill Center in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle - 9250 14th Ave NW, Seattle, Washington 98117.