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The Georgia Ballet Presents the 50th Anniversary Season

THE *Nutcracker*

MARIETTA, GEORGIA - The Georgia Ballet will fill your heart with glee this holiday season with their production of *The Nutcracker* December 4th-6th at the Jennie T. Anderson Theatre at the Cobb Civic Center in Marietta, GA. This colorful production will brighten your spirits and send you on a memorable journey with Clara and her Nutcracker.

The Nutcracker features original choreography by Iris Hensley, the founder of The Georgia Ballet which is now celebrating its 50th anniversary. This delightful performance will have you hypnotized with all of the dancing snowflakes, angels and the energetic holiday music that we all know and love. This holiday favorite is the perfect gift for all ages, and remains a timeless tradition.

The Georgia Ballet will hold performances of *The Nutcracker* on Friday December 4th at 7:30, Saturday, December 5th at 2 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:30. Performances continue on Sunday with a matinee at 1:30 p.m. All of these performances will be held at the Jennie T. Anderson Theatre at the Cobb Civic Center in Marietta. Join us on the stage after the Saturday matinee for a dance class like no other: *Mrs. Claus Teaches Ballet!* Bring your little ones to spin like snowflakes and march like toy soldiers with Mrs. Santa Claus. This event is free with admission, but reservations are required.

In addition to *The Nutcracker*, The Georgia Ballet will help raise money for families in need by hosting *A Dancing Duet: An Evening in Support of Dance and Families* with The Center for Family Resources. The event is a momentous collaboration based around The Georgia Ballet's annual production of *The Nutcracker*. The evening will begin with a special performance of *The Nutcracker* on Sunday, December 6th at 5:30 p.m., followed by a reception for select ticket holders. The event co-chairs are Robin Moore, Board Member of The Georgia Ballet and Naomi Smith, Board Member of The Center for Family Resources.

For this one special performance only, The Georgia Ballet will have guest appearances by several local celebrities making their dancing debut. They include: CNN Newsroom Anchor Tony Harris, President of Southern Polytechnic State University Dr. Lisa Rossbacher, Cobb County Commissioner Tim Lee, renowned chef and author Johnnie Gabriel. All proceeds from the event go to benefit The Georgia Ballet and The Center for Family Resources.

Limited quantity tickets for *A Dancing Duet: An Evening in Support of Dance and Families* will be available for \$50 and \$75. Included in the \$75 *Angel Section* ticket is an invitation to the *Crepes & Champagne* post-performance reception at The Mansour Center immediately following the performance.

To find out about tickets and prices for *The Nutcracker* as well as information about *A Dancing Duet: An Evening in Support of Dance and Families* call The Georgia Ballet office at 770-528-0881 or visit www.georgiaballet.org.

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The Georgia Ballet, comprised of a professional dance company and a dance school, was founded in 1960. The Georgia Ballet's mission is to promote excellence in ballet performance and training, foster an increased public awareness and appreciation for dance, and provide dedicated and talented dancers with the opportunity for advanced level training and professional performance venues.

Founded in 1960, CFR has helped thousands of low-income families with employment, education, and housing services; leadership development programs; mentoring opportunities; and temporary financial and food assistance. Guided by organizational values of Family, Integrity, Results, Service and Teamwork, the staff at CFR is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty by helping families acquire the resources they need to become independent and self-sufficient.