



Footnotes

November 2008

2008-2009 Springfield Ballet Company

Company Dancers

Kathleen Brandt	Paige Martin
Savannah Brunson	Sami McElwee
Catie Butler	Rosa McKenna
Kathleen Carlson	Rachel Miller
Erin Corzine	Luda Olifiruk
Sierra Chapman	Alison Rhoades
Cameron Curran	Tiffany Riech
Devin Dinora	Lauren Schultz
Lindsay DuBois	Lindsey Siders
Kelsi Frost	Lauren Staab
Fumika Furuta	Olivia Stieren
Madison Holcomb	Danielle Swinford
Natalie Klein	Rachel Weitekamp
Meghan Loman	Kristi Wilhelm

SBC Trainees

Lauren Bascio	Olivia Klein
Lucinda Boucher	Abby Martin
Katie Carbonell	Claire Martin
Olivia Carey	Lindsay McElwee
Jaclyn Conway	Genie Melamed
Haley Enlow	Kayla Morton
Kaitlin Fear	Thara Nallamothu
Audra Ferry	Page Nagel
Kacee Hall	Kate Perko
Kendall Heuman	Caragan Phillips
Shelby Holladay	Annie Staley
Madison Hutmacher	Kari Wilhelm
Brianna Klein	Rachel Woerner

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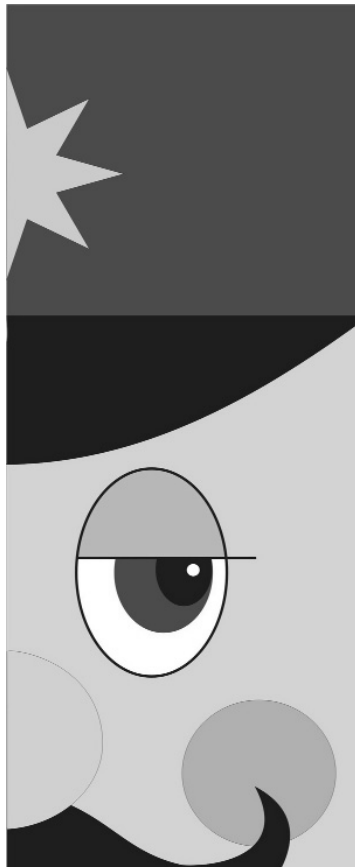
Julie Dunn, *Artistic Director*
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The Nutcracker

December 6, 2008, 2 & 8 p.m.
 December 7, 2008, 2 p.m.

Adults \$25, \$23
 Children, Students \$15

**For ticket information, call the
 Sangamon Auditorium
 ticket office at 217-206-6160.**



Ring in the holiday season with Springfield Ballet Company's production of *The Nutcracker*, sponsored by Carrollton Bank and Solomon Colors. Set to Tchaikovsky's enchanting score, this timeless holiday classic follow Clara and her Prince from a lavish Christmas party to a fierce battle with the evil Mouse King to a magical journey through the Land of Snow and the Kingdom of Sweets.

The production features a cast of more than 120, including local children and adults, company dancer and some incredible guest artists.

Anthony Peyla, dancing the beloved Nutcracker Prince, will partner with

Sierra Chapman as Clara. Company member Meghan Loman dances the delicate and ethereal Sugar Plum Fairy with Washington Ballet's Alvaro Palou as her Cavalier. Todd Kiech and Jeff Lynch will dance as Arabian Coffee and Russian Tea.

The Nutcracker is a beloved, time-honored holiday tradition for families around the world with a story and characters that delight children of all ages. Please bring your family and join us for our annual production of this timeless classic.

Don't delay! Call 217-206-6160 for your tickets today.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT FOR *THE NUTCRACKER*



Solomon Colors was started by the Solomon family in 1927.

Originally involved in underground mining of coal as well as crushing, grinding, and blending various natural minerals such as slate and iron ore, the business eventually shifted to producing mortar and concrete colors for block pavers, patio pavers, and roof tile, as well as those for use in ready mix and precast applications. The company continues today as an employee-owned, family-managed corporation with a 75-year tradition of quality service to the masonry and concrete industry.



Carrollton Bank has operated under the active leadership of the same family since 1877 and is

owned by its employees, so one or more bank owners are always there to serve you. They specialize in developing long-term relationships with mid-sized businesses and area households. Their philosophy is to provide consistently responsive service and great value and the rest will take care of itself. Thomas W. Hough, the bank's current CEO, is the fifth generation of his family to head the bank and his father, who has served the bank and its customers for 69 years, still shows up for work every day.



Worried About Holiday Hassles?

Let the SBC help with your holiday gift giving. *The Nutcracker* is a perfect way to thank your employees and their families during the holiday season. Group discounts are available by calling the Sangamon Auditorium ticket office at 217-206-6160.

For information about giving a gift certificate for an upcoming performance, call the SBC office at 217-544-1967.

Russian National Ballet Company's

Giselle

Special Promotion

See one of the world's finest ballets and show your support for the Springfield Ballet Company!

The Springfield Ballet Company and Sangamon Auditorium at UIS have developed a special promotional opportunity for friends of the Springfield Ballet Company to purchase tickets to Russian National Ballet's *Giselle* at Sangamon Auditorium.

Simply mention the promotional code word "*Springfield Ballet*" when ordering your tickets for *Giselle* and 25% of the ticket price will go to help support the Springfield Ballet Company's operation cost at Sangamon Auditorium.

Russian National Ballet Company's

Giselle

Thursday, January 22, 2009

7:30 p.m.

SBC's *Swan Lake*

March 21 & 22, 2009

2 p.m.

For tickets call 217-206-6160



Men in Tights

On Friday, May 1, *Men in Tights* returns to the Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St. Monies raised will support SBC's educational outreach programs such as Boys & Girls Clubs, Dance in Illinois and SBC's Summer Senior Outreach program.

Audiences and supporters are in for a delightful, yet unique, evening that will feature repertoire performed by SBC dancers, as

well as exactly what the name of the event is - men, (notable, professional men of our community, nonetheless) in tights. Yes, tights.

Each dancer agrees to don a pair of tights so family, friends, co-workers and the community will donate money to the SBC on their behalf. Each dancer has a goal of \$500.

Dancers are still being sought for this wild and crazy evening. If you know someone who is interested in participating, please call Julie Dunn, artistic director at the SBC office, 544-1967.

TuTu Tango - HOLD THE DATE

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 24, 2009**, when the SBC presents **Tu Tu Tango!**, a gala evening with a south of the border flair.

The party kicks off with cocktails, silent auction and tapas, and continues with an exclusive performance by company dancers and special guest stars.

Following the show, enjoy mouth-watering desserts while you bid on a wide-range of exciting silent auction items.

Call the SBC office at 217-544-1967 for more information about **TuTu Tango** or if you are interested in donating auction items.

DO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SEE?

Your generous donations have helped the Springfield Ballet Company thrive in a world where funding for the Arts continues to dwindle. This year, state budget cuts reduced our annual Illinois Arts Council operating grant by two-thirds.

We thank you for your assistance and ask you now to support our dancers. Like other athletes, our dancers require not just a desire to excel, not just endurance and heart, training and inspiration, but some very special support.

Your generosity has made Springfield Ballet Company one of the finest civic ballet companies in Illinois. We appreciate your generosity. The smiles of the dancers will tell you what it feels like to be in their shoes - and to know that YOU put them there.

Send your donations to --
Springfield Ballet Company
420 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL. 62701

For more information, call 217-544-1967 or email at info@springfieldballetco.org

We couldn't do it without you!



Artistic Insights

Dear Friends,

I love this time of year. This year marks my 33rd production of ***The Nutcracker***.

Every year when the weather starts to cool and we play the music for the first rehearsal, you can feel the excitement in the studio as smiles spread across the dancers' faces and memories of past years begin to flow.



Two new guest dancers will join us this year: Alvaro Palou, recently retired from Washington Ballet, will dance the roles of Snow King and Cavalier and Jeff Lynch from Chicago will dance the Russian variation. Tony Payla returns as the Nutcracker Prince and Todd Kiech reprises his role in the Arabian variation.

The Nutcracker is a huge production featuring 75 young community dancers, 30 company members, 20 adult actors and dancers and four guest artists for a total of 129 cast members. These performers along with hundreds of volunteers make *The Nutcracker* a magical holiday treat to share with someone you love.

I am very proud of the cast. Their talent, enthusiasm, determination and incredible work ethic have inspired me. Audiences are constantly amazed at the pose, grace and beauty of the dancers we have here in Springfield. It is truly an honor to work with these exceptional artists.

Sincerely,
Julie Dunn,
Artistic Director

Ballet Bowling a Success

On Sunday afternoon, October 19, 140 bowlers converged on King Pin Lanes in Springfield for the first *Ballet Bowling* event. Thank you to the 27 lane sponsors and John and Debbie Benanti for helping to make this event a success.

Bowlers bowled to the tunes spun by the DJ from ABE-FM and were able to keep up their strength with pizza provided by King Pin and sponsored by Small Business Growth Corp. and CEFCU.

Prizes were given to the lowest and highest scores and the traveling trophy (bowling pin dressed in a lovely tutu) was awarded to the Schippel family. This was such a successful fundraiser and a great day to bowl with friends and family. We're already planning next year's outing at King Pin Lanes.

Thanks for supporting SBC.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008-2009

November 29

Festival of Trees, 11 a.m.
Illinois State Fairgrounds, Orr Building

December 31

First Night Springfield
Hoogland Center for the Arts

2009

January 24

Tu Tu Tango
Hoogland Center for the Arts

March 19

Dance In Illinois
Sangamon Auditorium

March 21, 2 p.m.

March 22, 2 p.m.

Swan Lake
Sangamon Auditorium

May 1, 8 p.m.

Men in Tights
Hoogland Center for the Arts



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