

# GALMONT BALLET

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**NUTCRACKER**  
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## PRESS RELEASE



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**GALMONT BALLET'S 2024 NUTCRACKER FEATURES LOCAL ORIGINAL CHOREOGRAPHY,  
TALENTED CHILDREN, AND INTERNATIONAL GUEST ARTISTS**

BELOVED HOLIDAY TRADITION RETURNS TO DELIGHT AUDIENCES OF ALL AGES

**ROCKLEDGE, FL**~Complete with a colossal growing Christmas tree, flurrying snow, mesmerizing magic tricks, 42 performers on stage, stunning lighting design, and over 120 exquisite costumes and sets, Frank Galvez's original production of "The Nutcracker" to P.I. Tchaikovsky timeless music score returns with the Galmont Ballet talented students and international guests artists.

Generations of families celebrate the Christmas season with a special trip to see The Nutcracker ballet, spending time together and creating wonderful holiday memories. Galmont Ballet helps continue that tradition as it presents the much-loved classic for its 21st consecutive year in our community - *the longest-running nutcracker production in Brevard county since 2004*, and 17 consecutive years presented at our home venue the stunning Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse (1920-2024) as its official Resident Ballet company since 2008.

"This glorious production only gets better with time," said Lucia Montero Galmont Ballet's Founder Artistic Director. "Now, 30 years since its debut in South Florida in 1994, the holiday magic of The Nutcracker by Frank Galvez is perhaps more significant than ever, a story of family and adventure. But more than anything, it is an homage to our home venue in its 100th birthday, and we look forward to celebrating another incomparable holiday season."

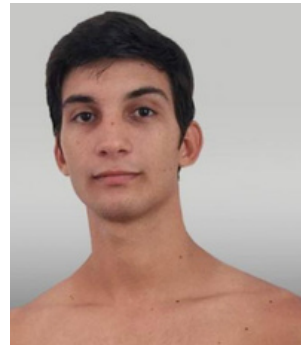
Galmont Ballet students of all ages will present four thrilling performances of the Nutcracker at our home venue The Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 20, and Saturday, December 21, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 21, and Sunday, December 22. Tickets are available through the Playhouse, online at [www.cocoavillageplayhouse.com](http://www.cocoavillageplayhouse.com), by calling (321)636-5050, or at the door. Early purchase is encouraged as the popular ballet always sells out. "I have many fond memories of watching our dancers perform The Nutcracker throughout these 21 years, more than 1000, sharing the stage with bright worldwide known international guest artists", says Frank Galvez, Artistic Director-Resident Choreographer. "What I appreciate most, however, is that year after year, the spectacle and sheer wonderment still feels new, and how the element of surprise I bring yearly impacts our community and it continues to inspire. The Nutcracker has a way of reaching people, a perpetual point of pride and joy for all Brevardians".

“We are thrilled that we will be performing our 21st Nutcracker production this December”, Frank Galvez adds. “It is not the holiday season without the Nutcracker, and this beloved ballet has remained a cornerstone of classical ballet for more than 100 years, our dancers work extremely hard during nutcracker season, and the production is filled with challenging choreography that pushes them every performance. Im very proud of the work our school does, and it is an honor being part of family’s holiday traditions.”

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, a coveted role performed by Galmont Ballet young dancer Victoria Small, whom talent and passion for this beautiful art form have led her to earn such privilege.

## INTERNATIONAL GUESTS ARTIST

**Ariel Morilla as *The Nutcracker Prince*** from La habana, Cuba. Started his ballet training at the age of 10 at the Cuban National Ballet School, then he joined the company in 2008. His repertory includes works from choreographers Uwe Scholz, Ricardo Amarante, Alexie Ratmanský y Ben Stevenson, and has toured internationally to Costa Rica, España, República Dominicana y Puerto Rico. Recently he guest performed at the International Ballet Festival of Miami with the Cuban Classical Ballet company of Miami. Ariel Morilla is currently a member of Dimensions Dance Theater of Miami.



## RELATED EVENT

Clara & Friends Tea Party. Bring your friends and family, adults, children, boys and girls, as we enjoy warm cocoa, special treats, and of course, tea! Meet your favorite characters from Galmont Ballet’s The Nutcracker. **Clara & Friends Tea Party, on Sunday November 3, 2-4pm, The Banyan Estates at 1490 Marie Street, Malabar FL 32950**, will include a short performance by the Galmont Ballet dancers, wonderful photo opportunities, seating for all guests, and the chance to win tickets for a very special prize. \$50 per person. For tickets call [\(321\) 208-7074](tel:3212087074) or email us at [info@galmontballet.com](mailto:info@galmontballet.com).

## Galmont Ballet SEASON CELEBRATION FINALE

Experience the ultimate showcase of talent with Galmont Ballet **Summer Gala 2025 on June 27 & 28, 7:30p at the Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse** as we proudly close the Playhouse 100th birthday celebrations. Join us for a night of stunning performances as Galmont Ballet performs two distinct and unforgettable ballets. Be swept away by the classic tale of “La Bayadère Kingdom of the Shades” to the music of Ludwig Minkus staged by our Director Lucia Montero after Marius Petipa. Fall in love with Frank Galvez’s original “Carmen” based on the opera and set to the music of Georges Bizet. Be awed by the energy and rhythm of Galmont Ballet dancers. This is your chance to witness the beauty and power of dance at its finest. Tickets are available through the Playhouse, online at [www.cocoavillageplayhouse.com](http://www.cocoavillageplayhouse.com), by calling [\(321\)636-5050](tel:3216365050), or at the door. Early purchase is encouraged as the Galmont Ballet shows always sell out.

***Galmont Ballet, Frank Galvez, and Lucia Montero I Founders-Artistic Directors, is a 21-year-old organization dedicated to excite, enrich, and entertain their audiences through an imaginative presentation of quality classical ballet and contemporary dance, and excellence in training. Visit their website at [www.galmontballet.com](http://www.galmontballet.com) ###***