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### NO DANCE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED TO BE A PART OF SAVANNAH'S *NUTCRACKER*

Savannah Ballet Theatre invites community youth ages 5+ to open auditions for the 2018-2019 season production of *The Nutcracker*. Auditions will be held on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018 at Savannah Ballet Theatre's facility, 115 Charlotte Road, Savannah. At the audition, children will learn simple sequences of steps from various age appropriate youth cast roles. Savannah Ballet Theatre's artistic staff will evaluate auditionees on their ability to learn and execute these steps. The overall environment for auditions is light and fun for all.

An annual Christmastime production, *The Nutcracker* features approximately 75 youth cast members from the School of Savannah Ballet Theatre and the surrounding community. Roles range from darling Clara to the cavalry and everything in between. Dance experience is not required. Children must be five years old by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to audition. *The Nutcracker* weaves the awe-inspiring wonder of the classic tale with Savannah's vast history as young Clara and her magical friends journey through a spectacular dreamland. This is the 20th consecutive season Artistic Director Suzanne Braddy's enchanting production will take over the Lucas Theatre in December. For more information on youth cast details for this enchanting production, visit [www.savannahballettheatre.org](http://www.savannahballettheatre.org).

Pre-registration for auditions is now open; interested individuals can register online at [www.savannahballettheatre.org](http://www.savannahballettheatre.org) at that time. Walk-ups are also welcome the day of an audition. Children who audition will be notified of whether or not they receive a role on Friday, Sept. 14. Mandatory rehearsals begin on Oct. 20. A \$15 non-refundable audition fee and 4"x 6" full-body photograph are required. Girls should audition in a solid color leotard and pink tights; boys should wear a t-shirt and shorts. Ballet slippers are preferred, but not required; children who do not own ballet slippers should wear socks or another style of dance shoe.

### **About Savannah Ballet Theatre**

Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> season as a non-profit, Savannah Ballet Theatre (SBT) is the only professional ballet company in Savannah. SBT presents a varied repertoire of classical ballet and contemporary works by noted choreographers, including original works by Artistic Director Suzanne Braddy. Savannah Ballet Theatre provides more than 6,000 arts experiences to adults and children annually through season performances and its Community Engagement programming. Savannah Ballet School of Dance brings world-class dance instruction to students age 2 to 70. Savannah Ballet Theatre's *The Nutcracker* is presented with support from the Georgia Council for the Arts. Contributions from local, regional and national institutional funders and community partners, as well as generous individuals, provide ongoing support of Savannah Ballet Theatre's mission-critical programs.