

For Immediate Release 11/1/19: Mid-Columbia Ballet presents the 44th-annual production of *The Nutcracker*.

Friday December 13 7:00pm
Saturday December 14 1:00pm & 7:00pm
Sunday December 15 1:00pm

The Richland High School Auditorium; 930 Long Ave, Richland WA 99352

Tickets Available:

Prices \$28 Adults, \$19 Senior, \$14 Children

Online: <http://midcolumbiaballet.tix.com/Schedule.aspx?OrgNum=1719&framed=true>

By Phone: 509-946-5417

In person: Dance Boutique (Richland)

About the Performance:

Mid-Columbia Ballet (MCB) presents the 44th-annual performance of *The Nutcracker* on December 13th, 14th, and 15th 2019 at The Richland High School Auditorium. This beloved family tradition features 180 cast members; theatrical elements by Seattle based freelance designer Greg Elder; and professional lighting design by Bill Kickbush. Choreography from Artistic Director, Debra Pearse Rogo, Associate Artistic Director, Melanie Haller, and from newly hired Resident Choreographer, Nicole Haskins. Four guests artists will be featured this season including MCB Alumnus Joshua Burnham and his partner, both from Manassas Ballet Theatre. Dancing the roles of Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier will be Leta Biasucci and Ezra Thomas from the nationally renowned company Pacific Northwest Ballet.

2019 Sensory Friendly Performance of *The Nutcracker Suite* December 15th, 2019 at 4pm

On December 15th, 2019 at 4pm our third Sensory Friendly Performance of *The Nutcracker Suite* will be performed by Mid-Columbia Ballet for children with special needs and their families. The 75-minute version will be performed with the music a little lower, the lights a little higher, and with a welcoming atmosphere that allows children to enjoy the performance in their own way. Unique features of this event include a Quiet Area in the lobby for children who need a sensory break and a Social Story provided to all families one week prior to the performance. There is no cost for the performance but registration is required via the following form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XkDfMo0ieWPsf30ShLW8Bw_tNTZKJfpoB8Zv3NR0_nY/

The Nutcracker Suite for area 5th graders is the Monday following the production. Nearly 3,000 5th graders and their teachers will travel to Richland High School to participate in *The Nutcracker Suite*, an abridged version of the holiday classic. These performances fill up quickly when information is shared on October 1st. This year, shows will be on Monday, December 16th at 9:30am and 12:00pm. In the past these shows have been live streamed by Atomic TV. For teachers wanting more information about this event please contact office@midcolumbiaballet.org.

Press release available at the MCB internet press room:

https://midcolumbiaballet.org/press_room.html

Photos available from the MCB Press Room page or at:

https://midcolumbiaballet.org/press/press_images_110119.html

Photos:

- **Snow Scene** photo by Charlene Hardy
- **After Sensory Friendly Show** photo by Charlene Hardy
- **Nutcrackers in the lobby** photo by Charlene Hardy
- **Palace Scene** photo by Realife Photography
- **Waltz of the Flowers** photo by Realife Photography
- **Clara in the Party Scene** photo by Realife Photography

Sensory Friendly Performance Information with Link to Registration Page

https://midcolumbiaballet.org/outreach_sensory_performance.html

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