

Ballet NE's 'Nutcracker' back for 28th year

Performances for Ballet Northeast's 28th Annual "Nutcracker" will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 and 17 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18 at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts, Wilkes University.

Featured in the principal role of the Sugarplum Fairy will be BNE soloist Cally Richardson, with guest professional artist Nikolai Morschakov as her Cavalier.

Alternating the role of the Dew Drop Fairy will be Julie Degnan, of Harveys Lake, and Kelly Ferrell.

The lead children's roles will be shared by Alessandra Ortiz and Maggie Sullivan alternating in the role of Klara, while Abigail Ortiz and Bella Stash with share that of Fritz.

Rejoining the cast for the role of Drosselmaier will be guest BNE alumnus TJ Firreno. Greg Herron, of Dallas, will portray the Enchanted Nutcracker and Aiofe Burke will be the winsome baby mouse.

Sharing the role of the Ice Princess will be Degnan and Mary Kathryn Siejak, while Mikaela Rowe and Mary Sharon Ciaccia, of Harveys Lake, will alternately portray that of the Snow Queen.

Appearing in other solo or



Alessandra Ortiz, left, and Maggie Sullivan will perform in lead children's roles when Ballet Northeast presents "The Nutcracker" December 16-18 at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts on the Wilkes University campus.

lead supporting roles in this holiday family classic will be Luke Brady, Bruce Chesson, Megan Ferrell, Danielle Gendler, Jamie Goldstein, Sarah O'Hara, Lisa Lombardo, Anna Lucas, Mary Mash, Sarah Polansky, Grace Schaub, of Dal-

las, Tiffany Usavage and Brenda Zagar.

Performing in supporting roles will be BNE corps members Roisin Burke, Kevin Hettrich, Taylor Kazimi, Elisa Rivera, Molly Thornton and Anna Weiss.

BOOKS

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MYSTERY

"Wicked Autumn" by G.M. Malliet, "Three-Day Town" by Margaret Maron, "V is for Vengeance" by Sue Grafton

SCIENCE FICTION

"Well-Tempered Clavicle" by Piers Anthony, "The Wooden Man" by Harry Connolly

REFERENCE

"The Voice of Pennsylvania's Counties"

BOOKS ON CD

"The Affair" by Lee Child,

"Shock Wave" by John Sandford, "The Best of Me" by Nicholas Sparks, "The Thrill of Victory" by Sandra Brown, "Pale Horse Coming" by Stephen Hunter, "A Stolen Life" by Jaycee Dugard, "The Litigators" by John Grisham, "Miles to Go" by Richard Paul Evans

YOUNG ADULT

"Daniel X: Game Over" by James Patterson, "Paper Covers Rock" by Jenny Hubbard, "Island's End" by Padma Venkatraman, "Guantanamo Boy" by Anna Perera, "Divergent" by Veronica Roth, "A Monster Calls: a novel" by Patrick Ness, "Jasper Jones" by Craig "New York to Dallas" by J.D. Robb, "Bluefish"

by Pat Schmatz, "The Lost Songs" by Caroline B. Cooney, "Across the Miles" by Beth Revis, "The Lost Stories" by John Flanagan, "The Emperor of Nihon-Ja" by John Flanagan

SPECIAL DONATIONS

The following books are a gift from the members of Newberry Estate Country Club and their First Fun Run: "The Flint Heart" by Katherine and John Patterson, "Every Thing on It" by Shel Silverstein, "Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African American" by Kadir Nelson, "Can We Save the Tiger?" by Martin Jenkins, "The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse" by Eric Carle, "Neville" by Norton Juster

CIVIC BRIEFS

Art workshop set

A workshop entitled "Miniature Paintings - Big Things in Small Spaces" will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Wyoming Valley Art League, R. 132 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre.

The workshop will focus on achieving and understanding miniature paintings.

Cost is \$20 for WVAL members and \$30 for non-members. For information, contact Arlene Sindaco at 829-4139.

Children's holiday party slated

The Noxen Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Noxen Ladies Auxiliary will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Noxen Fire Hall, Stull Road.

Refreshments with Santa will be available for 12 years of age and under.

For more information, call Kevin at 298-2467.

Bingo will benefit Sportsmen's Club

A 50/50 Bingo to benefit the Noxen-Monroe Sportsmen's club will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Noxen School, School Street.

Food and beverages will be available and patrons will pay per card.

For more information, call 298-2052.

Holiday House Contest continues

The Kingston Township Recreation Commission will host its annual Holiday House Contest.

Residents are welcome to nominate their own house or any home within the township by calling the Kingston Township Administration at 696-3809.

Voting will be conducted on December 18. Contestants should have their decorations lit that night.

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