PRESS RELEASE - October 19th, 2023

What: "The Nutcracker" presented by Friends of DanceWorks

When: 7 p.m. Dec. 8th, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 9th and 2 p.m. Dec. 10th.

Where: Fort Vancouver High School, 5700 E. 18th St., Vancouver WA 98661

Ticketing: <u>danceworksperformingarts.com</u> Reserved Seating: \$25-\$35 | Ages 4+yrs

More Information: Visit DanceWorksPerformingArts.com or call 360-892-5664

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, Friends of DanceWorks presents the lavish production of "The Nutcracker" ballet that has wowed Vancouver audiences in years past and once again this holiday season.

DanceWorks Performing Arts & Vancouver City Ballet's production features more than 100+ student and adult dancers and will take place Dec. 8th-10th at Fort Vancouver High School.

Join Clara and her Nutcracker Prince as they embark on an unforgettable journey through the Land of Snow and into the Kingdom of Sweets. This beautifully staged production features leaping ballerinas and high flying acrobatics that will undoubtedly make audience members feel the holiday magic.

Sydney Reznicki, an advanced dancer at DanceWorks, will dance the part of the Sugarplum. Other featured soloists include Julia Costigan, Hayden Ring, Alia Romano & Avery Stinchfield as Clara.

This is the ninth year of "The Nutcracker" presented by Friends of Danceworks, the nonprofit arm of DanceWorks & Vancouver City Ballet. DanceWorks is an East Vancouver dance studio that teaches numerous styles for all ages, and Vancouver City Ballet is its affiliated pre professional classical ballet program.

Proceeds will go to Friends of DanceWorks, a non-profit that provides scholarships for local dancers. Over the course of its nine years, more than \$60,000 has been awarded in dance scholarships to local dancers.

Choreographers are studio Director Karen Cannon and instructors Julia Ostrovskaia, Alyssa Hofmann, Maddie Bandit & Jazy LiDrazzah.

Cannon is celebrating her 30th season as owner/artistic director of DanceWorks in Vancouver, Washington. Born and educated in England, she spent 10 years touring the world as a professional dancer and choreographer before founding DanceWorks in 1993. Known for training Vancouver's most talented dancers, DanceWorks Performing Arts graduates can be found in most rated dance colleges across the US, dance companies, and on Television & Broadway.

Tickets for "The Nutcracker" are available starting Nov. 5th at <u>danceworksperformingarts.com</u> This production sells out yearly, so don't miss out!