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Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker coming to New Orleans Proceeds to benefit Kingsley House

Mahalia Jackson Theater
801 N. Rampart
New Orleans, LA 70116

NEW ORLEANS, LA– The Moscow Ballet will be returning to New Orleans this holiday season for a special performance of its critically acclaimed Great Russian Nutcracker benefitting Kingsley House on **Saturday, Nov. 28th at 8:00 p.m.** The event will take place at the newly reopened Mahalia Jackson Theater.

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker features spectacular sets and more than 45 beautifully costumed Russian dancers. Whimsical and imaginative storytelling blends with the richness of Russian classical dance to make the Great Russian Nutcracker a unique performance available in southeast Louisiana this year!

“Kingsley House is proud to be collaborating with the Moscow Ballet on this wonderful event,” said Kingsley House Development Director Donna Paramore. “It’s a chance to bring a great ballet back to the New Orleans community and help spread the word about Kingsley House and the programs we offer.”

Sponsors for the event include Whitney Bank and the Roosevelt Hotel.

Tickets range from \$40 to \$70 and are now available for purchase at Ticketmaster or at the Mahalia Jackson Theater Box Office at (504) 287-0350. For more information, please visit www.nutcracker.com or www.mahaliajacksontheater.com. All proceeds from the Nov. 28th performance will benefit Kingsley House.

About Kingsley House

Kingsley House, nationally renowned as the oldest Settlement House in the South, has served more than half a million people since it was founded in 1896. Today, we serve nearly 7,000 people annually throughout Southeast Louisiana in a wide variety of nationally accredited and state certified capacity building programs.

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We continue to devote all of our energies and resources to our mission— **Kingsley House educates children, strengthens families, and builds community**—as we work toward the successful recovery, rebuilding and healing of our city, state and region. **Kingsley House is a United Way Community Impact Partner.**

About the Moscow Ballet

Moscow Ballet is celebrating its 17th North American tour and features Gold Medalist Cristina Terentieva starring as Masha partnered by Alexei Terentiev as the Nutcracker Prince. Ms. Terentieva won the Gold Medal at the prestigious Varna International Ballet Competition in 2008. In Varna, the couple performed Radu Poklitaru’s award winning contemporary pas de deux “Lullaby”, for which Alexei was honored as Best Partner.

Praised for exquisite dancing and gorgeous costumes, the Great Russian Nutcracker is directed by Ballet Master Vladimir Troschenko. Mr. Troschenko partnered such legendary Russian ballerinas as Nadia Pavolva, Ludmilla Seminyaka and Galina Mezentseva. He is an Honors graduate of the Bolshoi and Kirov academies.

Photos Attached



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