Pennsylvania Ballet Presents an Unlimited, Digital Encore Production of 
George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker®

Company brings the jubilation of the season through presentation of 
the beloved holiday ballet and related family programming

Philadelphia, PA, December 3, 2020 – To ignite the holiday season, Pennsylvania Ballet has announced a digital encore presentation of the company’s production of George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker®. Originally presented on stage in 2019, the production will stream on paballet.org starting Wednesday, December 16 7:30 p.m. until Friday, December 25. The ballet will be available for unlimited online viewing for $50, and on Christmas Eve for $25.

“Despite the challenges we’ve faced this year, we hope that families will revel in holiday nostalgia by experiencing The Nutcracker from the safety and comfort of their homes,” says Pennsylvania Ballet’s Artistic Director Angel Corella. “This ballet has been the most celebrated holiday tradition for generations, and it is our hope that it will transport our audiences to a place of color, wonder and magic.”

This version of the classic tale engaged acclaimed set designer Peter Horne who ingeniously transformed the stage to follow the wondrous journey of young Marie who visits the Land of Sweets on Christmas Eve. The production also incorporated over 100 extravagant costumes designed by Judanna Lynn paired with lighting design by Les Dickert. Tchaikovsky’s celebrated score was conducted by Beatrice Jona Affron with enchanting dance variations performed by principal dancers Lillian DiPiazza, Oksana Maslova, Mayara Pineiro, Sterling Baca, Jermel Johnson and Zecheng Liang.

To complement the ballet and preserve the holiday tradition, Pennsylvania Ballet will host a series of virtual Nutcracker Tea Parties for young theatergoers and their families, beginning Saturday, December 19. Attendees will get exclusive access to interact with Pennsylvania Ballet dancers, dressed in costume as favorite Nutcracker characters, through Q&A sessions, craft lessons and dance variations, among other activities.

The Nutcracker Tea Agenda

- **Tea with Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier**  
  Saturday, December 19 at 3 p.m.

- **Tea with Candy Cane**  
  Sunday, December 20 at 3 p.m.

- **Tea with Dewdrop**  
  Tuesday, December 22 at 4 p.m.

- **Tea with Mother Ginger**  
  Thursday, December 24 at 4 p.m.

Single tickets for each virtual Tea are available for purchase for $15, and a bundle ticket for all four Teas is available for $50. A ‘Party Pack’ consisting of one Tea and one Nutcracker viewing is available for $35 and a value deal for all four Teas and unlimited online viewing of George
Balanchine’s The Nutcracker® is available for $70. Tickets to the digital presentation and the Teas can be purchased via paballet.org.

The digital presentation of George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker® will be shared with the public for the first time with the cooperation of ©The George Balanchine Trust, the labor unions for the Company’s artists and other behind-the-scenes personnel, as well as the rights holders for the music, sets, costumes and lighting design.

Cigna is the Presenting Sponsor, and the Karin and Stanley Schwalb Family Foundation and Alger are the Lead Sponsors of George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker®. The William Penn Foundation’s support will provide complimentary streaming across select public schools in the greater Philadelphia area.

For more information about Pennsylvania Ballet, please visit Paballet.org.

About Pennsylvania Ballet
Pennsylvania Ballet is one of the nation’s premier ballet companies and one of Philadelphia’s cultural treasures. Internationally renowned dancer Angel Corella took the reigns as Artistic Director at the start of the 2014/2015 season, bringing the company to a new level of excellence with 45 dancers from around the world and an ever-changing repertoire of works. In addition to its performances on Philadelphia’s famed Avenue of the Arts, Pennsylvania Ballet serves more than 17,000 individuals across the Philadelphia region every year with hands-on, high quality arts education activities brought to children and adults alike regardless of socioeconomic background or abilities. For more information visit paballet.org or connect with us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube for a behind the scenes look at our dancers in the studio and onstage.

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