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Bringing the Magic of *Nutcracker* to Everyone's Home This Holiday December 10-13, 2020 – As part of Dance Victoria's (Virtual) Home Season

VICTORIA, B.C. – Dance Victoria is bringing the magic of the holiday classic, *Nutcracker*, to the safety and comfort of your home this December with the [Ukrainian Shumka Dancers](#) featuring guest artists from the Kyiv Ballet of the National Opera of Ukraine. And if Dance Victoria has its way, every marginalized child will have equal opportunity to see this incredible presentation through the *Nutcracker Kids* campaign.

"Last year we presented this exuberant production at the Royal Theatre and it brought the house down," explains Executive Producer Stephen White. "There's a huge Ukrainian dance sequence (a *Hopak*) in the second half of the program with dancers leaping, flipping and tumbling across the stage. It is truly remarkable. Last year the Royal Theatre audience jumped to their feet when it was all over!"

Because we can't be at the Royal this season and because we have a long tradition of asking our community to help us bring children and families that are facing life challenges to the *Nutcracker*, this season we're looking for support to bring Shumka's *Nutcracker* to everyone's home.

As part of this initiative, Dance Victoria is partnering with [Victoria Women's Transition House](#) and other agencies through our [Nutcracker Kids](#) program. **Each \$65 donation is matched with free access the online *Nutcracker* package.** You can visit DanceVictoria.com/nutkids to donate.

Nutcracker Kids Campaign Chair, [Julie Rust Personal Real Estate Corporation](#), said it's more important than ever to help those in need this holiday season:

"As a community member and a realtor at Newport Realty, one of the things that I feel strongly about is supporting the arts in Victoria. Because we can't get together at the Royal Theatre this year, Dance Victoria is bringing *Nutcracker* to you, creating an incredible opportunity to bring this presentation to even more children and their families in 2020. I hope you will join us."



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Shumka's [Nutcracker](#) blends the grace and lyricism of classical ballet with the strength of Ukrainian character dance in a celebration of Tchaikovsky's beloved score. Choreographed by Viktor Lytvynov, this production features principal artists from the **Kyiv Ballet of the National Opera of Ukraine**, singers in Clara's Dream Choir, and young dancers from the Shumka School of Dance as part of the Children's Ensemble. Lavish sets and costumes are designed by National Opera of Ukraine's Maria Levitska.

Based on E.T.A. Hoffman's beloved tale *The Nutcracker*, Shumka's *Nutcracker* begins when a young girl receives a Nutcracker doll from her godfather, Dr. Drosselmeier on Christmas Eve. As the clock in the Staulbaum home strikes midnight, the Nutcracker springs to life in a battle against the Mouse King. With Clara's help, the Nutcracker and his battalion of toy soldiers defeat the Mouse King and his army, breaking a spell and returning the Nutcracker to his human form: a handsome prince. As a gesture of his gratitude, the prince takes Clara on a magical journey, where they meet a cast of unforgettable characters.

Ukrainian Christmas traditions and symbols are woven into this full-length production as well as a Ukrainian Christmas carol - a grand orchestral and choral version of *Shchedryk* (Carol of the Bells) arranged by renowned Ukrainian composer Yuri Shevchenko.

Ticket holders to the virtual *Nutcracker* enjoy a password-protected HD *Nutcracker* video presentation available from Thursday, December 10 at 5 pm until Sunday, December 13 at 5 pm. Extras include *Nutcracker Story Time* video created by local storyteller Jim Leard, downloadable colouring pages and crafts for the little ones, detailed program notes with complete casting, a *Nutcracker* signature cocktail (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) demonstration with [Cascadia Liquor](#), messages from the show's sponsors and more – all accessible from DanceVictoria.com.

Ukrainian Shumka Dancers in *Nutcracker*

Thurs, December 10 – Available 5 pm

Friday, December 11 – All Day

Saturday, December 12 – All Day

Sunday, December 13 – Ends 5 pm

How to Buy Tickets

A four-show subscription and single tickets are very affordable. Not only will you enjoy superb performances, but your purchase will support Dance Victoria during this challenging season.



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Subscriber Pricing*

4-show package \$80 (\$20/show)

Non-Subscriber/Single Ticket Pricing*

\$25/show

**Prices do not include GST, credit card fees and ticket surcharges. Subscriptions are on sale only until November 15, 2020.*

How To Buy

Online at DanceVictoria.com | Support Nutcracker Kids: DanceVictoria.com/nutkids

Dance Victoria's (Virtual) Home Season:

[Compagnie Hervé KOUBI](#) | Nov 12-15, 2020 – Watch Together/Chat After: Saturday, Nov 14
[Ukrainian Shumka Dancers](#) in *Nutcracker* | Dec 10-13, 2020 - Watch Together/Chat After:
Sunday, Dec 13
[Grupo Corpo](#) | Feb 25-28, 2021 - Watch Together/Chat After: Saturday, Feb 27
[Bereishit Dance Company](#) | Apr 8-11, 2021 - Watch Together/Chat After: Saturday, Apr 10

About Dance Victoria

Dance Victoria brings the *World's Best Dance* to the Royal Theatre and to your home and supports the development of new dance for the international stage from its studios in Quadra Village. Dance Victoria is a non-profit charitable society. DanceVictoria.com

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