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OMAHA PERFORMING ARTS AND THE ROSE THEATER ANNOUNCE AUDITIONS FOR ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET'S *THE NUTCRACKER*

Open Auditions for Children's Roles to Take Place in October

OMAHA, NEBRASKA – August 4, 2010 -- Auditions for 60 children's roles in this December's production of *The Nutcracker* will be held Friday, October 8 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, NE. More than 100 youth are expected to be cast in the production as some roles will be double cast.

Rehearsals will begin on Saturday and Sunday, October 9 and 10. Students who are cast in *The Nutcracker* must be available for rehearsals beginning Saturday, October 9; and the school shows and public performances, December 3 through December 5. Auditions are open to the entire community and all interested dancers are encouraged to attend.

Information regarding the auditions can be found at www.balletnebraska.org. Those wishing to audition must pre-register by calling The Rose Theater, 402-345-4849.

Audition schedules, which are subject to change, are:

- 4:00 p.m. -- 4:45 p.m.: All dancers, ages 5 to 7 (bees and blocks)
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Boys, dancers and actors, ages 7 to 13 (party boys/Fritz)
- 5:00 p.m. -- 6:30 p.m. Girls, dancers and actors, ages 11 to 14 (party girls/Clara/mice)
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. All dancers, ages 7 to 10 (candy canes)
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.: All dancers and actors, ages 14 and up (Clara/soldiers, dragons, extras)
- 9:00 p.m. Casting posted/emailed to families

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This year's *Nutcracker* performance is collaboration between Omaha Performing Arts and The Rose Theater. Together they will present the internationally recognized, critically acclaimed Aspen Santa Fe Ballet's *The Nutcracker* at the Orpheum Theater, Friday, December 3 through Sunday, December 5, 2010.

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet's Executive Director Jean-Phillipe Malaty will be in Omaha for the auditions. Ballet Nebraska will manage rehearsals and help prepare the local participants for the production. Additional information on the auditions and rehearsal schedule can be found at www.balletnebraska.org/home/nutcrackerinfo/ or by calling The Rose Theater, 402-345-4849.

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. Aspen Santa Fe Ballet last performed at the Orpheum Theater as part of the Omaha Performing Arts *Presents* season in spring 2009.

Tickets are on sale to Omaha Performing Arts subscribers and The Rose Theater members during the 2010-2011 season drive. Single tickets will be available for purchase beginning Monday, August 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. with ticket prices beginning at \$25.

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Omaha Performing Arts

Omaha Performing Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing world-class performances to the Omaha metropolitan area. Omaha Performing Arts' commitment to the arts extends into its own series, Omaha Performing Arts *Presents*, and includes a partnership with Broadway Across America to bring the finest in touring Broadway productions to Omaha, as well as education and community involvement programs that help ensure the arts have a far-reaching impact.

The organization manages two landmark venues, the Holland Performing Arts Center and the Orpheum Theater. Omaha Performing Arts also provides comprehensive ticketing services for cultural and performing arts within the region through Ticket Omaha.

Omaha Performing Arts, 1200 Douglas Street, Omaha, NE (402) 345-0202
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The Rose

The mission of The Rose is to enrich the lives of young people and their families through live theater and arts education. As one of the largest professional children's theater in the nation, The Rose reaches over 700,000 people annually with its programs in Omaha and on National Tour. The latter is one of the largest tours in the country, with productions touring to more than 65 venues in 25 states each year. The Rose has been a recipient of some of the highest awards in the field of dramatic arts, including the Sarah Spencer Artistic Achievement Award and the Nebraska Governor's Outstanding Artistic Organization Award. The company claims a long and distinguished list of Guest Artists and Collaborators that include Tony®-Award, Academy-Award and New York Drama Desk Award-winning artists.

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