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## **PENNSYLVANIA BALLET HOSTS 'NUTCRACKER MAGIC' CHILDREN'S PARTY**

**Friday, December 11, 2009 at 5 p.m. at the Academy of Music**

Philadelphia, PA (December 8, 2009) – More than 300 children and their parents will don their finest holiday attire for Pennsylvania Ballet's annual **Nutcracker Magic** benefit on Friday, December 11 at the Academy of Music at 5 p.m. This glorious yuletide soirée has become a family tradition over the past 22 years. It's a party with a purpose: proceeds from the event directly benefit Pennsylvania Ballet's outreach and education efforts.

**Nutcracker Magic** is a holiday fantasyland for the young and the young-at-heart. Guests will be charmed by magicians, costumed characters, stilt-walkers, face-painters, and even the Mouse King himself! They'll enjoy fun crafts, entertainment, and a delicious meal. Event co-chairs Alicia Bonner, Debbie Lee, Jackie Simms, and Suzanne Zelov have planned a truly magical evening. After food and festivities in the stunning Academy of Music lobby and ballroom, guests will enter the theater for their own private performance of *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker* at 7 p.m.

Ticket prices for Nutcracker Magic range from \$150 - \$250 for children and adults. Tickets to the private performance only are \$85. For more ticket information, call Special Events Manager Barbara Vogdes at 215.587.6916.

Pennsylvania Ballet will captivate audiences with 24 performances of *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker* at the Academy of Music, December 12-31. Tickets can be purchased at [paballet.org](http://paballet.org) or by calling 215.893.1999. Groups of 10 or more can purchase discounted tickets by calling 215.587.6921.

Founded in 1963 by Balanchine student Barbara Weisberger, **Pennsylvania Ballet** is one of the nation's leading ballet companies. Headquartered in Philadelphia, the Company's annual local season features six productions of classic favorites and new works, including the Philadelphia holiday tradition, *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*. For more information, call 215.551.7000 or visit [paballet.org](http://paballet.org).

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