

PRESS RELEASE

Back by popular demand, the Vacaville Ballet Company celebrates its 20th season with the presentation of its original full-length ballet, “Nightmare Before Nutcracker.”

VACAVILLE, CALIF. Sept. 22, 2014 – The Vacaville Ballet Company will present Nightmare Before Nutcracker on Friday, December 12 through Sunday, December 14 at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre, 1010 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville, CA.

Evening performances on Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13 at 7pm and afternoon performances on Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14 at 1pm. Tickets are available at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre box office, open Tues.-Fri. 12pm-6pm. Tickets range from \$15-\$20. Visit www.vacavilleballetcompany.org or www.vpat.net for more information.

The Vacaville Ballet Company presents its original take on the Holiday classic, “The Nutcracker” inspired by Tim Burton’s 1993 cult classic film, “The Nightmare Before Christmas.” Opening night is Friday, December 12th at 7 p.m. at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre. 20th Anniversary celebratory events include an opening night gala Friday, December 12th at 6 p.m. and an Alumni reception Saturday, December 13th following the 7 p.m. performance.

The Vacaville Ballet Company is a non-profit 501(c)3 public benefit educational education that was originally founded in 1994. Over the past 20 years, the Vacaville Ballet Company has maintained a semi-professional company of artists and has given the community the opportunity to experience the grandeur of large productions without the hassles of taking a trip into the big city.

This year’s presentation of “Nightmare Before Nutcracker” marks Vacaville Ballet Company’s 20th holiday production and they would like to invite the Vacaville community and VBC family, past and present, to celebrate. The community is invited to attend an opening night gala, including a champagne toast before first curtain. Alumni from the past 20 years are invited home to celebrate and reminisce. The Vacaville Ballet Company is offering Alumni and their families discounted tickets for the Saturday evening performance, and are invited to stay after the performance for a small reunion reception.

Everyone is invited to join the Queen of Nightmares, performed by Will C. Wood High School junior, Victoria Joyce, and Vacaville Christian High School senior, Katelyn Reid, in her efforts to bring the cordials and delights of the Land of Sweet Dreams to the frightfully spooky Land of Nightmares. She is bored of her dark kingdom filled with vampires, ghosts, and witches and after her visit to the Land of Sweet Dreams, she realizes what her land has been missing: some Christmas cheer.

In the collision of sugars and shadows, The Queen of Sweet Dreams, performed by Armijo High School junior, Grace Baxter, and Vacaville High School junior, Sarah DiMichele, helps the Queen of Nightmares find herself along the journey. The audience will experience all the traditions of a classic Nutcracker in the first act then will see the traditions flipped into an edgier new tradition, complete with a Rat Pack band.

In 2014, the Vacaville Ballet Company established its new home, within the Royal School of Ballet located in Downtown Vacaville. Artistic Director, Cassandra Kamakeeiana, is thrilled to have rehearsed all 73 cast members in this brand new space.