

NUTCRACKER



Following a successful premier last Thursday morning at Pyramid Mall, the Raymond C. Buckley Elementary Chorus and the 4th grade Band will bring their holiday entertainment spectacular to central Lansing this week with a program of traditional and contemporary Christmas band music and Tchaikovsky's world-famous ballet *The Nutcracker Suite* this Thursday and Friday.

Under the direction of Cynthia Howell and Gail Hughes, the 112-member Lansing Elementary School 3rd and 4th grade Chorus will be joining forces with the 55-member 4th grade Band to bring holiday joy to our little corner of the world.

The Nutcracker

Peter Illich Tchaikovsky composed *The Nutcracker Suite* in 1891-92 in Czarist Russia, just a year before his untimely death at the age of 53. It is an enchanted story of the victory of innocence over experience and of good over evil. More than a century later, concert-goers of all ages continue to react with deep emotion to Tchaikovsky's richly melodic passages which alternate between deep melancholy and profound joy attributed to the Russian character and reflected in a centuries' old tradition of folk music.

The story opens as little Fritz and Marie await the arrival of Christmas visitors in their sumptuous home. Godfather's gift of a modest, little nutcracker causes a bit of a stir but this apparently insignificant gift is the source of a mystery as the children are transported to the land of sweet dreams.

Now, we don't want to give the entire story away, *but* the nutcracker is transformed into a living soldier at the stroke of midnight to lead his army of toys into a glorious and victorious battle with the nefarious mouse king and his evil minions.

Bring your children along as Lansing's talented 3rd and 4th grade singers and dancers take Marie on a tour of worlds like the Candy Meadow, Cookie Country and the Kingdom of Sweets. Thrill to the grace of the Sugar Plum Fairy, the action of the Russian Bakers, the movement of the Chinese Tea Dancers, splendor of the Arabian Dancers and willowy, wonderful Waltzing Flowers.

Artistic Director Cynthia howell has hastened to assure Lansing parents that their children will NOT be leaving on a 9-month tour of European capitals with this performance, but cautions that the extremely limited FREE seats to the Thursday evening performance at 6:30 pm and the Friday morning performance at 9:30 am at the Lansing Middle School Auditorium are available on an unreserved, first-come, first-served basis.

The major players in Thursday evening's performance will be Stephen LaVigne (the Nutcracker), Marilyn Sirico (Marie), Nicholas Dhimitri (Fritz), Philip Abbot (Judge) and Marc Ducharme (the Mouse King). On Friday morning, these roles will be played by Patrick Kauffman, Eleni Murdough, Shawn Osborn, Elizabeth Sheldon and Matthew Sirvent.

The full chorus includes Philip Abbott, Emilia Alsen, Adam Armstrong, Caroline Baldini, Lincoln Barnard, Sarah Barnard, Kyle Bartlett, Treyson Barresi, Jeff Baxter, Pat Bishop, Sarah Broadway, Kate Brown, Shannon Bush, Catherine Calhoun, Chris Carpenter, Stacy Carvalho, Andrea Conlon, Kendra Countryman, Ashley Dean, Allison Dedrick, Alex deLorme, Katrina Dhimitri, Nicolas Dhimitri, Hannah

Diebolt, Marc Ducharme, Beth Farmer, Christina Foster, Lacy Fuller, Kelly Geiger, Francesca Gentile, Maggie George, Justin Georgia, Kristina Giff, Andy Giff, Valerie Glass, Kayla Grygiel, Jason Halton, Dani Halton, Joe Hardie, Katy Hartz, KC Hatfield, Bonnie Hatfield, Kelsy Henne, Nathan Horrell, Laura Hover, Katie Hranek, Amanda Hurley, Tiffany Isengard, Eric Jahn, Jenny Jayne, Julian Jenkins, Ariel Johnson, Melissa Jones, Patrick Kauffman, Adam Kennedy, Ka-Hee Kim, Jonathan Klebe, Viktor Koltko, Margaret Kulis, Stephen LaVigne, Elizabeth Lindberg, Victoria Linde, David Lion, Gabrielle Long, Ashley Lovelace, Jessica Lychalk, Brittney Mainville, Becky Mapes, Emma Martin, Mark Martin, Billy Maul, Vickie Mayton, Michael Melice, Maegan Mikula, Tiana Mullenix, Eleni Murdough, CarrieMae Nielsen, Shaun Norman, Christopher Nuttle, Jesse Ormsby, Shawn Osborn, Sharia Osborn, Nick Park, Alex Park, Elisabeth Pasto, Lindsay Pine, Matthew Poch, Justin Reakes, Jessica Ridall, Aubrey Rodgers, Karina Ross, Khrista Rypl, Elizabeth Sheldon, Taylor Sheive, Christopher Sirico, Kaitlyn Sirico, Matthew Sirvent, Sophala Sok, Julieanne Stamp, Katherine Stickel, Brian Stilwell, Renee Sweazey, Narinda Tit, Kensey Torrey, Eric John Trotter, Bryce Urbany, David Valesente, Alicia VanPelt, Ayanna Wells, Casey Wilcox, Andrew Woodard and Caitlin Wright.

The 4th Grade Band

Playing under the guidance of Gail Hughes, the 4th grade band will play six holiday selections including the Norwegian folk song *Song of the Fjords*, the traditional *Lightly Row*, an arrangement of Ludwig Von Beethoven's favorite airs, and the contemporary *Farms, MacBridges and Blues* as well as Begne's *Ol' Nick Rides With Jingles* and *Up On The Housetop*.

The musicians include:

Flutes: Shannon Bush, Ericka LaRock, Evan Iacobucci, Lindsay Pine, Amanda Hurley, Kyle Bartlett, Emma Martin, Kendra Countryman, Maggie George, Caroline Baldini, Beth Farmer, Chelsea Germain and Mallory Clare.

French Horns: Catherine Calhoun, Zachary, LaCelle, Joe Hardie and Jeffrey Ryan.

Trombone: David Lion

Clarinets: Andrew Zweigenbaum, Dawn Ryan, Emilia Alsen, Victoria Linde, Glen Purdy, Christopher Nuttle, Kaitlyn Sirico, Ayanna Wells, Shawn Osborn, Shawn Jaenson, Daniel Cheatham, Eric John Trotter, Patrick Campbell, Andrew Woodard, Bonnie Hatfield, Renee Sweazey, Kensey Torrey, Jessica Lychalk, Christina Foster and Eleni Murdough

Baritone: Willis Dingman

Trumpets: Allison Dedrick, Matthew Poch, Stephen LaVigne, Casey Mehlenbacher, Matthew Sirvent, Nicholas Dhimitri, Lincoln Barnard and Andy Giff.

Saxophones: Ashley Dean, Bryce Urbany and Marc Ducharme

Percussion: Stacy Carvalho, Nick Park, Brendan Hamill, Mark Martin and Brian Stilwell.

Volunteers

Though Lansing's musicians, singers and dancers will thrill you, behind the scenes lurk a number of parents and community volunteers who continue to provide their encouragement and motivation.

The assistant choral director is Dianne Southard. Dance directors are Pat Trotter, Sue Henne, Joni Geiger, Lindsay LaVigne, Barbara Palhof, Ms. Kennedy, Nancy Giff, Sandy Baxter and Lindsey Kauffman.

Costumes are crafted by Holly Hardie and Tracey LaVigne and the set was constructed by Bill Dhimitri, Sandy Conlon, Marty Conlon, Chris Henne, Sue Henne, Mary Broadway and Emily Dean.

Lights are run by Ben Darfler, the program was crafted by Dennis Kulis and David Stilwell controls the sound.

Don't forget your cameras!!!

Community Calendar

Thursday, December 19

Medieval Studies student presentations in the High School cafeteria OPEN TO THE PUBLIC beginning at 8:00 am
Girls' Varsity and JV Basketball meet Southern Cayuga away at 6:00 pm
Raymond Buckley Elementary Chorus & Band produce *The Nutcracker* at the Middle School Auditorium at 6:30 pm (Free admission)

Friday, December 20

Cayuga Heights Recycling Day (set out by 7:30 am)
Raymond Buckley Elementary Chorus & Band produce *The Nutcracker* at the Middle School Auditorium at 9:30 am (Free admission)
Elementary School Holiday Parties at 2:00 pm
Boys Varsity Swimmers meet Odessa-Montour away at 4:30 pm
Modified Boys Basketball season finale at Groton at 4:30 pm
Girls Modified Volleyball season finale at Groton at 4:30 pm
Boys Varsity & JV Basketball play Southern Cayuga at home at 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 21

Lansing Food Pantry & Friendship Network at Lansing United Methodist Church from 2-5 pm
Varsity Westlers participate in the Groton Tournament

Sunday, December 22

Asbury Church Adult & Youth Choir perform at 10:40 am
Christmas Exhibition at the RINK from 12:30 to 2:00pm (\$3.00 donation includes open skating from 2:15 to 4:15 pm)
Asbury Church Children's Christmas Pageant at 7:00 pm

Monday, December 23

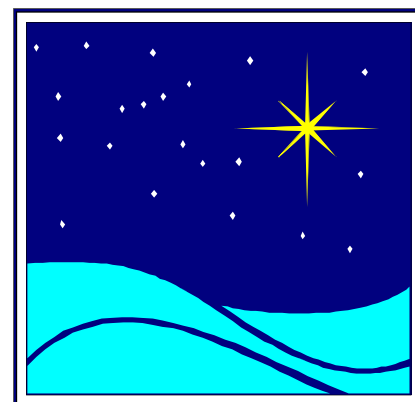
Town of Lansing Recycling Day

Tuesday, December 24

Wednesday, December 25

"Unto us a child is born,
unto us a child is given."

Rejoice!



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