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OMAHA PERFORMING ARTS HOSTS AUDITIONS FOR *THE NUTCRACKER*

Open Auditions for Children's Roles to Take Place October 21 at the Holland Center

OMAHA, NEBRASKA – September 26, 2011 – Auditions for 60 children's roles in this December's production of Aspen Santa Fe Ballet *The Nutcracker* will be held Friday, October 21 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Cassling Education Center of the Holland Performing Arts Center, 13th and Douglas streets, Omaha, Neb. For the second year in a row, auditions are open to the entire community and all interested dancers are encouraged to attend. More than 100 local youth are expected to be cast in the production, as some roles will be double cast.

Omaha Performing Arts presents the internationally recognized, critically acclaimed Aspen Santa Fe Ballet *The Nutcracker* at the Orpheum Theater, Friday, December 9 through Sunday, December 11, 2011 as part of its 2011-2012 Dance Series. Omaha Performing Arts previously presented Aspen Santa Fe Ballet *The Nutcracker* last December as part of its 2010-2011 Season.

Students who are cast in *The Nutcracker* must be available for all weekly rehearsals beginning Saturday, October 22 and Sunday October 23; as well as the school shows and public performances, December 8 through December 11.

Information regarding the auditions can be found at OmahaPerformingArts.org/Educate/The-Nutcracker. Those wishing to audition must pre-register by emailing Education@OmahaPerformingArts.org or by calling 402.661.8424 by October 19, 2011.

Audition schedules for Friday, October 21, which are subject to change, are:

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: Girls and Boys, ages 5 to 7
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Boys, ages 8 to 13
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Girls, ages 8 to 10
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.: Girls, ages 11 to 13
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.: Girls and Boys, ages 14 and up

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet's Executive Director Jean-Phillipe Malaty will be in Omaha to conduct the auditions. Ballet Nebraska, Omaha's professional ballet company, will manage youth rehearsals and help prepare the local participants for the production.

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet is a uniquely structured, multi-faceted organization founded in 1990. For over a decade, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet's Artistic Director Tom Mossbrucker and Jean-Phillipe Malaty have led the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet company in landmark appearances at the famed Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, the Kennedy Center and the Joyce Theater in New York City.

Single tickets for Aspen Santa Fe Ballet *The Nutcracker*, as well as all of Omaha Performing Arts' 2011-2012 Season, can be purchased through Ticket Omaha online at www.TicketOmaha.com, by phone

at 402.345.0606 or in person at the Ticket Omaha office inside the Holland Center, 13th and Douglas streets.

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Core to its mission, Omaha Performing Arts manages two landmark venues, the Holland Performing Arts Center and the Orpheum Theater – the former, which includes the acoustically acclaimed Kiewit Concert Hall and Scott Recital Hall and the latter, which includes Slosburg Hall, a proscenium theater. Omaha Performing Arts also provides comprehensive ticketing services for cultural and performing arts within the region through Ticket Omaha (www.TicketOmaha.com)

Omaha Performing Arts' performances are supported in part by the Nebraska Arts Council, Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the Mid-America Arts Alliance, National Endowment for the Arts, the City of Omaha and the Douglas County Visitor Improvement Fund. For more information on Omaha Performing Arts visit www.OmahaPerformingArts.org.