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Moscow Ballet's Prima Ballerina Svetlana Todinova to visit Kingsley House
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NEW ORLEANS, LA– Moscow Ballet's ballerina Svetlana Todinova will visit Kingsley House children and adults on October 8th from 10 a.m. to noon. She will be performing and teaching Kingsley House patrons her techniques. Todinova will be available for media inquiries.

Her visit is timed to coincide with Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker performance at the Mahalia Jackson Theater on November 28th. All proceeds from this special performance will benefit Kingsley House.

If you are a member of the media and would like to attend, please RSVP to Gina Jackson at 504-523-6221 ext. 127 or via email at gjackson@kingsleyhouse.org.

Todinova is also hosting open auditions at the Mahalia Jackson Theater (1419 Basin St. New Orleans 70116) for ballet students ages 7-15 who are interested in making a special cameo performance in the show on Nov 28th. **Auditions will be held October 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and rehearsal will run from noon to 5 p.m. that same day.**

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!

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

Tickets to the ballet 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.

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About Kingsley House

Kingsley House, a United Way Community Impact Partner, 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.

About 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.



Svetlana Todinova

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