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Critically Acclaimed
THE NUTCRACKER

*Kansas City Ballet Accepts Honored Invitation to Return to
The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in
Washington, D.C.*

To Present The Nutcracker Nov. 23-27

**Returns to Kansas City Dec. 7-24 to
the Muriel Kauffman Theatre at
the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts**



Kansas City, MO. (Oct. 11, 2022) — Kansas City Ballet today announced the return of the record-breaking and critically acclaimed production of *The Nutcracker* presented by Bank of America at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts Dec. 7-24, 2022, after its seven performances Nov. 23-27 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Tickets are available to the magical performances Dec. 7 through 24 at www.kcballet.org or 816.931.8993. Tickets to the Kennedy Center

Kansas City Ballet's *The Nutcracker* returns Dec. 7-24 at the Muriel Kauffman Theatre at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts

are available at www.kennedy-center.org High-res rehearsal and past production photos, and designers' artwork can be found [here](#). B-roll can be found [here](#).

Hailed as “positively oozing charm” by *The Washington Post*, the classic, Victorian-era story by E.T.A. Hoffman introduces the young and young-at-heart to Clara, the Prince, Dr. Drosselmeier and the Sugar Plum Fairy, all brought to life with captivating choreography by **Devon Carney**, Artistic Director of Kansas City Ballet. Tchaikovsky’s glorious score is performed by the Kansas City Symphony, conducted by Kansas City Ballet Music Director **Ramona Pansegrau**.

Kansas City Ballet Artistic Director Devon Carney says, “I am so excited to be returning to the Muriel Kauffman Theatre presenting our wonderful vibrant production of *The Nutcracker* after our performances at the Kennedy Center. It means the world to me to see the joy and sparkle in the eyes of our audiences of all ages, as they are transported to a whimsical winter wonderland and a beautiful land of the sweets — full of scrumptious treats and surprises.”

***The Nutcracker* presented by Bank of America
Dec. 7-24, 2022 | Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts
Choreography by Devon Carney
Music by Peter I. Tchaikovsky performed by Kansas City Symphony**

Kansas City Ballet’s annual tradition, *The Nutcracker* continues to awe audiences year after year and is hailed as “positively oozing charm” by *The Washington Post*. The classic, Victorian-era story by E.T.A. Hoffman featuring Clara, the Nutcracker Prince, Dr. Drosselmeier and the Sugar Plum Fairy is a magical theatrical experience wrapped with exquisite costumes, grand sets, and captivating choreography. Let your wonder ignite and feel the glimmer once more as your childhood dreams return and inspire you to IMAGINE AGAIN.

Wed., Dec. 7	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 8	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 9	7:30 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 10	2 p.m.* and 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 11	1 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 14	10:30 a.m. (Student Matinee) and 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 15	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 16	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 17	2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 18	1 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 21	2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 22	2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 23	2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 24	1 p.m.

(*) Sugar Plum Fairy Children’s Ball

Dancer Chat: *The Nutcracker*

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, 6:30 p.m. | Virtual on Facebook LIVE

KC Ballet Dancer Chats, a FREE community engagement and education series, are designed to provide the broader public an opportunity to engage with and learn more about professional dancers from Kansas City Ballet. Each Dancer Chat features some KCB company dancers chatting about their roles in upcoming KCB productions and sharing aspects of their life journey and dance experiences. These relaxed, informal conversations are moderated by various KCB community professionals. All Dancer Chats take place on Facebook LIVE. www.facebook.com/kcballet.

The Nutcracker

Nov. 23-27, 2022

The John F. Kennedy Center

2700 F St NW, Washington, DC 20566

Choreography by Devon Carney

Music by Peter I. Tchaikovsky performed by the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra

The Kennedy Center continues their annual holiday presentation of America's best Nutcrackers with the return of Kansas City Ballet's seasonal tradition. Kansas City Ballet's production is hailed as "positively oozing charm" by The Washington Post, promising grandeur, laughter, and a snowfall of Christmas magic!

<https://www.kennedy-center.org/>.

The Nutcracker Ball

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022

The Westin Kansas City at Crown Center

1 E Pershing Rd, Kansas City, MO 64108

Kansas City Ballet Guild is proud to kick-off the coming holiday season with the 55th annual Nutcracker Ball. All proceeds from the Nutcracker Ball support Kansas City Ballet. Presented by Kansas City Ballet Guild, Benefitting Kansas City Ballet and Kansas City Ballet School. <http://www.kcballetball.org/>

Sugar Plum Fairy Children's Ball

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022

The Muehlebach Tower of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown

200 W 12th St, Kansas City, MO 64105

Children will delight in having their complimentary picture taken with the Sugar Plum Fairy, having their face painted and interacting with costumed characters. Parents will appreciate shopping at our fantastic silent auction and raffle. Guests will dine on a delicious three-course luncheon while enjoying entertainment provided by Kansas City Ballet School and dancing with family and friends to holiday music. The excitement continues as guests attend the 2 p.m. matinee performance of Kansas City Ballet's *The Nutcracker*. <https://kcballet.org/sugar-plum>

This event raises funds for the Kansas City Ballet School and its scholarship program.

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Social Media

Kansas City Ballet's website is mobile and ticket-purchase friendly. Receive daily updates by joining the KCB Fan Page, www.facebook.com/kcballet, and following @ballet on Twitter. Follow our blog at www.kcballet.org/blog. Watch videos at www.youtube.com/kansascityballet or <https://vimeo.com/kcballet>, and view photos at <https://www.instagram.com/kballet/>.

Ticket Information

Purchase tickets:

- Online at www.kcballet.org
- By telephone at 816.931.8993.
- At the Kauffman Center Box Office and website.

Ticket prices start at only \$34, and subscribers receive a 20-percent discount. There is an \$8.50 Kauffman Center facility fee per ticket and a \$4.00 processing fee per order. Prices are subject to change.

Family VIP Experience

Back by popular demand. For \$184 per ticket, families will enjoy Premium Center Mezzanine tickets with access to a private reception suite before the show and at intermission. Enjoy wine, kid's drinks, and holiday treats. Costumed characters from the show will make a special VIP-only appearance at intermission!

Sun., Dec. 11 1 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 17 2 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 18 1 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 23 2 p.m.

Parking and Downtown Maps

Find information and maps for Kauffman Center parking and construction updates at www.kcballet.org/faqs. The Arts District parking garage, immediately south of and beneath the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, is the primary parking garage for Kansas City Ballet patrons. Event parking is \$10 per car for the garage or valet may be purchased in advance for \$18 or for \$20 upon arrival (if available).

Accessibility

Kansas City Ballet is committed to providing assistance to those with disabilities.

Direct questions and requests to Patron Services, 816.931.1348. Callers who are hearing impaired or hard of hearing can get help with telephone access by using the free relay service — 711.

Sponsors

The Presenting Sponsor for *The Nutcracker* is Bank of America. Major underwriting support comes from the Muriel McBrien Kauffman Family Foundation. The Kansas City Ballet Guild, Missouri Arts Council (a state agency), National Endowment for the Arts (a federal agency), the William T. Kemper Foundation, Commerce Bank Trustee, and Hallmark Corporate Foundation are among the many other supporters of Kansas City Ballet's 2022-2023 season.

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Media

Visit kcballet.org or kauffmancenter.org for a downloadable media kit about Kansas City Ballet and the Kauffman Center. Find high-res photos with IDs and photo credits at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/67555847@N06/sets/>, B-roll with IDs and credits at <https://www.youtube.com/user/kansascityballet> and digital content with IDs and credits at <https://vimeo.com/kcballet> .

About Kansas City Ballet

MISSION: To Inspire and Engage Through the Beauty, Power & Passion of Dance

VISION: Outstanding Dance Experiences Accessible to All

Founded in 1957, Kansas City Ballet is a professional ballet company led by Artistic Director Devon Carney and Executive Director Jeffrey J. Bentley. Kansas City Ballet is an indispensable community asset through exceptional performances, excellence in dance training and quality community engagement and education programs for all ages. Kansas City Ballet is home to Kansas City Ballet School which, with an enrollment of more than 2,000 children and adults, offers professional training for the career-minded student as well as for those simply seeking a healthy lifestyle.

Through the professional company, second company (KCB II & Trainees), and community engagement and education programs, Kansas City Ballet seeks to nurture and develop artists, audiences, and students in the values inherent in the creativity, diversity, and joy of dance. The company's home, the Todd Bolender Center for Dance & Creativity, in conjunction with our Resident Company status at the world-class Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, positions Kansas City as a destination for dance. Visit www.kcballet.org/kansas-city-ballet-press-releases/ for more info.

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