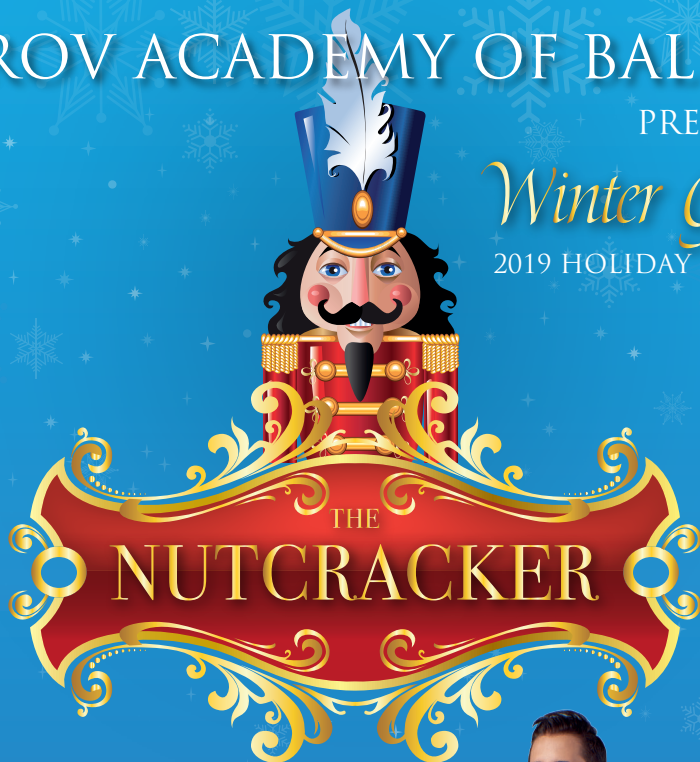


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Winter Gala

2019 HOLIDAY SEASON



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 7 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 7 PM





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CREATING A WORLD OF BEAUTY THROUGH HEAVENLY ART

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The vision of the Founders of the Academy, the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, can be understood in the calligraphy.

In Appreciation of our Patrons

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Founding Patrons, Drs. Sun Myung Moon & Hak Ja Han Moon for your continued support. Indeed, for nearly 30 years, your unwavering devotion and commitment to the Kirov Academy has allowed our students to flourish in their endeavors of becoming the best dancers in the world.

Now, our commitment to excellence continues with the new Kirov Academy, which houses the best of dance and the best of music. Moving forward, we know that our dancers and musicians will grace the world's stage with truth, beauty and the love of humanity expressed through their artistry.

Our President, Dr. Tatiana Moon, and the Kirov Family join in our pledge to do our part in providing the needed care and guidance for the success of each Kirov Academy's students. We appreciate those who have come before us and honor their investment in the pursuit of artistic excellence.

We look forward to Kirov Academy's next chapter with great love and admiration for both of you. Thank you once again.

The Kirov Academy

PRESIDENT Message

Distinguished Guests, Parents, Friends of the Kirov and Students,

Welcome to the Winter Gala and tonight's performance of *The Nutcracker*. It is my great honor to serve as President of the Kirov Academy of Ballet and to steward the vision of our founding patrons, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon to "Create a World of Beauty through Heavenly Art." The artistic excellence on display in this performance is a testimony to our incredible faculty of instructors and the hard work and dedication of our students in learning their craft.



We are especially honored tonight to welcome Mathew Golding, former Principal of the Royal Ballet and an alumnus of the Kirov Academy of Ballet for a guest performance with Yuan Yuan Tan, Principal Dancer with the San Francisco Ballet.

The wonder and delight of the holiday season is personified in *The Nutcracker* Ballet. Our highly talented instructors have meticulously guided each dancer as they worked tirelessly to create a flawless performance, and a night of beauty and magic for you to enjoy.

2019 has been a year of significant development for the New Kirov Academy. We now have a world class music program, in collaboration with the Moscow Music Conservatory and the St. Petersburg Conservatory, in support of the ballet dancers that you see on stage tonight.

We are also looking forward to 2020 and celebrating our 30th anniversary in May. True art knows no bounds and we are excited to expand our offerings over the next decade and connect internationally with artists from around the world.

The ballet dancers that we are celebrating tonight, just like our alumnus, Mathew Golding, and Principal Dancer, Yuan Yuan Tan, will become tomorrow's leaders in the arts. We congratulate each dancer on a successful fall semester at the Kirov Academy. Again, my special thanks to our dedicated faculty and to the parents who entrusted your children into our care.

Happy Holidays,

Tatiana Moon
Chair & President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Message

I have served as a Board member of Universal Ballet Foundation, Inc. since 2012 and, more recently, as the Executive Director of Kirov Academy since 2016. I have grown to love this school and its remarkable teachers and students. It has been a great honor and challenge to work with the staff here at the Academy.



Our talented teachers and musicians have brought all the best parts of Russian tradition and discipline to our school complementing our existing staff. Parents have entrusted us with providing their children with the finest education that any arts school could offer. Thank you to all the parents who have trusted us with their children.

Under the leadership of our new President Moon, we are preserving the tradition of discipline and excellence and applying this with the same priority and enthusiasm to our Music Program. The results are, in just one short year, impressive, as evidenced by our recent Gifted and Talented Program launch with Mr. Gary Graffman holding court.

For almost 30 years, we have educated rising talented young dancers in the tradition of classical ballet. Now we will, modelled after the Vaganova Academy, include music. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe is quoted to have said "A man should hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine painting every day of his life. . . ." Tonight you will hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see the live painting of classical ballet before your eyes in hopes that it will "obliterate the sense of the beautiful which God has implanted in the human soul". Enjoy!

Pamela de Cordova

Pamela Gonzales de Cordova
Executive Director

KIROV ACADEMY *Artistic Students*

Isabella Becchi
 Alexander Boyd-Smith
 Madison Daruszka
 Garrett Frierson
 Jiyea Ha
 Yui Hayashi
 Lilly Higginbotham
 Ava Joseph
 Jean Kallenburg
 Ka Ching Keung
 Kuan-Lun Li
 Suet Ying Loo
 Alexander Nicolosi
 Kasumi Nunomura

Piotr Pęczkowski
 Beatriz Pina
 Andrea Sandoval
 Sadie Sanson
 Nora Schaefer
 Sofya Shakhovets
 Tiffany Son
 Emily Stephens
 Clare Tan
 Ha Nhi Tran
 Cheng Yuan Tsao
 Kimberly Weng
 Yiran Wei

PRE-PROFESSIONAL *Students*

Ariadne Fernandez
 Eleni Karaviti

Alexis Orange

ACADEMIC *Only Students*

Chloe Austin
 Perla Carrillo
 Irmelena Ferrufino
 Heyse Ferrufino
 Nauge Rory
 Hanad Said

Moses Sangamay
 Taniya Taylor
 Kichelle Thomas-El
 Kimora Thompson
 Outumn Walker

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM *Students*

Lucas Abellnas
 Maximo Abellnas
 Kesaria Bakradze
 Liza Bakradze
 Alessandro Bazzano-
 Zeldin
 Annabella Bazzano-Zeldin
 Aurelio Bazzano-Zeldin
 Amissa Bonenge
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 Raquel DaSilva
 Victoria Fedoriva
 Eva Fenn
 Ella Ferguson
 Cecilia Gagua

Caleb Gray
 Aya Hamady
 Nouria Hamady
 Rosemarie Kazer
 Maeve Kelly
 Misha Leshner
 Isabel Mallory
 Camille Matta-Newman
 Fredericka Milsom
 Luca Mohanco
 Sophia Mohanco
 Jane Monack
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 Aleksandra Montemayor
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 Amira Parra
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KIROV ACADEMY *Artistic Faculty*

Kirov Academy of Ballet Directors:

Tatiana Moon, President/Chair
 Pamela Gonzales de Cordova, Executive Director
 Runqiao Du, Artistic Director

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 Mark Purvis, Academic Teacher, Math
 Konul Rasulova, Academic Teacher, Science
 Kerrington Shields, Academic Teacher, Social Studies
 Alexandra Tomalonis, Academic Teacher, Ballet History/Fine Arts

KIROV ACADEMY *Staff*

Music

Jinha Park, Department Chair/Piano
 Emil Chudnovsky, Violin
 Amyr Joyner, Violin
 Victor Shklyyar, Piano
 Arsen Sumbatyan, Trumpetist/Pianist
 YeSook L. Suh, Director, Gifted & Talented Music Program

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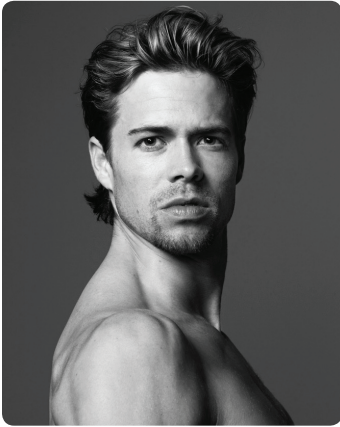
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INTERNATIONAL GUEST Artists



Matthew Golding

Former Principal Dancer with The Royal Ballet
Kirov Alumni



Yuan Yuan Tan

Principal Dancer at the San Francisco Ballet

WINTER GALA 2019: *The Nutcracker*

Act I

“White Swan Pas de Deux”

from Swan Lake

Composer: P. Tchaikovsky

Choreographer: M. Petipa

Dancers: Yuan Yuan Tan, Matthew Golding

~ PAUSE ~



WINTER GALA 2019: *The Nutcracker*

The Nutcracker

First Act

Music by P. Tchaikovsky

Choreography by Runqiao Du

Instructors: V. Djouloukhadze, R. Du, V. Ivleva, M. Rozanova, I. Wunder

Set and Visual Design: Ksenya Litvak

Lighting Design: Micah Stromberg

Costume Design: Karen Cerkez

Father

Alexander Nicolosi

Mother

Alexis Orange

Marie

Yiran Wei (Fri)

Yui Hayashi (Sat)

Older Marie

Ha Nhi Tran (Fri)

Sofya Shakhovets (Sat)

Marie's Little Brother

Wenkai Sandford

Maid

Eleni Karavati

Godmother

Ariadne Fernandez

Nephew/Nutcracker

Garrett Frierson

Godmother's Little Gift Toys

Eva Fenn

Ella Rox Ferguson

Silvia Buch

Carys Mair Williams

Aya Hamady

Maeve Lindsay

Linea Wang

Tessa Wytzel-Jensen

Kira Shiffer



Ballerina Doll

Madison Daruszka

Soldier Doll

Beatriz Pina

Mice

Alexandra Montemayor (soloist)

Evelyn Wallace

Kesaria Bakradze

Raquel Dasilva

Cecilia Gauge

Sophia Mohanco

Ania Chesnik

Javier Toha

Lisa Bakrade

Misha Leshner

Nuria Hamady

Soldiers

Caleb Gray (soloist)

Isabela Pirzadeh

Kesy Swire

Aurelio Bazzano-Zeidein

Sarah Ramson

Amissa Bonnege

Isabelle Cespedes

Alessandro Bazzano-Ziedin

Rats

Annabella Bazzano-Zeidein

Rosemarie Kazer

Victoria Fedorova

Kimora Thompson

Breanna Oliver

Rat Queen

Amira Parra

Snow Queen

Sofya Shakhovets (Fri)

Ha Nhi Tran (Sat)

Snow Corp

Zoe Loo

Nora Schaefer

Isabella Becchi

Ava Joseph

Tiffany Son

Jean Kallenburg

Beatriz Pina

Kimberly Weng

Eleni Karavati

Kasumi Nunomura

Cheng Yuan Tsao

Lilly Higginbotham

Sadie Sanson

Clare Tan

Ariel Keung

Andrea Sandoval

Ariadne Fernandez

Alexis Orange

~ 20 MIN INTERMISSION ~



Act II

“Habanera”

Composer: F. Giordano Inspired by Original Score by G. Bizet
Choreographer: Yuan Yuan Tan
Dancer: Yuan Yuan Tan

“YIXI”

Composer: B. Dylan
Choreographer: Yuh Egami, Matthew Golding
Dancer: Matthew Golding

~ *PAUSE* ~

The Nutcracker

Second Act

Music by P. Tchaikovsky
Choreography by V. Vainonen
Instructors: V. Djouloukhadze, R. Du, V. Ivleva, M. Rozanova, I. Wunder
Set and Visual Design: Ksenya Litvak
Lighting Design: Micah Stromberg
Costume Design: Karen Cerkez

Spanish

Beatriz Pina

Kuan-Lun Li

Russian

Sadie Sanson
Piotr Peczkowski (Fri)

Andrea Sandoval
Alexander Nicolosi (Sat)

Arabian

Jean Kallenburg
Eleni Karaviti

Ariadne Fernandez
Alexis Orange

Chinese

Ariel Keung (Fri)
Garrett Frierson

Kimberly Weng (Sat)



Pas de Trois

Kasumi Nunomura
Alexander Boyd-Smith

Nora Schaefer

Waltz of Flowers**Soloists**

Friday
Sofya Shakhovets
Kimberly Weng
Piotr Peczkowski
Kuan-Lun Li

Saturday
Ha Nhi Tran
Ariel Keung
Alexander Nicolosi
Kuan-Lun Li

Corp

Zoe Loo
Tiffany Son
Ava Joseph
Isabella Becchi
Elizabeth Ha

Christine Tsao
Lilly Higginbotham
Madison Daruszk
Clare Tan

Grand Pas de Deux

Friday
Ha Nhi Tran
Alexander Nicolosi

Saturday
Sofya Shakhovets
Piotr Peczkowski

~ *END* ~



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