

Ballet Central to stage The Nutcracker at The ADC Theatre Cambridge, 13th – 15th December 2018

Extended Christmas run due to popular demand

Following their sell-out performances last Christmas, Ballet Central will return to the ADC Theatre, Cambridge on 13th – 15th December to perform their adaptation of the Christmas classic, **The Nutcracker**.

In a limited run of eight performances directed by Ballet Central Artistic Director Christopher Marney, Ballet Central will present their dazzling 45-minute version of the time-honoured Nutcracker, introducing children of all ages to a new version of the dance favourite, performed to the iconic Tchaikovsky score.

Early booking is recommended for these unique performances. Tickets are priced at just £10 and there are eight performances which take place at 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm on Thursday 13th December and at 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm on both Friday 14th and Saturday 15th December. Tickets available from www.adctheatre.com and the ADC Theatre Box Office on 01223 300085.

It is Christmas Eve and Clara explores the fantasy world of Drosselmeyer's toyshop. As her dreams come alive before her eyes the dolls take her on a journey to the enchanted forest and onwards to the Kingdom of Sweets. Join us as Clara meets all the colourful characters, from the Nutcracker Prince to the Sugar Plum Fairy in this festive, sparkling, quintessential Christmas performance.

Christopher Marney, Ballet Central Artistic Director said: "It has long been a dream of mine to present a special adaptation of the Nutcracker, aimed at family audiences so that young children as well as grandparents will enjoy the fantasy and sparkle of the ballet. The Cambridge audiences were so receptive to our performances last year that we can't wait to return this December with an extended run."

For more information visit: www.balletcentral.co.uk and www.adctheatre.com

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Praise for the 2017 season:

“A bite-sized, magical & touching Nutcracker for everyone to fall in love with.”

“Outstanding performance! What a lovely fantasy world!”

“[I was] charmed by the abridged Nutcracker production by Ballet Central. My 5 year old son loved it and I thought it was superb! Thanks for a delightful evening out.”

Media quotes:

"The young audience were thrilled" *DANCE EUROPE*

Notes to Editors:

- Ballet Central is the Central School of Ballet's renowned graduate performing company.
- Ballet Central's annual tour which takes place from March to July each year, gives audiences across the country the chance to see the company's young and dynamic dancers who are on the cusp of their professional careers, showcasing newly-commissioned works and celebrated masterpieces by the dance industry's top choreographers.
- Led by Director Heidi Hall and Artistic Director Christopher Marney, Central School of Ballet is one of Europe's leading centres for dance training
- The school is an affiliate of the Conservatoire for Dance & Drama and was founded 36 years ago by Ann Stannard and the late Christopher Gable CBE
- Students train for three years aiming for a BA (Hons) in Professional Dance and Performance (validated by the University of Kent)
- Central's ethos is the belief that talented, dedicated young people should have access to the highest quality of training, whatever their economic, social or cultural background
- Central School of Ballet has particularly high rates of employment for graduating students; 80% are employed in professional contracts or apprenticeships in dance within six months of graduating
- Central has made good progress in its fundraising for a move to a new purpose-built home in Paris Gardens in Southwark in the South Bank community in London's SE1 and anticipates building works for the specific fit-out to commence in the autumn.