



# The Nutcracker

## **Distinguished performers from Pacific Northwest Ballet set to star as Principal Dancers in Goh Ballet's *The Nutcracker***

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Jerome Tisserand and Elizabeth Murphy to take to the stage in one of  
Vancouver's most beloved holiday traditions, December 14 – 19, 2017*

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**Vancouver, B.C.** – Tickets are on sale now through Ticketmaster for Goh Ballet's highly anticipated production of *The Nutcracker*, which is set to return to the stage at The Centre in Vancouver this holiday season for its ninth annual presentation.

This year's production runs from December 14<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> and features Principal Dancers **Jerome Tisserand** and **Elizabeth Murphy** from the **Pacific Northwest Ballet**, who will perform as the Cavalier Prince and the Sugarplum Fairy, respectively, alongside more than two hundred local and international talents.

Chan Hon Goh, Executive Producer of *The Nutcracker* says: *"Thousands of families from across the Lower Mainland have incorporated Goh Ballet's The Nutcracker into their holiday traditions, and we invite you to join us on an enchanting escape with Clara and her beloved Nutcracker, as they embark on a journey to battle the evil Mouse King and his army of mischievous mice through the Land of the Snow, Lemonade Sea, arriving at the Kingdom of the Sugar Plum Fairy."*

The cast will dance to choreography by Emmy award winning dance visionary, Anna-Marie Holmes, as well as musical accompaniment by the Vancouver Opera Orchestra, which will be performing Tchaikovsky's iconic Nutcracker Suite, under the musical direction of Conductor Leslie Dala.

Jerome Tisserand and Elizabeth Murphy say: *"We're incredibly thrilled to come to Vancouver this holiday season to perform as principal dancers in Goh Ballet's The Nutcracker. Across the dance world, Goh Ballet has garnered a reputation as a ballet company that pursues excellence onstage, highlighting the very best of its performers. We are honoured to dance among some of Canada's best talents, to choreography by*

*the incomparable Anna-Marie Holmes, and we look forward to mesmerizing the crowds with a classical rendition of E.T.A. Hoffman's fairytale."*

2017 marks a particularly important year for *The Nutcracker*, as it coincides with Goh Ballet Academy's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the leading performing arts education institution in Vancouver.

Ms. Goh adds: "*Vancouver has been our home for more than 40 years, and we are humbled and proud to be able to provide this incredible city with a Nutcracker production that it can call its own. So many internationally recognized talents have launched their careers performing with Goh Ballet's The Nutcracker and we're excited to introduce audiences to the more than two hundred local and international performers who will take to the stage this holiday season.*"

Goh Ballet's *The Nutcracker* is also proud to welcome back the support of their Production Title Sponsor, De Beers Diamond Jewellers for a second year.

From December 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, *The Nutcracker* will run nightly, with matinee performances on weekends. The performances are sure to sell out, so make sure to purchase your tickets before they're gone, to experience Goh Ballet's beloved, traditional portrayal of this classical masterpiece.

Looking for an extra special experience to treat yourself and gift to loved ones? For the first time this year, **VIP experience packages are available** for purchase, providing attendees with a prime orchestra seat, a collectable program and a Limited Edition autographed show card. What's more, your evening will begin with a Nutcracker cast member ushering you to a pre-show champagne reception and photo opportunity with costumed dancers. Last, the night will conclude with a walk through the Kingdom of the Sugar Plum Fairy up close, as you take part in a post-show private backstage tour and a meet-and-greet with performers on stage.

**Dates and Times of Performances:**

December 14, 15, 18 and 19 at 7:30pm

December 16 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm

December 17 at 3:00pm and 7:30pm,

**Location:**

The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts

777 Homer Street

Vancouver, BC

**For more information and to purchase tickets, visit:** [www.GohNutcracker.com/](http://www.GohNutcracker.com/)

**About Goh Ballet:**

Since 1978, Vancouver, Canada has been home to the Goh Ballet, a vibrant, innovative and diverse dance organization. Under the direction of Chan Hon Goh since 2010, the organization is following the vision of its founders while expanding on current artistic

aspirations. A company that pursues technical and artistic excellence while raising cultural awareness in our communities through performance productions, the Goh Ballet is synonymous with excellence, training talent and fostering the presentation of classical ballet. It provides extraordinary opportunities for dancers to reach their full potential, while contributing to the artistic well being of our city and country. At the forefront of the arts community, Goh Ballet has been invited to perform around the world, including tours to the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, France and the U.S.A.

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