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WHO: ARC Dance presents
WHAT: ARC's *Classic Nutcracker*
WHERE: Shorewood Performing Arts Center
WHEN: Saturday, December 20, 4pm and Sunday, December 21, 2pm
TICKETS: \$15 Child (10 years and younger); \$25 Adult
INFO: www.arcdance.org 206.352.0798

ARC's Classic Nutcracker
Full-length production at Shorewood's New Performing Arts Center

ARC Dance Productions presents two full-length performances of *ARC's Classic Nutcracker* at the Shorewood Performing Arts Center (Shorewood High School). *ARC's Classic Nutcracker* portrays the traditional story of Clara's adventure with her Nutcracker Prince, a seven headed Mouse King, and a magical visit to the Kingdom of the Sweets, all set to the familiar Tchaikovsky ballet music score. ARC Dance Company, Arc Youth Dance Company, and Arc School of Ballet combine talents in this production.

ARC Dance is adding a full-length version of *Nutcracker* to its already multi-season sell-out performances of ARC's abbreviated (and very child-friendly) version of the same ballet called *Nutcracker Sweets*. Artistic Director Marie Chong said, "As part of Arc School of Ballet's tenth anniversary celebration, I thought it would be the perfect occasion to bring back some former students and company dancers to mount a full-length *Nutcracker* this season. Our shorter *Nutcracker Sweets* version has been wildly popular, but it is time to expand our students' and our audience's experiences by producing a full-length version."

ARC Dance is offering both its shorter, more informal *Nutcracker Sweets* and its longer, more traditional *Classic Nutcracker* this holiday season. Filled with youthful exuberance, delightful characters, and inspired dancing, *ARC's Classic Nutcracker* is a holiday performance not to be missed.

ARC's *Classic Nutcracker*, Saturday, December 20, 4:00pm and Sunday, December 21, 2:00pm; Tickets: \$15 for Children 10 years and younger; \$25 Adults at ARC 206. 352.0798 or online www.arcdance.org

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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 to 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 regime 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

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