

Southwest Virginia Ballet

Pedro Szalay, Artistic Director



The Nutcracker

2010

Southwest Virginia Ballet

A Message from the Artistic Director

5,6,7,8...READY, GO, LET IT SNOW!

It is already our 14th year bringing you the tradition of the Nutcracker!

We feel so lucky to bring you a renewed snow scene this year with all new costumes and headpieces. As you watch the beautiful young ladies bring the choreography of snow to life, also imagine the countless hours of volunteers sewing seams and wiring crystals! I especially thank Elizabeth Long for these stunning costumes.

I dedicate this Nutcracker season to all my dancers; they are my inspiration, sons and daughters, my very breath. I take a bow to them. Also, I bow to our board of directors for creative action, to the parents for all the hours and miles of driving and waiting (especially the ones who also take up a needle, glue gun, etc.) and the extras for all the time to put this production together. It is unimagined how many hours are volunteered! My production crew also receives a large portion of my soul, as they believe in my visions.

And finally, I dedicate this 14th year to you the audience. All would be in vain without your being here to fill the seats. The ticket sales in this season are a large portion of our ability to educate these beautiful talents for the remainder of the year. Thank you for the opportunity to let all of our talents burst into life during this glowing season. I hope you will also do the same in April when we bring to you an extravagant production of Cinderella! The color, sparkles, grand sets, comedy, and talent will astound the child in you.

Now, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season of giving and gratitude.

Peace and Love,
Pedro Szalay, artistic director

"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." Mother Teresa

Southwest Virginia Ballet

Southwest Virginia Ballet (SVB) is dedicated to teaching professional quality dance to the youth of southwest Virginia and to providing full length productions of varied repertoire including classical ballet, contemporary and modern works. Company membership currently includes forty-two dancers, ages ten to eighteen years. Dancers receive their primary instruction from studios across the region and come together on weekends with SVB to learn advanced dance techniques and to rehearse for performances.

Through educational programs, free pre-professional training for talented youth, and live performances, Southwest Virginia Ballet gives dancers and the community many opportunities to experience the best of performing arts.

We would like to extend a special “Thank You” to the dance schools with students in *The Nutcracker*.

- ✦ Ardell Stone
- ✦ Blue Ridge Performing Arts
- ✦ The Center of Dance, Blacksburg
- ✦ The Dance Studio, Collinsville
- ✦ Divine Dance Studio
- ✦ Dance Centre of SW Virginia
- ✦ Floyd Ward
- ✦ Forest Dance Academy
- ✦ Franchesca’s School of Dance
- ✦ LeAnn Ashley
- ✦ Lexington School of Dance
- ✦ Linda Watkins
- ✦ New Castle School of Dance
- ✦ Roanoke Ballet Theater
- ✦ Roanoke College
- ✦ Studio 45
- ✦ Valley Dance Productions

By working together and investing in our children, we can all look forward to a future filled with creativity and new inspirations. Thank you for supporting the productions of Southwest Virginia Ballet.



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Presents

THE NUTCRACKER

Music	Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Choreography	Pedro Szalay after Terri Post and Elie Lazar
Lighting Designer	Dirk Kuyk
Stage Manager	Jon Dorsey
Scenery & Props	Donated by Terri Post, founding artistic director of SVB
Snow Scenery	Daniel Nyiri
Land of Sweets	John Sailer
Tree Design	Mark Shephard, Signature 9 Galleries

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THE NUTCRACKER

ACT I

Scene 1 A Christmas Party

Frau Silberhaus:	Rebecca Weger
Judge Silberhaus:	David Beidler
Maids:	Jane Chadwick*, Jessie Cutts**, Katie Sirry*, Nialah Wilson**
Grandmother:	Shelby Bingham
Grandfather:	Tom Honer
Mothers:	Catherine Cannon, Deborah Carroll**, Katy Fulton, Tamara Mills*, Cristina Siegel*, Dedria Tuck**, Abigail Williams**, Janine Willis*
Fathers:	Rick Butler, Brian Canfield, David Daigle*, Matt Fulton, Luke Furry**, Robb Miller**, Mark Shepherd*
Clara:	Sarah Francisco**, Maria Jessee*
Fritz:	Dannie Brizendine**, Nathan Nguyen*
Party Children:	Kinsey Arnold**, Kelly Bennett*, Dannie Brizendine*, Grace Canfield*, Rebekah Cohen**, Ashton Fulton, Avery Fulton, Isabella Fulton*, David Gepitulan**, Mari Hooper**, Jordan Keith**, Tyler Muddiman, Katie Munson*, Nathan Nguyen**, Emily Parnell*, Sailer Perkins**, Keena Shang*, Wesley Smith*, Moss Straton, Alexandra Vail**
Tree Angel:	Sarah Francisco*, Maria Jessee**
Drosselmeyer:	Larry Van Deventer
Columbine:	Caitlyn King**, Tiffany Lawson*
Harlequin:	Clayton Willis
Toy Soldier:	Molly Cook*, Sydney Vaughan**

** Saturday Performance * Sunday Performance

Scene 2 The Transformation and Battle

Mouse King: Dannie Brizendine

Little Prince Mouse: Sabrina Borneff**, Adele Skinner*

Little Mice: Mary Chadwick*, Olivia Coates**, Kate Debord**,
Triff H'Doubler*, Abbey Ingram*, Gabrielle Justice*,
Caitlynn Knighton*, Hannah Mandell**,
Nellie Philpott**, Olivia Scott**, Olivia Thomas**,
Cienna Thompson**, Kayla Turner*, Emily Woods*

Mice: Brynn Austin, Charlotte Deforest*, Tylicia Glenn,
Emma Hawkins, Megan Lee**, Sailer Perkins*,
Casey Robertson, Kerri Smith*, Jordan Tuck**,
Jane Ward**, Nialah Wilson**, Emily Wright*

Toys: *Nurse Doll:* Kerighan Farrell**, Grace Frank-Rempel*
Spanish Doll: Elise Candelario**, Maria Skinner*
French Doll: Lily Blackshaw**, Rebekah Munsey*
Chinese Doll: Haley Vaughn**, Jane Ward*
Teddy Bear: Sabrina Borneff*, Tatiyanna Glenn**

Soldiers: Guard: Joshua Mandell**, Wesley Smith*
Rabbit: Sidney Deitrich**, Billy Hackworth*

Karsen Austin**, Olivia Beidler**, Gemma
Blackshaw**, Reagan Brandt**, Chloe Cannon,
Cate Duckwall*, Trista Glenn**, Faith Hackworth*,
Ainsley Harrah*, Triff H'Doubler**, Cameron
Hildebrand**, Madeline Hippeard**, Aubrey
Hodges*, Jenna Lambert*, Jaren Lowery**,
Mia Martini*, Natalie Mitchell**, Emmeline Nguyen,
Nellie Philpott*, Rachel Riley**, Georgia Robinson*,
Alexandra Saunders*, Grace Snyder*, Kayla
Turner**, Reyna Vasquez-Miller*, Megan Withers*

Nutcracker: John Canfield

Scene 3 Kingdom of Snow

Nutcracker Prince: John Canfield

Snow Queen: Sara Catherine Bingham*, Molly Cook**

Snow Flakes: Camille Adkins, Amber Beidler, Sara Catherine
Bingham**, Kathryn Butler, Molly Cook*,
Johanna Crick, Darby Fleming, Sarah Francisco*,
Tiffany Fridley, Bria Gepitulan, Maria Jessee**,
Meredith Kelderhouse, Caitlyn King*,
Tiffany Lawson**, Jaclyn Padgett, Macy Phillips,
Marie Pryor, Nancy Simpson, Sydney Vaughan

Reindeer: Halley Cupp**, Anna Edwards*, Scarlett Fulton*,
Sienna Harrah*, Julia H'Doubler*, Laura Anne Kay**,
Emerson Kniola**, Remy Lusk*, Haley Lynch**,
Hunter Muddiman**, Kallie Parrish*, Liza Roth**

Intermission – 15 minutes

Refreshments, flowers and gifts in the atrium. All proceeds from the boutique tables are used to fund performance costumes and dancer apparel. Thank you for your generosity!

ACT II

The Land of Sweets

Little Angels:	Karsen Austin**, Gemma Blackshaw**, Chloe Kirk Cannon*, Halley Cupp*, Sydney Deitrich*, Anna Edwards**, Abigail Hippeard**, Madeline Hippeard**, Emerson Giovanna Kniola*, Jaren Elise Lowery**, Haley Chey Lynch*, Mia Martini**, Lexi Nussbaum*, Kallie Parrish**, Mikayla Ray**, Rachel Riley**, Liza Roth*, Mary Fowler Sharp*, Lilly Skinner*, Grace Snyder*
Big Angels:	Brynn Austin, Charlotte Deforest, Tatiyanna Glenn, Tylicia Glenn, Rebekah Munsey*, Casey Robertson, Kerri Smith, Jordan Tuck**, Emily Wright
Pages:	Ashton Fulton, Avery Fulton, David Gepitulan**, Joshua Mandell**, Tyler Muddiman*, Moss Stratton*
Sugar Plum Fairy:	Courtney Hood
Confectioners:	Lily Blackshaw*, Elise Candelario**, Bree Davis*, Kerighan Farrell, Sarah Riley**, Maria Skinner*, Haley Britt Vaughn**
Chocolate:	Marie Pryor**, Sydney Vaughan*
Coffee:	Bria Gepitulan*, Sydney Vaughan**
Handmaidens:	Sara Beth Bukowski*, Lauren Butler*, Jessie Cutts*, Emma Hawkins*, Megan Lee**, Sailer Perkins**, Katie Sirry**, Nialah Wilson**
Tea:	Kathryn Butler*, Johanna Crick*, Tiffany Fridley**, Meredith Kelderhouse**, Caitlyn King**, Nancy Simpson*
Marzipan:	Molly Cook**, Darby Fleming**, Sarah Francisco*, Meredith Kelderhouse*, Caitlyn King*, Tiffany Lawson**

** Saturday Performance

* Sunday Performance

Petite Marzipan: Amber Beidler*, Johanna Crick**, Tiffany Fridley*,
Isabella Fulton**, Katie Munson*, Jaclyn Padgett*,
Macy Phillips**, Nancy Simpson**

Mother Ginger: Matt Fulton

Gingerbread Children: Sabrina Borneff*, Mary Chadwick**, Olivia Coates*,
Kate DeBord*, Grace Frank-Rempel, Abbey
Ingram**, Gabrielle Justice**, Caitlynn Knighton**,
Hannah Mandell*, Emmeline Nguyen, Olivia Scott*,
Adele Skinner**, Olivia Thomas*, Emily Woods**

Licorice: Ana Maria Barrios, Emily Bell, Dannie Briezendine,
Lauren Butler, Rebekah Cohen, Nathan Nguyen,
Maria Parnell, Sailer Perkins, Clayton Willis

Waltz of the Flowers

Dew Drop: Sara Catherine Bingham**, Marie Pryor*

Leaves: Kinsey Arnold, Grace Canfield, Isabella Fulton*,
Mari Hooper, Katie Munson**, Mikayla Palmer,
Emily Parnell, Keeley Slaughter, Alexandra Vail

Sugared Violets: Camille Adkins, Amber Beidler**, Molly Cook*,
Darby Fleming*, Bria Gepitulan**, Maria Jessee**,
Tiffany Lawson*

Candied Roses: Kelly Bennett, Sara Catherine Bingham*,
Kathryn Butler**, Jane Chadwick, Jessie Cutts**,
Jordan Keith, Keena Shang, Katie Sirry*,
Jaclyn Padgett**, Macy Phillips*, Gemma Porras

GRAND PAS DE DEUX: Courtney Hood, William Fonnegra

Finale and Apotheosis: Ensemble

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Pedro Szalay was born to Hungarian parents and is a native of La Guaira, Venezuela where he

started dancing in a local school. He received a scholarship for Ballet Nacional de Caracas School and was later promoted to a company dancer for the National Ballet of Caracas. There he danced many of Nebrada's choreographed pieces. Later he traveled to New York City to be coached by Madame Darvish and performed with New York Dance Theatre. Szalay was a company dancer with the Richmond Ballet from 1996 to 2006 where he danced pieces from Stevenson, Orff, Canaporoli, Wainrot, Lang, Burn, Balanchine, Soleau, Winslett, and many others.

He has also been a guest performer with the Latin Ballet of Virginia. He served as a coach, choreographer for the School of Richmond Ballet and other local ballet schools.

Szalay was artistic advisor for Chesterfield Ballet School. He has been a guest teacher throughout South Carolina as

well as in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and in Lynchburg at Virginia School of the Arts. Szalay was a coach for the Wheel Chair Miss Richmond and he choreographed the Miss Richmond pageant in 2002-2003. He has been with the Minds in Motion program of the Richmond Ballet since 2003. Since 2006 he had been instructing the *Minds in Motion* program in Martinsville, Virginia. Mr.Szalay taught ballet at Washington and Lee University. Szalay choreographed for Flournoy Playwright Festival in the masterpiece, *The Long Christmas Ride Home*. As of January 2007, Szalay became Artistic director of Southwest Virginia Ballet in the Roanoke Valley. In September 2007, he started the Minds in Motion program in the City of Roanoke. In 2008, Pedro received the Presidential Citation for Outstanding Educator by the Governor's School for Humanities and Visual Performing Arts. In 2009 he was honored to receive the 2009 Perry F. Kendig Performing Artist Award from the Arts Council Of the Blue Ridge.

BALLET MISTRESS



Rebecca Weger began dancing at a very young age and was trained all over North Carolina, South Carolina and

many areas of Virginia. During high school she trained with Dr. Susan Muterspaugh of Bridgewater, Va. Her dance and scholastic studies then carried her to Point Park University in Pittsburgh, PA. There she studied on both dance and academic scholarships and graduated, Magna cum Laude, with a B.A. in Dance. In college she had the opportunity to study many dance styles and techniques such as ballet, jazz, modern, tap, character and folk, as well as dance choreography and dance history. During her career she has worked with many

esteemed teachers and choreographers such as Mary Marshall, Robert Cook, Alan Himeline, Mark Diamond, Gabriel Otevril and Elie Lazar. They have given her many opportunities for performing corps de ballet and solo works, most notably Aurora in *Sleeping Beauty*.

Ms. Weger has taught at the Myles Reif Performing Arts Center in Grand Rapids, Mn. and at local Roanoke, Va. area schools. She has her Pilates Method of fitness training certification through FiTOUR and has taught for Roanoke College in Salem, Va. Currently she is teaching for the Dance Centre of Southwest Virginia in Salem, VA, for Minds in Motion as an instructor in Roanoke and Martinsville, Va, and for the Southwest Virginia Ballet as Ballet Mistress in Roanoke, Va.



GUEST ARTIST



David Fonnegra was born in Venezuela and was a principal dancer for the Ballet de Caracas directed by the legendary choreographer,

Vincente Nebrada. After seeing him perform on tour, Mr. Fonnegra was invited by Edward Villella to join the Miami City Ballet. During his tenure, he appeared in principal roles in ballets such as *Romeo and Juliet* and *Don Quixote*. Mr. Fonnegra joined State Street Ballet in Santa Barbara for their

2002-03 Season and appeared in principal roles in *Taming of the Shrew*, *Hollywood Nutcracker*, and *Romeo and Juliet*. Since joining Diablo Ballet in 2004, Mr. Fonnegra has been featured in George Balanchine's *Who Cares* and the Pas de Deux from *Stars and Stripes*, KT Nelson's *Walk Before Talk*, *They've Lost Their Footing*, *The Petites*, *The Escaping Game* and the West Coast Couple in Lynn Taylor-Corbett's Broadway Award Winning *Swing*.

GUEST ARTIST



Larry Van Deventer

Larry is happy to be on stage again with his favorite dance company, Southwest Virginia Ballet. Larry has performed with

SVB in their production of *Dracula*, played the role of Dr. Coppelius in *Coppelia* and is probably best known for his portrayal of Herr Dresselmeyer in SVB's annual production of *The Nutcracker*, which since 1996 he believes to be his favorite gift for Christmas year after year!

Since 1994 Larry has served as the director of the theatre arts department at William Fleming High School and is proud to be the founder of The Colonel's Theatre Company. Larry has been awarded the regional theatre teacher of the year, nominated for

The Disney Teacher of the year, and has had his theatre department nominated twice for the top theatre school in Virginia for The American Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. Larry has directed many plays and among his favorites are *The Wiz*, *Playing for Time*, *The Boys Next Door*, *Rags*, *Aida*, and the original *Enigma* performance art series he co-wrote and directed with friends, Jimmy and Liza Deck.

Larry is also very proud to be the co-founder along with friend Dan Keeley of a new community theatre company, Logos Theatrics, where he just finished directing an encore performance of Stephen Schwarz's *Children of Eden* at The Jefferson Center. Larry credits his wife, children, students and God as being his inspiration through his years.

NUTCRACKER PRODUCTION STAFF



Production Coordinator	Sue Munson
Volunteer Coordinator	Lenore Willis
Costume Mistress ...	Elizabeth Long
“Snow” ...	Elizabeth Long
“Harlequin” ...	Karen Kalbfleisch
“Tea” & “Clara” ...	Candace Canfield
“Columbine” ...	Denise Fleming
Costumes ...	Becky Bennett, Beth Chapman, Jan Cohen, Jenny Cook, Denise Fleming, Carol Jessee, Nancy Kelderhouse, Mark Shephard, Pedro Szalay and many friends of the ballet.
Hair Coordinator ...	Linda Padgett
Makeup Coordinator ...	Allison Vaughan
Boutique/Backstage ...	Shelby Bingham, Carol Jessee, Denise Fleming
Flowers ...	Jenny Cook
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Junior Company Dancers:

Kinsey Brianna Arnold, Ana Maria Barrios, Emily Bell, Kelly Bennett, Grace Canfield, Rebekah Cohen, Grace Frank-Rempel, Bella Fulton, Mari Hooper, Jordan-Elizabeth Keith, Katie Munson, Nathan Nguyen, Emily Parnell, Maria Parnell, Sailer Perkins, Keena Shang, Callaway Turner, Alexandra Vail



Prague Festival of Dance XV

Southwest Virginia Ballet is scheduled to perform in the New Prague Dance Festival and Competition in July, 2011. Hundreds of private schools and dance studios from all over the world will compete. This event will mark the first international travel for SVB, offering new and unique experiences for the pre-professional troupe of dancers.

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