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THE LONGEST-RUNNING NUTCRACKER PRODUCTION IN BREVARD...

29 STAGING YEARS OF FRANK GALVEZ'S "THE NUTCRACKER"

IT COMES TO LIFE FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR 18th CONSECUTIVE YEARS IN BREVARD COUNTY, AND 16TH CONSECUTIVE YEARS AT OUR RESIDENT HOME VENUE THE HCVP

[ROCKLEDGE, FL, SEPTEMBER 2023] — The Galmont Ballet announced this year's 20th Nutcracker, the longest-running annual production in Brevard County. Founders and Artistic Directors Frank Galvez and Lucia Montero will present it with four performances on **Friday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 16, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 17, at 2 p.m.**, at Galmont Ballet's resident performing venue since 2008 The Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse. Tickets are now available to the general public through the theaters box office, and online. "We are thrilled that we will be performing our 20th Nutcracker this December", says Frank Galvez, Artistic Director-Resident Choreographer for Galmont Ballet.

Galmont Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" is a *long-standing holiday tradition and a spark of magic among Nutcrackers*. This brisk, witty production balances classical dance, cozy drama, and theatrical showmanship in all the right proportions. Thrill to dancing Snowflakes, and exotic Bird dancers as a young girl's holiday dream comes to life before your eyes. The beloved holiday ballet tells the timeless tale of a young girl's magical visit to a dreamy *Land of Sweets*, where she encounters fabulous characters from all over the world, rescues the Nutcracker Soldier from the evil Rat King, and is blessed by the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. From the vibrant Spanish Dance to the familiar Waltz of the Flowers, this year, as always, snow will fall in the Land of Snow scene, and little clowns will accompany our Mother Ginger. This ballet is the perfect gift for boys and girls of any age, with its spell-casting loveliness, its humor, and its athletic wonderment.

Frank Galvez created his own version in 1994, based on the book by E.T.A. Hoffmann, set in the United States of America around the 19th century. Galvez's production portrays a beautiful, old-fashioned Victorian Christmas tree, a thrilling battle scene, exquisite costumes and sets including party boys dressed as cowboys, impressive special effects, illusions, and magical tricks. Although it is a very lush production, the values of *The Nutcracker* remain the same, the celebration of family, tradition, and love, so essential to the holiday season. Galvez infused the ballet with a style that expresses the festivity and ambiance of an American Christmas.



"In our 20th consecutive year of presenting this holiday gem, we know the impact that this delightful story has on our community", says Founder-Director Lucia Montero, "In presenting this year's production, we celebrate Frank's vision and the many generations of dancers whom he has inspired."

Stemming from a decade-long partnership with The Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse and the presentation of the longest-running production of The Nutcracker in Brevard County, this merger is the only one in our region and promises to continue creating new and invigorating programs.

What: Galmont Ballet's 20th Anniversary Nutcracker.

When: Friday, December 15 (7:30 PM), Saturday, December 16 (2 PM and 7:30 PM), Sunday, December 17 (2 PM)

Where: The Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse, Galmont Ballet's resident performing venue since 2008

Cost: tickets range from \$23-\$40

More info: Visit www.cocoavillageplayhouse.com, stop by the HCVP Box Office located at 300 Brevard Avenue in Cocoa FL, or call 321-636-5050.

See all our dancers swoop and soar across the beautiful Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse stage in America's favorite holiday event! as we celebrate **16 wonderful years of partnership**. Come and join Galmont Ballet on an enchanting journey through a landscape of dreams. Bring the entire family, it is a wonderfully magical way to spend an evening this Holiday Season! **THE NUTCRACKER** has been a seasonal favorite for families and organizations such as scouting and arts groups. Grandparents are repeat customers introducing their grandchildren to the arts in a child-suitable setting.

Galmont Ballet, Frank Galvez, and Lucia Montero | Founders-Artistic Directors, is a 20-year-old organization dedicated to excite, enrich, and entertain their audiences through an imaginative presentation of quality classical ballet and contemporary dance. Visit their website at www.galmontballet.com ###