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Midwest Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker" Returns to the Tivoli Stage

Downers Grove, IL — Midwest Ballet Theatre's highly acclaimed annual production of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic, "The Nutcracker," returns to the beautifully restored Tivoli Theatre, featuring the bizarre battle of the mice and soldiers, mesmerizing snow scene and the delectable dances in the Kingdom of the Sweets. The ballet will be presented on **Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. on November 12, 13, 19 and 20, 2011, at the Tivoli Theatre located at 5021 Highland Ave.** Doors open at 12:45 p.m.

Ticket prices range from \$14 to \$16 per person and can be purchased through the Midwest Ballet's Web site, www.midwestballet.org. Group rates are available until November 5th for purchase with cash or check ONLY. Groups must consist of ten or more people and tickets are valid for all shows except the November 20th performance. **Tickets are now on sale.**

Danced by the unsurpassed young talent of Midwest Ballet Theatre, this year's guest artists will be April Daly and Mauro Villanueva, both principal dancers with the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago, returning to the Tivoli stage, along with Matthew Geiger, former American Ballet Theatre II dancer.

Based on the original late 19th Century libretto, Midwest Ballet Theatre's full-length production has nearly sold out every performance since its premiere in 1994. Choreography is by artistic director Mim Eichmann.

Midwest Ballet Theatre is a not-for-profit corporation. For more information please visit www.midwestballet.org.

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