

# PENNSYLVANIA BALLET

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## **Pennsylvania Ballet Presents its First-Ever Nutcracker Market**

*This gift fair features retailers and craft merchants offering an array of specialty items.*

Philadelphia, PA (November 13, 2013) –Pennsylvania Ballet starts a new tradition with Nutcracker Market, its first-ever holiday gift fair at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, with a ticketed Preview Party on Friday, December 6, and open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8. This festive holiday market – a fundraiser for Pennsylvania Ballet and The School of Pennsylvania Ballet – will feature 50 select exhibitors offering a variety of gifts and hand crafted works such as, jewelry, wearable fiber, home décor, glassworks, gourmet food, photography, and dance-inspired pieces. A few of the crafters include: Jerry Bennet’s [Two Rivers Pottery](#), [Patrick Michael’s Accessories](#), Sharon Schwartz’s [Of Times Gone By Antiques](#), [The Chocolate Clinic and Artisanal Cheese](#), [Deborah Johnson Art](#), and Pennsylvania Ballet dancer Holly Lynn Fusco’s [Fusco Knitwear](#).

“We are thrilled to bring Pennsylvania Ballet’s first Nutcracker Market to the Kimmel Center and hope to launch the beginning of a new Philadelphia holiday tradition for years to come,” said Michael Scolamiero, Executive Director of Pennsylvania Ballet. “*George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker™* puts everyone in the holiday spirit, and now Nutcracker Market extends that spirits to residents, tourists, and ballet followers all looking to enjoy a hot drink, unique entertainment, and browse for the perfect holiday gift. And the best part: it all benefits one of the finest ballet companies in America and its affiliated school.”

The Market will feature daily activities like the Greater Philadelphia Paper Pholders Origami workshops, raffles, visits from the characters of *George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker™*, a Land of Sweets candy shop, and daily performances on the Community Stage by area school and arts

groups including The Lady Hoofers (rhythm tap), Divine Praise (gospel singers), Shades of Green (Irish Dancers), and Three Akshas (Classical Indian Dance Ensemble). In addition, purchase your apartment, studio, or loft size holiday tree, from 6" to 6' from Terrain at Styers: they're bringing an old fashioned tree sale right on Broad Street!

Special treats for all will be offered by Garces Catering. The Nutcracker Market Café will serve Nutcracker Nosh, a three-tiered stand of breakfast breads, bocadillo sandwiches, and desserts. Specialty seasonal beverages, both adult and non-alcoholic, also will be available, including the Sugar Plum Fairy Cocktail, Candy Cane Hot chocolate, and Nutty Nutcracker Coffee Drink.

Additionally, Jessica Mogardo, Garces Group's pastry chef who has appeared on shows such as Chopped, Chopped Champions, and Sweet Genius, will host two "Build a Gingerbread House" workshops for children on Saturday from 11am-2pm and Sunday from 2pm-4pm. For \$25, each child will receive a gingerbread house kit and then be taught to build it! Café and Workshop reservations can be made at 215.670.2330.

Join Pennsylvania Ballet for a ticketed Preview Party on Friday, December 6, 6–8pm to experience Nutcracker Market before it opens free to the public on December 7 (10am-8pm) and December 8 (10am-5pm). This event gives attendees the opportunity to be the first to shop at the Market, enjoy holiday fare and specialty cocktails from Garces Catering, and be entered to win items from the Market vendors.

To register for Preview Party tickets (\$100) and for more information about Nutcracker Market, please visit <http://www.paballet.org/nutmarket>. Or to see the full listing of craft merchants visit <http://paballet.org/nutmarket>

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### **About the Nutcracker Market**

Pennsylvania Ballet presents its first **Nutcracker Market** at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia Friday, December 6 through Sunday, December 8. The Market features 50 select exhibitors offering a variety of gifts and hand crafted works such as: ornaments, jewelry, photography and dance-inspired pieces. The entire family can enjoy the Market with daily activities, performances, raffles, holiday fare from Garces Catering, and visits from the characters of Pennsylvania Ballet's performance of *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker™*.

### **About Pennsylvania Ballet**

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