

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET

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**HARK! THE HIGH SCHOOL\* CHOIRS SING!**  
\*and a few Figgy Pudding Competitors and Dickens Carolers too!

## Nutcracker Stowell & Sendak

November 25-December 27, 2011  
Marion Oliver McCaw Hall  
321 Mercer Street, Seattle Center  
Seattle, WA 98109

SEATTLE, WA – McCaw Hall will be alive with the sound of music, as a dozen area high school ensembles serenade audiences arriving for performances of Pacific Northwest Ballet’s acclaimed Stowell/Sendak *Nutcracker*. In all, 24 performances of PNB’s *Nutcracker* will feature free, live lobby entertainment.

PNB started inviting high school choirs two years ago, and the program has been a great success, with wonderfully positive response from patrons and participants alike, so it has now become a PNB *Nutcracker* tradition. “The singers create such a festive holiday atmosphere in McCaw Hall for our audiences, and it’s a fantastic experience for the students,” says John Tangeman, PNB Manager of Audience Services. “We look forward to welcoming them back this year!”

Vocal performances kick off on opening night with the North Kitsap High School Dramatic Arts Club’s cast members of “Much Ado About Nothing” (but dressed in “White Christmas” costumes) serenading guests with a selection of holiday songs. School ensembles from as far as Tumwater and Port Townsend are scheduled to perform. Other musical groups providing music during the run of *Nutcracker* include the renowned Dickens Carolers, as well as several groups competing in the popular Figgy Pudding Street Corner Caroling Competition. **See performance schedule, below, for the full line-up.**

Pacific Northwest Ballet’s acclaimed Stowell/Sendak *Nutcracker* – the Northwest’s most cherished holiday tradition – runs for 36 performances November 25 thru December 27. Tickets may be purchased by calling the PNB Box Office at 206.441.2424, online at [PNB.org](http://PNB.org), or in person at the

PNB Box Office at 301 Mercer St. A limited selection of *Nutcracker* tickets is also available thru Ticketmaster, 800.745.3000 or online at ticketmaster.com. *No other ticket outlets are authorized to sell PNB Nutcracker tickets.*

## 2011 Choir Performances

Friday, Nov. 25	7:30 pm	North Kitsap High School Dramatic Arts Club
Saturday, Nov. 26	2:00 pm	The Dickens Carolers†
Saturday, Nov. 26	7:30 pm	The Dickens Carolers†
Sunday, Nov. 27	1:00 pm	Seattle Girls Choir
Sunday, Nov. 27	5:30 pm	The Dickens Carolers†
Friday, Dec. 2	7:30 pm	Klahowya High School Vocal Ensemble
Saturday, Dec. 3	2:00 pm	Tumwater High School Noteables
Sunday, Dec. 4	1:00 pm	Spectrum Vocal Performance Ensemble
Sunday, Dec. 4	5:30 pm	Allegro Women's Ensemble*
Friday, Dec. 9	7:30 pm	Peninsula High School Choir
Saturday, Dec. 10	2:00 pm	River Ridge High School Symphonic Choir
Saturday, Dec. 10	7:30 pm	Nooksack Valley High School Jazz Choir
Sunday, Dec. 11	1:00 & 5:30 pm	Camerata from Newport High School
Wednesday, Dec. 14	7:30 pm	Perkins Coie Carolers*
Thursday, Dec. 15	7:30 pm	Peninsula High School Show Choir
Friday, Dec. 16	7:30 pm	The Liberty Singers from Liberty Senior High School
Saturday, Dec. 17	2:00 pm	Olio Glee Club*
Saturday, Dec. 17	7:30 pm	Kamiak High School Starry Knights
Sunday, Dec. 18	1:00 pm	The Carol Brunettes*
Sunday, Dec. 18	5:30 pm	Kamiak High School Bro Re Mi's
Tuesday, Dec. 20	2:00 pm	Port Townsend High School PT Coda
Tuesday, Dec. 20	7:30 pm	Emerald City Voices*
Wednesday, Dec. 21	7:30 pm	The Beaconettes*
Thursday, Dec. 22	7:30 pm	Seattle Glee Clubs*

\*These groups are also competing in the **25th Annual Great Figgy Pudding Street Corner Caroling Competition** on Friday, December 2, to benefit the Pike Market Senior Center & Downtown Food Bank. For more information, visit [pikemarketseniorcenter.org](http://pikemarketseniorcenter.org)

†Over the past 33 years, **The Dickens Carolers** have become a local holiday tradition, bringing the joy of the season to thousands each year throughout the Northwest. Adorned in elegant Victorian dress, each a cappella quartet consists of two ladies in luxurious velvet and two gentlemen wearing handsome tailcoats and top hats. Both traditional and contemporary holiday favorites are sung in beautiful four-part harmony. For more information, visit [dickenscarolers.com](http://dickenscarolers.com).

## More Beautiful Music...on KING FM

PNB partners with 98.1 Classical KING FM to bring listeners some of history's most popular ballet scores, featuring the mighty Pacific Northwest Ballet Orchestra under the direction of principal conductor Emil de Cou, direct from McCaw Hall. Tune in for a live broadcast of Tchaikovsky's

beautifully scored *Nutcracker* on Saturday, November 26 at 7:30 pm. Only on KING FM, 98.1 fm or online at [king.org/listen](http://king.org/listen).

Classical KING FM and Music Center Northwest will also host their popular Instrument Petting Zoo at select weekend matinees of *Nutcracker*. Stop by and get a feel for the instruments that make Tchaikovsky's beautiful score come to life!

## **About Nutcracker**

Pacific Northwest Ballet can proudly lay claim to one of the world's most recognized and celebrated productions of *Nutcracker*. Combining creator Kent Stowell's charming and dramatic choreography with magnificent sets and costumes by renowned children's book author and illustrator Maurice Sendak (*Where the Wild Things Are*), the production also features the live magic of the PNB Orchestra performing Tchaikovsky's famous score and more than 200 roles danced by PNB's professional dancers, and students of Pacific Northwest Ballet School. *Nutcracker* runs for 36 performances November 25 thru December 27.

### **TICKET INFORMATION:**

*Nutcracker* tickets range from \$28 to \$123 (\$26 - \$113 for children 0-12. All ages require a ticket for admission, including babes in arms.) Tickets may be purchased through the PNB Box Office:

- Online 24/7 at [PNB.org](http://PNB.org)
- Phone: 206.441.2424 (Mon.-Fri. 9am-6pm; Sat. 10am-5pm)
- In Person: 301 Mercer Street, Seattle (Mon.-Fri. 10am-6pm; Sat. 10am-5pm)

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*Programming subject to change. For further information, please visit: [PNB.org](http://PNB.org).*

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