

For Immediate Release 10/23/20:

Mid-Columbia Ballet's gift to the Tri-Cities community

This year, MCB presents *Clara's Tri-Cities Nutcracker Dream*, an original film highlighting our inspiring dancers at local landmarks and businesses around the Tri-Cities. Filmed by the Tri-Cities' own *Digital Brilliance* with the soundtrack provided by the Mid-Columbia Symphony conducted by Nicholas Wallin.

Public Release on MCB's YouTube channel, Friday December 11, 2020 beginning at 5:00pm PST and with a link available at midcolumbiaballet.org. There will be no charge to access the film and it will continue to be available throughout the holiday season.

About the Film:

Mid-Columbia Ballet (MCB) normally presents a live stage performance of the holiday tradition *The Nutcracker*. However, this year our beloved tradition will be transformed into a charming story on film that follows Clara through the Tri-Cities landscape in search of her lost Nutcracker. Much like the stage production, the film begins with a party at the Stahlbaum home where Clara receives her Nutcracker gift. Her dream begins with a realization that she has misplaced her treasured gift, and she begins her journey in search of her precious nutcracker. Along the way she encounters mice, rats and soldiers, snowflakes, flowers, and a suite of sweets, including a sugar plum fairy. The audience will be able to identify favorite Tri-Cities landmarks and featured businesses bringing the community together for a holiday extravaganza. The film will feature music performed by the Mid-Columbia Symphony at MCB's 2013 production. MCB's senior, intermediate, and junior company dancers will dazzle you with their charm and dedication to providing beautiful dance entertainment for you this holiday season.

MCB Artistic Director Debra Pearse Rogo, aided by Script Supervisor, Janet Krupin, directs a cast of 124 MCB company and community dancers, with choreography by David Arce, Mia Alexander, Baleigh Bierman, Amber Davis, Torrie Mower, Susan Presti, Debra Rogo, Rebecca Rogo, Angela Streetman, and Allie Yates. Filming done by Jeremy & John Sandoval of *Digital Brilliance* with post-production by Gaye Wutzke and Jonathan Dickey. Participating local businesses are: Barnard Griffin Winery, Barracuda Coffee, Baum's House of Chocolate, Buds & Blossoms Too, Chinese Gardens, Country Mercantile, Ethos Bakery and Café, Frichette Winery, Frost Me Sweet, Kagen Coffee & Crepes, Kiona Winery, Layered Cake Artistry, Mandarin House, Market Vineyards, Moore Mansion, Naoi Cailini Oga Winery, Nena's European Desserts & Appetizers, TSP Bakery.

Link to the MCB Press Room Webpage:

https://midcolumbiaballet.org/press_room.html

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