

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

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DETROIT'S HOLIDAY TRADITION RETURNS WITH THE MAGICAL WORLD OF *THE NUTCRACKER*

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*Michigan Opera Theatre adds a second weekend of performances
November 27 – Dec. 6 at the Detroit Opera House*

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DETROIT, November 12, 2015 – Detroit's annual holiday tradition returns with **Michigan Opera Theatre's** **presentation** of BalletMet Columbus' *The Nutcracker*. For seven performances from **Nov. 27- Dec. 6**, this family favorite features a talented cast of more than 100 professional and local student dancers, dazzling choreography and sets, and holiday activities for children and families. Tchaikovsky's glorious score will be performed live by the **Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra**.

Matinee performances on Friday, Saturdays, and Sundays feature a range of family-friendly activities, including visiting with live reindeer before the show, holiday-themed crafts (courtesy of **Arts and Scraps**), a special holiday ice cream (compliments of **Treat Dreams Bakehouse**), and photos with Santa Claus and the Nutcracker. The "Sugar Plum Parade" follows the performance, giving children a special opportunity to meet the dancers on the Detroit Opera House stage. A buffet lunch before matinees will be available for \$11 per person and can be purchased when customers call for tickets.

BalletMet's production, with unforgettable characters and narration by Sir Roger Moore, keeps *The Nutcracker* an event that is both fresh and familiar, and rekindles the warmth of the holiday season. BalletMet Columbus of Ohio, renowned for its versatility and innovative repertory, ranks among the nation's largest dance companies, and its Dance Academy ranks among the largest dance-training centers.

In addition to more than 50 young local dancers, performances will feature the **Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus**, Madonna University Women's Chorale, Rochester High School, Saline High School, Avondale High School, Rochester Adams High School, and Stoney Creek High School, singing with the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra,

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conducted by Peter Stafford Wilson. The choirs will also sing in the grand lobby of the Detroit Opera House before the show and during intermission.

This presentation is supported by the **Lear Corporation, Masco Foundation, Quicken Loans, and Arts Midwest.**

A **free dance talk** begins one hour prior to each performance.

Ticket prices range from \$29 to \$99. Tickets may be purchased online at www.MichiganOpera.org, by calling 313-237-7464, or in person at the Detroit Opera House ticket office (1526 Broadway, Detroit). Tickets may also be purchased at Ticketmaster.com, at any Ticketmaster outlet, or by calling 800-745-3000.

Michigan Opera Theatre presents
BalletMet Columbus
in *The Nutcracker*

Friday, November 27 at 2:30
Saturday, November 28 at 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 29 at 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 5 at 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 6 at 2:30 p.m.

at the Detroit Opera House

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About Michigan Opera Theatre

Michigan Opera Theatre (Wayne S. Brown, President and CEO; Dr. David DiChiera, Founder and Artistic Director), one of the nation's most vibrant nonprofit arts organizations, is committed to presenting opera and dance of the highest artistic caliber. Founded in 1971, the company's mission is to serve as a major cultural resource to the state of Michigan and the city of Detroit. Visit the website at www.michiganopera.org.