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THE SACRAMENTO BALLET ANNOUNCES ITS 2009-2010 SEASON *SEASON 55; UNSTOPPABLE*

Sacramento, CA – We're unstoppable! Strong, stable, sizzling, and of course sexy! The Sacramento Ballet is proud to announce a 2009-2010 season bursting with creativity and innovation. What's new and different? The Sacramento Ballet has rolled back prices... for as little as \$45.00 you can experience three spectacular evenings in the theatre. Eight world premieres, two Sacramento premieres, and the encores of two of Sacramento's all time favorite works make this the best season in a generation.

Capital Choreography Competition

Three world premieres from top talent in the dance world battle for recognition and cash awards. After a distinguished panel of judges pick the winners, the audience selects the "people's choice" by popular vote.

Where: Crest Theatre - 1013 K St, Sacramento, CA 95814-3803

When: October 17 & 24, 2009 - 7:00pm

Tickets: \$25 - \$35

Peter & The Wolf

An interactive afternoon of fun activities with dancers of the Sacramento Ballet including a performance of ***Peter & The Wolf***, the world's most famous children's ballet. A celebrity guest narrates the charming tale choreographed by Ron Cunningham to the delightful music of Sergei Prokofiev. Join Peter, Cat, and Bird as they capture the big bad Wolf and take him to the zoo!

Where: Crest Theatre - 1013 K St, Sacramento, CA 95814-3803

When: October 24, 2009 - 3:00pm

Tickets: \$15 (Child) \$25 (Adult)

Ron Cunningham's *The Nutcracker*

Opening night of ***The Nutcracker*** is the 500th performances of Ron Cunningham's magical rendition of this timeless classic. Be swept away by the beautiful music of Peter Tchaikovsky's music as you visit the enchanted Snowflake Forest and scrumptious Land of the Sweets. All

performances of this beloved tradition are accompanied by the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra.

Where: Community Center Theater – 1301 L St, Sacramento, CA 95814-3803

When: December 10-23, 2009

Tickets: \$15 - \$68

Nutcracker Sweet Sunday

Special Matinee Event:

Enjoy the magic of *The Nutcracker* then join the cast and characters in the lobby for juice and cookies. Walk on stage in the Land of The Sweets, meet and greet the dancers and take your picture with The Sugar Plum Fairy and other characters from the ballet! Appropriate for all ages.

Where: Community Center Theater – 1301 L St, Sacramento, CA 95814-3803

When: December 13, 2009 Performance time: 1:00pm

Tickets: All tickets are \$75 per adult or \$37.50 for children ages twelve and under

(no child discount in Grand Tier Box)

Nine Sinatra Songs

Celebrate Valentine's weekend to the velvet voice of "Ol' Blue Eyes" in the sophisticated and elegant ***Nine Sinatra Songs*** by Tony® Award winner, Twyla Tharp. Included on the program is Trey McIntyre's joyous and spiritually uplifting ***Second Before The Ground*** set to the African inspired music of the renowned Kronos Quartet... and the spectacular ***Frankie & Johnny*** by Michael Smuin, another Tony® Award winning choreographer, who places the legendary lovers in sultry Havana to the beat of hot Latin rhythm. Suggested for mature audiences.

Where: Community Center Theater – 1301 L St, Sacramento, CA 95814-3803

When: February 11-14, 2010

Tickets: \$15 - \$63

Carmina Burana

Ron Cunningham's epic, larger-than-life spectacle to the soaring music of Carl Orff is the signature masterpiece of the Sacramento Ballet. Complete with full chorus and orchestra, ***Carmina Burana's*** erotic passion ignites the senses for an intense experience not soon forgotten. The genius of George Balanchine's magnificent ***Theme and Variations*** completes a perfect evening to the glorious music of Peter Tchaikovsky.

Where: **Community Center Theater** – 1301 L St, Sacramento, CA 95814-3803
When: **March 25-28, 2010**
Tickets: **\$15 - \$63**

Modern Masters

Catch the next wave as daring, innovative choreographers unleash their imaginations in new works of astonishing creativity. See the most talked-about new voices in American dance in an explosion of creativity from the edge. Five world premieres will bowl you over with fresh new concepts and ideas as diverse as the wide universe of dance.

Where: **The Sacramento Ballet returns to**
 University Theatre in Shasta Hall
 California State University, Sacramento
 6000 J Street, Sacramento CA 95819

When: **April 22 - 25, 2010**
Tickets: **All Seats are \$40**

Here's a sampling of what else we'll be up to in 2009-2010:

Inside the Director's Studio

Join us and get behind the scenes with Ron Cunningham and the dancers of the Sacramento Ballet. Discover the ins-and-outs of the artistic process and what it takes to produce a ballet from the beginning of the rehearsal process to the final, spectacular stage presentation.

Where: **Sacramento Ballet Studios** – 1631K Street, Sacramento CA

Tickets: (916) 552-5800 x2 - \$15 per session – 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Check our website in September for dates

In Studio Previews & Open Rehearsals

Sacramento Ballet offers lunchtime and evening previews in our studios. Watch excerpts from the shows in an intimate setting.

Where: **Sacramento Ballet Studios** – 1631K Street, Sacramento CA.

Tickets: (916) 552-5800 x2

Check our website in September for dates, times, and prices

Beer & Ballet

Enjoy beer, wine, or soda as you watch edgy new works created by dancers of the Sacramento Ballet. See the dancers up-close-and-personal in an informal and intimate setting.

Where: Sacramento Ballet Studios – 1631K Street, Sacramento CA.

Tickets: (916) 552-5800 x2

Check our website in January for dates, times, and prices

Red Hot Valentine Nights

View a short program of hot new dances, then get-in-on-the-act by Dancing with the Stars! Your opportunity to dance with your favorite Sacramento Ballet dancer.

Where: Sacramento Ballet Studios – 1631K Street, Sacramento CA.

Tickets: (916) 552-5800 x2

Check our website in January for dates, times, and prices

Second Saturday “Living Sculpture”- FREE

View Sacramento Ballet dancers as they improvise “Living Sculpture” in selected art galleries during Second Saturday Art Walks.

Where: Art Galleries TBA

Check our website at the beginning of each month for times

Pre-Performance Lectures – FREE

Join artistic director, Ron Cunningham in the Grand Tier of the Community Center Theater 45 minutes prior to every performance for anecdotes and stories about the creative process, the artists, and the evening’s selection of works. Available for *Nine Sinatra Songs* and *Carmina Burana* only.

Where: Sacramento Community Center Theater

Second Annual Dancer’s Silent Auction

Where: Check or website in January for location, date, and time

Encore at Mondavi

Join us for a celebration of the best of the Sacramento Ballet in a special performance sponsored by the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts. A champagne and dessert reception following the performance is included in the price.

Where: Studio Theatre at the Mondavi Center For Performing Arts

When: May 2, 2010 – 5:00pm

Tickets: \$100 per person (includes reception)

Tickets available only through the Mondavi Center Box Office:

**Call: 530-754-2787
866-754-2787 (toll-free)
530-754-5402 (TDD)
MondaviArts.org**

Season Subscriptions On Sale NOW! To become a season subscriber, please go to our website to download a subscription form or contact the Sacramento Ballet's Ticket Coordinator at: 916-552-5800 x2. Season subscribers receive up to 20% off tickets in addition to other great benefits.

Individual tickets for the entire season, including our special event "Inside the Director's Studio" and "Nutcracker Sweet Sunday" become available Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at the Community Center Theater Box Office, 916-808-5181, or through Tickets.com, 800-225-2277. For *Modern Masters* tickets call the Sacramento Ballet Studios directly at 916-558-5800 x2. Individual ticket prices range from \$15.00 - \$37.50 for children ages 12 and under, and \$15 - \$68 for adults. Groups of 10 or more get 10% off individual tickets. Groups of 20 or more receive 20% off individual tickets. (Groups may consist of adults and children; the adult ticket price will reflect the discount, children's ticket prices are already discounted at 50% of adult ticket costs and will not receive an additional % off) For more information go to www.sacballet.org. Don't forget to become a member of our online family on Facebook and MySpace. Log in and search for 'Sacramento Ballet.'

Please contact Mimi Kent at 916/552-5800 x108 or mkent@sacballet.org for more information about The Sacramento Ballet's 2008-2009 Season.

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