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MISSOURI BALLET THEATRE BRINGS THE HOLIDAY MAGIC OF “THE NUTCRACKER” TO PATIENTS AT ST. LOUIS CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

Missouri Ballet Theatre Dancers in Full Costume as Nutcracker Characters
Clara, The Nutcracker, The Snow Queen, The Sugar Plum Fairy and The Dew Drop Fairy
to visit Patients, Families, Pose for Photos and Sign Autographs

When: Tuesday, December 13, 2011
1:00 pm -3:00 pm

Where: St. Louis Children’s Hospital-Children’s Playroom
One Children’s Place
St. Louis, MO 63110 USA

Part of the magic of *The Nutcracker* is spreading holiday cheer to everyone, even those who can’t make it to an actual performance. On Tuesday, December 13, 2011 from 1:00pm-3:00pm, professional dancers of Missouri Ballet Theatre, in full costume as characters from *The Nutcracker*, will make a special visit to St. Louis Children’s Hospital. The visit will allow the children and their families to interact with their beloved favorites from *The Nutcracker*, including the Sugar Plum Fairy, Dew Drop Fairy, Snow Queen, Nutcracker, and Clara. For the children mobile enough to come to the hospital’s playroom, this is a chance to get out of their rooms and meet the dancers; for the little ones who can’t leave their beds, the dancers will pay each of them a special visit.

About Missouri Ballet Theatre: Entering its third season, Missouri Ballet Theatre (MBT) continues to expand and reinvent the art of dance through collaboration with St. Louis-area arts organizations, musicians, theater, and dance studios.

Comprised of 14 dancers from throughout the country, MBT’s mission is to provide high-quality productions of classical ballet’s most beloved works, as well as showcase movement as a unique experience that complements and inspires the work of artists from other media. Additionally, the company is dedicated to introducing the richness of the dance tradition to schoolchildren and others through its student performances and educational outreach programs.

Under the direction of company founder Adam Sage, the company’s season will open Friday December 16-Tuesday December 20 with the holiday favorite, *The Nutcracker*, to be presented in the intimate atmosphere of the Edison Theatre on the campus of Washington University. The company’s professional dancers will be augmented by 80 St. Louis-area dance students, an opportunity for developing dancers to perform outside of their school affiliations with a professional company.

Missouri Ballet Theatre’s “The Nutcracker” 2011 Performance Dates and Times

- Friday, December 16th at 7:30 pm
 - Saturday, December 17th at 2:30pm and 7:30 pm
 - Sunday, December 18th at 2:30 pm
 - Special Performance Benefitting Wings of Hope
Sunday December 18th at 6:00 pm
 - Tuesday, December 20th at 7:30 pm
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Missouri Ballet Theatre is thankful for this opportunity to bring the magic and charm of *The Nutcracker* to the patients and families of St. Louis Children’s Hospital.

Missouri Ballet Theatre is a professional ballet company located in St. Louis, MO celebrating the strong current of talent that runs through the Midwest and dedicated to innovation, collaboration, diversity.

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If you would like more information about this event, or would like to schedule an interview, please call Adam Sage at 314.397.7897 or email him at info@missouriballettheatre.org.