

**BALLET JÖRGEN CANADA LAUNCHES TOUR OF ITS NEW GROUP OF SEVEN NUTCRACKER COMPANY WILL VISIT 11 COMMUNITIES AND MOUNT OVER 20 PERFORMANCES**

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October 8, 2008. Toronto ON. . . **Bengt Jörgen**, Artistic Director & CEO of **Ballet Jörgen Canada**, is pleased to announce that the *Group of Seven Nutcracker*, the company's newest full-length ballet, will make its World Premiere in **Charlottetown, PEI**, on **Friday, November 21, 2008** and then embark on a winter tour, performing 28 times in eleven communities, in New Brunswick and throughout Ontario.

With its quintessential rural northern setting of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Canada, Ballet Jörgen Canada's *Group of Seven Nutcracker* is destined to become a family treasure. Choreographed by **Bengt Jörgen** to **P.I. Tchaikovsky's** well-loved score, this distinctly Canadian adaptation of the timeless classic is born from collaboration with the world-renowned **McMichael Canadian Art Collection** that has allowed three of the great 20<sup>th</sup> Century Canadian landscape artists to be featured: Franklin Carmichael (*Church and Houses at Bisset, 1931*), Tom Thomson (*Snow in the Woods, 1916*) and L.L. FitzGerald (*Trees and Wildflowers, 1922*). Using rich and warm fabrics decorated with fur, lace and trinkets, Set & Costume Designer **Sue LePage** has designed over 100 costumes for the snowflakes, Trillium flowers, loons, birches, dragonflies, beavers, squirrels and traditional Nutcracker characters that will grace the stage.

With over 30 dancers, the *Group of Seven Nutcracker* cast also includes children from each of the local communities who are invited to audition and perform the traditional *Nutcracker* children's roles, thus allowing young dancers from age 8 to 18 to participate in this holiday classic. Auditions continue to be held at a number of dance schools in each of the cities.

The *Group of Seven Nutcracker* tour details are as follows:

Sunday, November 23, 2008 at 3pm & 7pm	Fredericton Playhouse, Fredericton NB
Thursday, November 27, 2008 at 7:30pm	River Run Centre, Guelph ON
Friday, November 28, 2008 at 7:30pm	River Run Centre, Guelph ON
Saturday, November 29, 2008 at 7:30pm	Sanderson Centre, Brantford ON
Thursday, December 04, 2008 at 10am & 12:15pm	Living Arts Centre, Mississauga ON
Friday, December 05, 2008 at 7:30pm	Living Arts Centre, Mississauga ON
Saturday, December 06, 2008 at 2pm & 7:30pm	Living Arts Centre, Mississauga ON
Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 7pm	Showplace Theatre, Peterborough ON
Friday, December 12, 2008 at 7pm	Centrepointe Theatre, Nepean ON
Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 1pm & 4:30pm	Centrepointe Theatre, Nepean ON
Monday, December 15, 2008 at 7:30pm	Capitol Centre, North Bay ON
Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 12pm	Rose Theatre, Brampton ON
Friday, December 19, 2008 at 12pm & 7pm	Rose Theatre, Brampton ON
Saturday, December 20, 2008 at 2pm & 7pm	Rose Theatre, Brampton ON
Monday, December 22, 2008 at 7:30pm	Grand Theatre, Kingston ON
Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at 4pm	Grand Theatre, Kingston ON
Sunday, December 28, 2008 at 2pm & 7:30pm	Centre In the Square, Kitchener ON
Monday, December 29, 2008 at 7:30pm	Markham Theatre, Markham ON
Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at 2pm	Markham Theatre, Markham ON

Founded in 1987 by Bengt Jörgen and Susan Bodie to create an opportunity for Canadian choreographers and original new works in classical ballet, **Ballet Jörgen Canada** is now recognized for work that combines innovation, warmth, humour and beauty. Now the second largest dance company in Ontario, **Ballet Jörgen Canada** is the only major Canadian ballet company with a repertoire consisting exclusively of original works. The Company tours across Canada and North America performing to almost 50,000 people in over 40 different communities, touring coast-to-coast and into the United States. The 2008-2009 Season can be found at [www.balletjorgen.ca](http://www.balletjorgen.ca).

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