

# Alexandra Ballet

*Educating, Elevating, and Enriching  
the Community through the Magic of Dance!*

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## *Enjoy the Magic of The Nutcracker*

Chesterfield Arts presents Alexandra Ballet's *The Nutcracker* as part of their multicultural performance series Arts Alive! at the beautiful Purser Center on the campus of Logan College on Sunday, December 19th at 2:00pm and 6:00pm. Hundreds of families have made Alexandra Ballet's production of this this enchanting fairy-tale part of their annual holiday tradition.

Chesterfield Arts and Alexandra Ballet, both non-profit arts organizations, have collaborated to present *The Nutcracker* for twelve years. Initially, it was a small performance at Chesterfield Mall. The production has expanded over the years to include more dancers with stunning scenery in a lovely theater, yet it continues to retain its original vision of being narrated and condensed - a perfect fit for the whole family.

This charming fairy-tale story is about a young girl, Clara, who receives a magical Nutcracker as a gift from Godfather Drosselmeyer on Christmas Eve. Her Nutcracker comes to life and takes Clara on a enchanting journey. As they travel through the Land of the Snow, Clara and her Nutcracker enjoy frolicking amongst the spectacular flurry of shimmering Snowflakes, led by the exquisite Snow Queen and her Cavalier. Upon arriving at the Kingdom of the Sweet, the lovely Sugar Plum Fairy welcomes them and has a grand celebration in their honor with dances performed by all of her loyal subjects from around the world. This year's performance has a special surprise. As the festivities draw to a close, the Sugar Plum Fairy and Godfather Drosselmeyer grant Clara her greatest Christmas wish and transform her into a beautiful Princess to dance in the arms of her handsome Nutcracker Prince.

Children will be delighted to have the opportunity to meet and have their picture taken with the Sugar Plum Fairy, Clara and Nutcracker after each performance.



Clara (Alexis Mandel)  
admires her magical Nutcracker



Princess Clara and Nutcracker Prince  
(Makensie Howe and Dillon Malinski)  
dance the Grand Pas de Deux

This one hour ballet, narrated by Anne Marie Ruhlin and featuring Tony Award nominated guest Lara Teeter as Godfather Drosselmeyer, reminds us how the holidays are filled with dreams. This wonderful story never grows old and is the perfect opportunity for the entire family to enjoy the beautiful world of ballet. Don't Miss the Magic!

## *The Nutcracker*

*Sunday, December 19, 2010  
2:00pm & 6:00pm*

*Purser Center at Logan College  
1851 Shoettler Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017*

*Tickets: Adults \$15 & Children \$10  
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