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BELLEVUE'S EXCLUSIVE
NUTCRACKER
WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA
25th Anniversary (1984-2009)

Bellevue, WA - Ballet Bellevue tops the 2009 holiday season with the Eastside's exclusive production of Nutcracker with live orchestra at Bellevue's Sammamish Performing Arts Center December 19th and 20th. Three performances (Saturday 2 PM and 7 PM and Sunday 2 PM) invite the entire family, young and old, to experience the Eastside's only live performance of Tchaikowky's thrilling score of everyone's favorite holiday ballet. Ballet Music Director and Conductor, Barney Blough, directs the Ballet Bellevue orchestra, as the company's professional dancers and guest artists in lead roles share the stage with over forty students from regional dance schools performing children's parts. Dancers from the spectacular Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier to the tiniest bonbon are coached by Ballet Master, Oleg Gorboulev and company and children's Ballet Mistress, Christina Stockdale with Stage Director Katerina Fedor-White. Lighting is by Kevin Harkins and costumes by Tina Evans. For information and tickets (\$45, \$35, \$22), call 425.455.1345 or visit www.balletbellevue.org.

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Founded in 1984 (as Ballet Petit) by Don and Helena Snyder, Ballet Bellevue became the Eastside's own professional ballet company in 1995 with Ronn Tice, Artistic Director.

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