

THE
NATIONAL
Ballet
OF CANADA

Karen Kain
Artistic Director



For Immediate Release

The National Ballet of Canada's *The Nutcracker* Live in High-Definition Returns Exclusively to 79 Cineplex Entertainment Theatres

Toronto, ON - November 18, 2008 (TSX: CGX.UN)... Due to the tremendous success of last year's first-ever presentation of The National Ballet of Canada's *The Nutcracker*, *The Nutcracker* live in High-Definition (HD) returns exclusively to an expanded number of Cineplex Entertainment theatres across the country. The one-time only presentation of *The Nutcracker* will be shown in select Cineplex Entertainment theatres on December 13, 2008 at 2:00 pm EST. Advance tickets are on sale now online at www.cineplex.com as well as at participating theatre box offices.

"I am extremely proud to be able to share our production of *The Nutcracker* with Canadians nationwide. And this year, we will expand our reach even more, bringing this great holiday tradition to a greater number of communities across the country," says **Karen Kain**, Artistic Director.

"We are excited to once again present *The Nutcracker* to our theatre audiences across the country," says **Pat Marshall**, Vice President, Communications and Investor Relations, Cineplex Entertainment. "*The Nutcracker* is a holiday tradition that should be experienced by as many people as possible and we have expanded the number of theatres to ensure everyone can enjoy it."

The Nutcracker live in HD is a three-way partnership between The National Ballet of Canada, Cineplex Entertainment and Bravo!. Following the simulcast on December 13, *The Nutcracker* will be broadcast on Bravo! at a later date that will be announced shortly.

The Nutcracker live in HD is presented by TD Waterhouse, with additional funding by John and Claudine Bailey.

The Nutcracker will be captured by six HD cameras at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto and transmitted live via satellite to the following theatres throughout Canada:

BRITISH COLUMBIA (at 11 am PST)

Cineplex Odeon Aberdeen Mall Cinemas
700-1320 Trans Canada Highway

SilverCity Coquitlam Cinemas
170 Schoolhouse Street

Kamloops, BC

Colossus Langley Cinemas

20090 91A Avenue
Langley, BC

Famous Players Orchard Plaza Cinemas

160-1876 Cooper Road
Kelowna, BC

Cineplex Odeon Park & Tilford Cinemas

200-333 Brooksbank Avenue
North Vancouver, BC

SilverCity Riverport Cinemas

14211 Entertainment Way
Richmond, BC

Scotiabank Theatre Vancouver

900 Burrard Street
Vancouver, BC

Famous Players 7 Cinemas

2306 Highway 6
Vernon, BC

SilverCity Victoria Cinemas

3130 Tillicum Road
Victoria, BC

SASKATCHEWAN (at 1pm MST)

Galaxy Cinemas Prince Albert

2995 2nd Avenue
Prince Albert, SK

Galaxy Cinemas Saskatoon

347 2nd Avenue
Saskatoon, SK

MANITOBA (at 1pm CST)

SilverCity St. Vital Cinemas

160-1255 St. Mary's Road
Winnipeg, MB

ALBERTA (at 12pm MST)

Scotiabank Theatre Chinook

6455 Macleod Trail SW
Calgary, AB

Cineplex Odeon South Edmonton Cinemas

1525-99th Street NW
Edmonton, AB

Galaxy Cinemas Sherwood Park

2020 Sherwood Drive
Sherwood Park, AB

Coquitlam, BC

Cineplex Odeon Meadowtown Cinemas

19800 Lougheed Highway
Pitt Meadows, BC

SilverCity Mission Cinemas

32555 London Avenue
Mission, BC

Galaxy Cinemas Nanaimo

213-4750 Rutherford Road
Nanaimo, BC

Famous Players 6 Cinemas

172-1600 Fifth Avenue
Prince George, BC

Cineplex Odeon Strawberry Hill Cinemas

12161 72nd Avenue
Surrey, BC

Cineplex Odeon Victoria Cinemas

780 Yates Avenue
Victoria, BC

Galaxy Cinemas Regina

420 McCarthy Boulevard N
Regina, SK

SilverCity Polo Park Cinemas

817 St. James Street
Winnipeg, MB

Galaxy Cinemas Medicine Hat

3292 Dunmore Road SE
Medicine Hat, AB

Cineplex Odeon Crowfoot Crossing Cinemas

91 Crowfoot Terrace NW
Calgary, AB

Cineplex Odeon North Edmonton Cinemas

14231 137th Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB

Famous Players Westhills Cinemas
165 Stewart Green SW
Calgary, AB

Scotiabank Theatre Edmonton
8882-170 Street
Edmonton, AB

Cineplex Odeon Grand Prairie Cinemas
10330-109th Street
Grand Prairie, AB

Galaxy Cinemas Lethbridge
501-1st Avenue SW
Lethbridge, AB

Galaxy Cinemas Red Deer
357-37400 Highway #2
Red Deer, AB

ONTARIO (at 2pm EST)

Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Grande Cinemas
4861 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON

Colossus Vaughan Cinemas
3555 Highway 7 W
Woodbridge, ON

SilverCity Richmond Hill Cinemas
8725 Yonge Street
Richmond Hill, ON

SilverCity Brampton Cinemas
50 Great Lakes Drive
Brampton, ON

Cineplex Odeon Niagara Square Cinemas
7555 Montrose Road
Niagara Falls, ON

Galaxy Cinemas Owen Sound
1020 10th Street
Owen Sound, ON

Galaxy Cinemas St. Thomas
417 Wellington Street
St. Thomas, ON

Galaxy Cinemas Cambridge
355 Hespeler Road
Cambridge, ON

Galaxy Cinemas Guelph
485 Woodlawn Road W
Guelph, ON

SilverCity Burlington Cinemas
1250 Brant Street
Burlington, ON

Cineplex Odeon Queensway Cinemas
1025 The Queensway
Etobicoke, ON

Coliseum Scarborough Cinemas
300 Borough Drive
Scarborough, ON

Coliseum Mississauga Cinemas
309 Rathburn Road W
Mississauga, ON

Cineplex Odeon Devonshire Mall Cinemas
3100 Howard Avenue
Windsor, ON

Galaxy Cinemas Waterloo
550 King Street N
Waterloo, ON

Galaxy Cinemas Orangeville
85 Fifth Avenue
Orangeville, ON

SilverCity Oakville Cinemas
3531 Wyecroft Road
Oakville, ON

Galaxy Cinemas Collingwood
6 Mountain Road
Collingwood, ON

SilverCity Ancaster Cinemas
771 Golf Links Road
Ancaster, ON

Famous Players Lambton 9 Cinemas
1450 London Road
Sarnia, ON

SilverCity London Cinemas
1680 Richmond Street
London, ON

Galaxy Cinemas Barrie
72 Commerce Park Drive
Barrie, ON

Galaxy Cinemas Peterborough
320 Water Street
Peterborough, ON

Galaxy Cinemas North Bay
300 Lakeshore Drive
North Bay, ON

Galaxy Cinemas Midland
9226 County Road 93
Midland, ON

Galaxy Cinemas Brockville
2399 Parkedale Avenue
Brockville, ON

Cineplex Odeon Oshawa Cinemas
1351 Grandview Street N
Oshawa, ON

Coliseum Ottawa Cinemas
3090 Carling Avenue
Ottawa, ON

SilverCity Newmarket Cinemas
18151 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON

QUEBEC (at 2pm EST)

Cineplex Odeon Beauport Cinemas
825 rue Clemenceau
Beauport, PQ

Cineplex Odeon Brossard Cinemas
9350 boul. Leduc
Brossard, PQ

Coliseum Kirkland Cinemas
3200 rue Jean Yves
Kirkland, PQ

Starcité Montreal Cinemas
4825 ave. Pierre de Coubertin
Montreal, PQ

Galaxy Cinemas Sherbrooke
4204 Bertrand

SilverCity Thunder Bay Cinemas
850 North May Street
Thunder Bay, ON

Cineplex Odeon Gardiners Road Cinemas
626 Gardiners Road
Kingston, ON

Galaxy Cinemas Cornwall
1325 Second Street E
Cornwall, ON

Galaxy Cinemas Sault Ste. Marie
293 Bay Street
Sault Ste. Marie, ON

SilverCity Sudbury Cinemas
355 Barrydowne Road
Sudbury, ON

Famous Players Belleville 8 Cinemas
160 Bell Boulevard
Belleville, ON

SilverCity Gloucester Cinemas
2385 City Park Drive
Gloucester, ON

Galaxy Cinemas Brantford
300 King George Road
Brantford, ON

Colossus Laval Cinemas
2800 Cosmodome Street
Laval, PQ

Scotiabank Theatre Montreal
977 Ste-Catherine W
Montreal, PQ

Cineplex Odeon Latin Quarter Cinemas
350 rue Emery
Montreal, PQ

Cineplex Odeon Ste. Foy Cinemas
1200 boul. Duplessis
Ste. Foy, PQ

Galaxy Cinemas Trois Rivieres
4520 boul. des Récollets

Rock Forest, PQ

Trois Rivieres, PQ

Galaxy Cinemas Victoriaville

1121 Jutras Est
Victoriaville, PQ

Admission for children ages 3-12 is \$9.95, for seniors is \$17.95 and general admission is \$19.95, plus applicable taxes. A special Family Pack price is also being offered for \$49.95, plus applicable taxes, which includes two adult or two senior admissions and two child admissions. The Family Pack is available at participating theatre box offices only. A special group rate is also available for groups of twenty or more at \$16.50 per person (general admission) and \$8.50 per child. For more information on group rates, call 1-800-313-4461. For more information on tickets and theatre locations, visit www.cineplex.com.

The Nutcracker

The National Ballet of Canada's *The Nutcracker* is a magical holiday tradition. Set in the rustic world of rural 19th-century Russia, *The Nutcracker* blends an affectionately detailed natural setting with an extravagant dreamscape of wonders, from the glittering, ice-coated world of the Snow Queen to the awe-inspiring splendour of the golden palace of the Sugar Plum Fairy. The December 13 matinee performance runs 115 minutes, with a 20 minute intermission.

The Nutcracker's choreography and libretto are by **James Kudelka**, music is by **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**, set and costume design are by **Santo Loquasto** and lighting design is by **Jennifer Tipton**.

The National Ballet of Canada's *The Nutcracker* is live on stage in Toronto from December 6 – 28, 2008 at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts. Visit thenutcracker.ca for more information and to buy tickets.

Ballet companies across Canada perform their own productions of *The Nutcracker* this holiday season:

Alberta Ballet

For details, visit <http://www.albertaballet.com/performances/the-nutcracker/>.

Ballet BC

For details, visit <http://www.balletbc.com/performances/200809/nutcracker/>.

Royal Winnipeg Ballet

For details, visit http://www.rwb.org/whats_on/tour3.html.

Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal

For details, visit <http://www.grandsballets.com/en/spectacle.php?spectacle=10>.

Ballet Jörgen – Various locations

For details, visit <http://www.balletjorgen.ca/inperformance.htm>.

For a listing of all presentations of *The Nutcracker* on stage across Canada, visit <http://www.national.ballet.ca/TheNutcracker/live.html>.

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