

SHOW ANNOUNCE

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THE NUTCRACKER

A CANADIAN TRADITION

HAMILTON PLACE

DECEMBER 10, 2016

TICKETS ON-SALE THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH AT 10AM!

(Hamilton, ON) – Spectra Venue Management, facility managers for Core Entertainment are pleased to announce that **Canada's Ballet Jörgen** will be returning to Hamilton with **The Nutcracker, A Canadian Tradition** for a matinee at Hamilton Place on **Saturday, December 10, 2016**.

Tickets for **The Nutcracker** go on-sale **Thursday, June 30th at 10am**. Tickets can be purchased online at www.CoreEntertainment.ca, by telephone at **1 855 872 5000** or in person at the Dan Lawrie Insurance Box Office at FirstOntario Centre.

Holiday magic is made year after year by Canada's Ballet Jörgen's traditional treasure *The Nutcracker: a Canadian Tradition*. Created by acclaimed choreographer and Artistic Director Bengt Jörgen to Tchaikovsky's well-loved score, this delightful classic is a favourite that brings magic to the holidays.

Born from a collaboration with Kleinburg's worldrenowned McMichael Canadian Art Collection, and with well over 100 costumes in richly coloured fabrics, *The Nutcracker, A Canadian Tradition* brings out the magic of Canada. 20th Century landscapes make up the stunning 30-foot backdrops, including Franklin Carmichael's Church and Houses at Bisset (1931), Tom Thompson's Snow in the Woods (1916), and L.L. Fitzgerald's Trees and Wildflowers (1922). This is a beautiful Canadian work, and audiences are taken on Klara's familiar, magical dream journey as she arrives in Canada and experiences winter landscapes filled with snowflakes, lumberjacks, Mounties, and creatures of the woods.

This celebration of the wonder of the season is based on the popular traditional story The Nutcracker and the King of Mice by E.T.A. Hoffman, enjoyed by audiences for years. The ballet's second act is remembered for its celebration of varied dances, and our charming divertissements of raccoons, loons, dragonflies, and bears demonstrate Klara's longing for the summer months as she travels excitedly through her dreams. The iconic, show-stopping pas-de-deux in the final act is lovingly danced by Lord and Lady Birch as they usher Klara safely home at the end of the adventure.

Canada's Ballet Jörgen's Nutcracker is destined to become a national treasure that will warm the hearts of young and old alike. It is a holiday tradition that has showcased the magic of the season for years. Rediscover the joy of dance with the show that audiences flock back to again and again: *The Nutcracker, A Canadian Tradition*.

About Canada's Ballet Jörgen

Canada's Ballet Jörgen builds communities across Canada through the shared experience of professional ballet. Reaching every province with over 600 events annually, we ensure communities large and small, urban and rural have access to a ballet experience that is recognized for its innovation, warmth and beauty. Inspiring and connecting with Canadians for over 25

years, Canada's Ballet Jörgen makes ballet and Canadian choreography a meaningful part of Canadians' lives through performance, education, and community engagement.

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