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Galmont Ballet's NUTCRACKER



THE LONGEST RUNNING NUTCRACKER PRODUCTION IN BREVARD...

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

IT COMES TO LIFE FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR 18th CONSECUTIVE YEARS IN BREVARD COUNTY, AND 14TH CONSECUTIVE YEARS AT OUR RESIDENT HOME VENUE THE HCVP

[ROCKLEDGE, FL, AUGUST 2021] — The Galmont Ballet announced this year's 18th 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 17, 2021, at 7:30PM, Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 2PM and 7:30PM, and Sunday, December 19, 2020 at 2PM, at Galmont Ballet's resident performing venue since 2008 The Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse. Tickets now available to the general public through the theaters box office, and online.

"We are thrilled that we will be performing our 18th Nutcracker this December continuing with all protocols necessary for everyone's safety", says Frank Galvez, Artistic Director-Resident Choreographer for Galmont Ballet. "Last year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we felt it was important to continue our annual tradition in such monumental year and to celebrate our annual tradition by implementing masks as well as a smaller cast so that we can perform as safely as possible for our beloved Brevard region audience members. This year we feel blessed as we are able to maintain our tradition".

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 leaping Russians, dancing Snow flakes, and exotic Arabian 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, 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 18th 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 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 18th Anniversary Nutcracker.

When: Friday, December 17 (7:30PM), Saturday, December 18 (2PM and 7:30PM), Sunday, December 19 (2PM)

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

Cost: tickets range \$20-\$32

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 **14 wonderful years 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 costumers introducing their grandchildren to the arts in a child-suitable setting.

Galmont Ballet, Frank Galvez and Lucia Montero | Founders-Artistic Directors, is an 18-years 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

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