

Arts & Entertainment

Southern New Hampshire Dance Theater – Performs The Nutcracker



Party Scene from SNHDT performance of The Nutcracker

BEDFORD – Southern NH Dance Theater (SNHDT) is proud to announce the return of many talented guest artists for the Palace Theatre's annual production of the timeless classic, The Nutcracker to be performed Thanksgiving weekend in six performances Friday, November 28th through Sunday, November 30, 2014. The annual performance with a live 22-piece orchestra, boasts a cast of over 85 talented dancers and performers including guest artists Carlos Molina, Fredrick Davis, Jere Hunt, Alan Alberto, Vincent Brewer, Douglas Davis, Sallie Werst, Jay Von Handorf and many talented dancers.

Carlos Molina, originally from Colombia, has been a principal dancer with Hartford Ballet, a soloist with American Ballet Theatre, and most recently a principal dancer with Boston Ballet. He will appear alongside the Sugar Plum Fairy. This is Carlos Molina's seventh year performing at the Palace Theatre. Alan Alberto returns to the cast this year and will perform the roles of Snow King, Candy Cane Soloist and Spanish. Mr. Alberto was invited to join the Croatian National Ballet as a Soloist in 2010. Other highlights from his career include solo roles in La Bayadere; Twyla Tharp's Octet; Midsummer Night's Dream; Giselle; The Sleeping Beauty and Concerto Barocco. Mr. Alberto is currently dancing with Festival Ballet Providence.

Fredrick Davis returns to the Palace Theatre in the roles of Mouse King and Arabian Soloist. He is a currently a member of the World-Renown Dance Theatre of Harlem in New York City. He has also made several guest appearances with professional companies in Alaska, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. Jere Hunt, will also return to The Nutcracker stage and perform the roles of Soldier Doll, Spanish Soloist and Chinese Soloist. A native of Huntsville, Alabama and 2009 graduate of Marymount Manhattan College with a BFA under the direction of Katie Langan. Mr. Hunt was an apprentice with the Alabama Ballet under the direction of Wes Chapman and has worked with such choreographers as Kristi Sutton, Lane Gifford, Larry Keigwin and danced with SYREN Modern Dance and DeMa Dance Company. Jere currently dances with Riout Dance New York. "Vincent Brewer is also a returning guest artist and will reprise his role of the Nutcracker Prince," added Lavoie. Mr. Brew-

er has danced with Colleen Cavanaugh's "Part of the Oath Dance Company" and with Eglevsky Ballet where he performed Flower Festival at Genzano (Bournonville) and Balanchine's Tarantella. Mr. Brewer is currently a company member with Festival Ballet Providence, artistic director Mihailo Djuric, where he has danced the Nutcracker Prince in the Nutcracker and in works by Viktor Plotnikov and Mark Harootian.

Southern NH Dance Theater has several artists-in-residence returning to the production. Faculty member Douglas Davis will reprise his role of Drosselmeyer in Act I. "Doug's experience and professionalism truly brings the Party Scene to life on stage," stated Lavoie. Mr. Davis has danced in both the United States and Europe with the Los Angeles Ballet, the Frankfurt Ballet, Zurich Ballet and Bern Ballet. Faculty member and alumnus Sallie Werst will dance the roles of Spanish Soloist and Arabian Soloist. Ms. Werst has danced with Bossov Ballet Theater, Vermont Chamber Ballet and the Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet. She also studied in New York City at Ballet Academy East with Darla Hoover and several renowned choreographers.

Jay Von Handorf, faculty member and alumnus of SNHDT will also return in the role of Drosselmeyer, the Mouse King in Act 1 and Spanish Dancer. Mr. Von Handorf trained in ballet and jazz and performed in The Nutcracker, Graduation Ball, The Magic Toyshop, Don Quixote and Le Corsaire. He also trained with and was part of the Palace Teen Company at the Palace Theatre and performed in numerous productions at the Palace Theatre including 42nd Street, Sweet Charity, The Producers, The Wedding Singer, All Shook Up, Spamalot and Pippin.

Join Southern NH Dance Theater as the many talented guest artists and Southern NH Dance Theater performers bring the magic of The Nutcracker to life on-stage in the historic Palace Theatre in downtown Manchester. The Nutcracker will be performed:

Friday, Nov. 28th at 7:30 PM
Saturday, Nov. 29th at 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM & 7:30 PM
Sunday, Nov. 30th at 1:00 PM & 4:30 PM
For ticket info call Palace Theatre Box Office at 603.668.5588 or visit www.palacetheatre.org. Call for your tickets today!

Business/Health

McOsker Kennels Passes To Next Generation



New owners of McOsker Kennels, Tim Jr. and Jamie McOsker

AMHERST – Tim McOsker, Jr. and his wife Jamie (Ackerman) McOsker are the new owners of McOsker Kennels in Amherst NH.

Tim Jr. has been managing the kennel since 2005 after he graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a degree in Animal Science. Jamie recently moved from

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Community Event – Holiday Coping

AMHERST – Loss of any type is felt most keenly during the holidays. It seems as if everyone is celebrating, except you. Perhaps you feel paralyzed by your grief. The idea of making special food, going holiday shopping, attending parties or even decorating your home seems too stressful and out of place.

If you are wondering how you're going to make it through the holidays, you are invited to take part in an informative and interactive presentation on Coping with Grief and Loss During the Holidays. It will be held Wednesday, November 19th, at Messiah Church in Amherst, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The evening's presenter is Theresa Bianchi, M. Div, BCC from Professional Chaplain Services of New Hampshire LLC, who brings to the event both personal and professional experience in coping with grief and loss.

The event will gather people who are mourning a loss of any kind. Here, you will find people with stories similar to your own, and the validation of your "less than merry" experience. Come and discover some ways you can manage during this intense time. Learn how to take care of yourself, and to celebrate the holidays in ways that are suited to you.

Please let us know you are coming by calling 673-2011 or email messiahnh@comcast.net to register, so we know how many will be joining us.. There is no charge for the program, but a free will offering will be received. Messiah is accessible to all, and there is plentiful parking in our lot. Messiah is located at 303 Rt. 101 Amherst – right next to our friends at The Amherst Garden Center.

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Sanford Community Commitment to ACS Strides

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St. Joseph Healthcare Welcomes Certified Nurse Midwife Aki Shishido, APRN

NASHUA – St. Joseph Healthcare welcomes Certified Nurse Midwife Aki Shishido, APRN, to the medical staff. She received her education from New York University College of Nursing in New York, NY. Midwife Shishido is a Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Her clinical interests include Lactation Support and Preventative Health.

Aki Shishido has joined Full Circle Midwifery Care located at 168 Kinsley Street, Suite 19 in Nashua. To learn more or to make an appointment with Aki Shishido, please visit www.stjosephhospital.com or call 595.3951.

Boston Fundraiser to Benefit Operation Horse Power at Touchstone Farm

Touchstone Farm, in Temple is hosting a fundraiser to benefit Operation Horse Power, the farm's newly launched programs for veterans and their families. All are invited to this gala evening featuring live music, wine and refreshments, speakers, and silent and live auctions. The event will be held on Saturday, November 8, from 6 to 8 pm at Elkus Manfredi Architects, 25 Dry Dock Ave., 7th floor, overlooking the harbor in Boston's lively Seaport district.

All proceeds from the evening benefit Operation Horse Power, equine-based programs that encourage and empower veterans to overcome obstacles, reconnect with family, friends and community, and reintegrate into civilian life.

Tickets for the event are \$75 per person or \$125 per couple. Tickets available at Touchstone Farm website: touchstone-farm.org and at the door. Event information and live auction (Nov 1-Nov 7) are also available on the website. Touchstone Farm: 654-6308. Touchstone Farm, home of Operation Horse Power, Horse Power and Pony



COL Rich Duncan and Gruffy at Touchstone Farm, Temple, NH

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