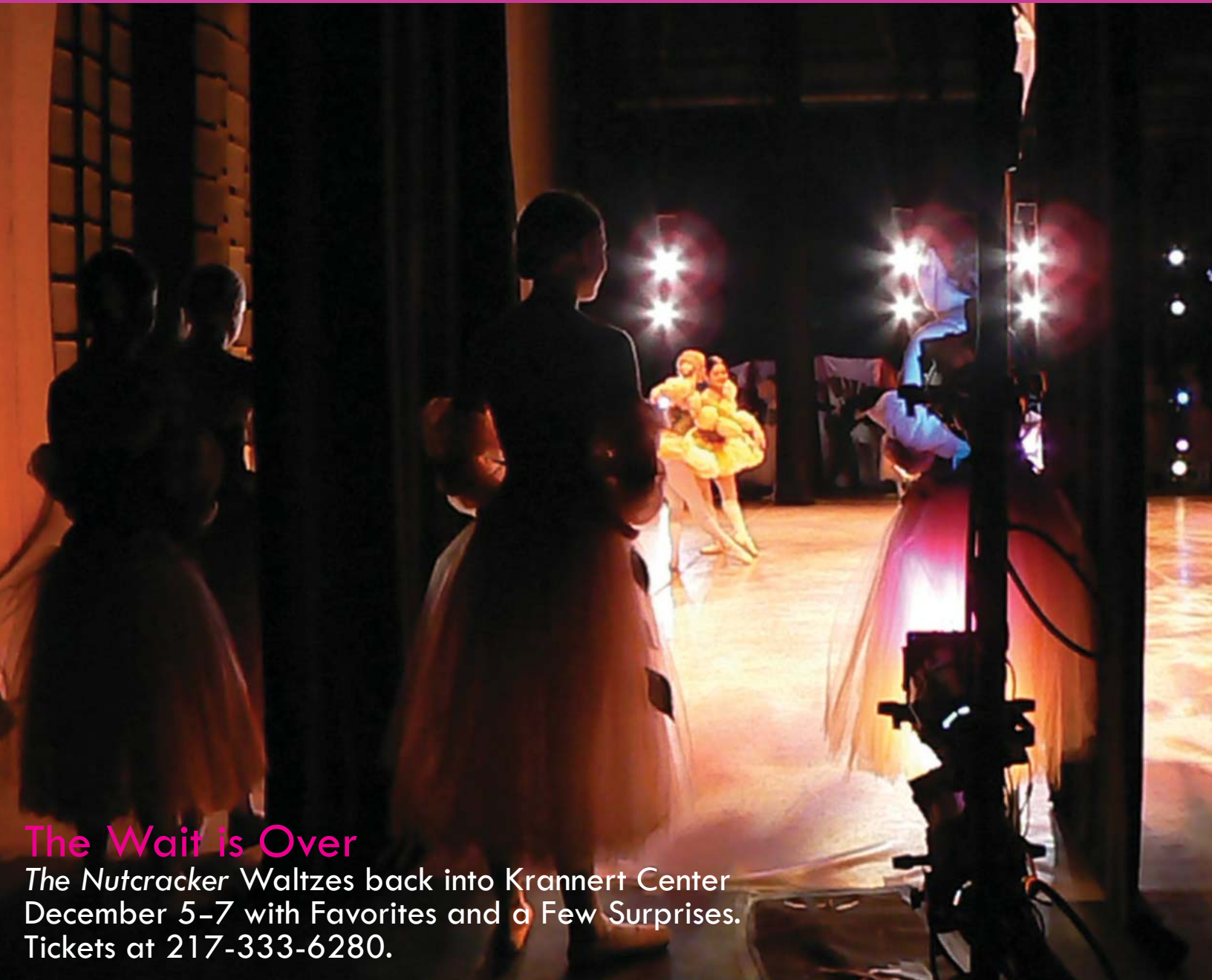


NOUVELLES DU BALLET

Newsletter of Champaign Urbana Ballet

Fall 2008



The Wait is Over
The Nutcracker Waltzes back into Krannert Center
December 5-7 with Favorites and a Few Surprises.
Tickets at 217-333-6280.

NEW AT CU BALLET

Company Manager

Julianna Gelke became CU Ballet's company manager in July after nine years as a volunteer, costume mistress, and member of the board of directors.

In addition to her vast knowledge of production processes and organizational skills, Gelke brings her perspective as a parent of a former dancer to bear in helping to nurture our company of pre-professional dancers.

Ballet Mistress

Former company dancer and recent Wellesley College graduate Emily Buss returns to CU Ballet as ballet mistress this season.

Buss succeeds Michelle Ziegler, who moved to Evanston, IL to pursue her doctorate in physical therapy at Northwestern University.

Known for her excellence in working with young dancers and creativity in the classroom, Buss has acclimated quickly.

World Premiere

Cinderella is a brand new full ballet production premiering in May 2009.

Artistic director Deanna Doty and producer Tracy McCabe have approached *Cinderella* as an artistic collaboration.

"We've wanted to stage *Cinderella* for years, and we share a vision for doing it in a way that will challenge ourselves and our dancers," Doty said. The pair began work on the production last year.

SOIRÉE

en avant

In August, CU Ballet held its sixth annual Soirée du Ballet. Styled as an Andy Warhol factory environment, the fundraiser

was chaired by Terri King, designed by Andy Warfel, choreographed by Sonia Warfel, and catered by Chef Benjamin. Artistic director Deanna Doty added statuary and company dancers provided entertainment between the silent and live auctions. Attended by 144 devotees and new friends, the event successfully raised funds necessary to sustain live music and quality staging of *The Nutcracker*.



CU Ballet salutes its partner in performance

Sinfonia da Camera

on its landmark 25th Season.



Artistic director Deanna Doty and Maestro Ian Hobson share a bow onstage at *The Nutcracker*.

This year marks the sixth annual collaboration of CU Ballet and Sinfonia da Camera bringing live music to *The Nutcracker* ballet.



BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

Champaign Urbana Ballet thrives on the support of businesses and the generous individuals operating them. We gratefully acknowledge their expressions of philanthropy, and ask that you to support these local businesses with your loyal patronage.

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"We give because the arts matter."



Christopher and Mariselle Jordan know the importance of keeping dance opportunities available to young people. As proud parents of a junior company member, Lia, they see firsthand the passion inspired by an investment of time, talent, and treasure in CU Ballet. That passion inspired Chris Jordan, owner of CJ Orthodontics, to sponsor this year's production of *The Nutcracker*.

"We give because we love what CU Ballet brings to the community. We love watching it deliver a spectacular *Nutcracker* that inspires children to dance and audiences to support ballet. CU Ballet's emphasis on discipline in a fun environment is a great match for our practice, as we similarly ask our patients to commit to aiding us in their treatment, whether via rubber bands or proper brushing - all in a fun environment," says Chris Jordan who launched his practice in Champaign-Urbana eight years ago.

"We give because the arts matter, and CU Ballet fulfills its promise of quality, beauty, and a joyful experience with every step it takes."

CU Ballet is grateful for the support of CJ Orthodontics, CarX Auto Service, Champaign Telephone Company, and Champaign Ballet Academy in bringing *The Nutcracker* to life on Krannert's stage this season.



World Premiere
CINDERELLA

May 8-10, 2009
Virginia Theatre

**Exclusive ticket pre-sale
for CU Ballet patrons
December 1-12 at the
Virginia Theatre
217-356-9053**

**A great gift
for the holidays!**

It's Midnight! Company dancer Claire Liu is captured in Cinderella's infamous moment by fashion photographer Tuan Bui, outside the Art Institute of Chicago.

This season,

the magic begins when the clock strikes TWELVE.

At midnight this December, Clara will find her prince. At midnight next May, Cinderella will lose hers...almost!

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The Nutcracker

December 5-7

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Cinderella

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