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Dear Educator,

Welcome to Desert Youth Ballet Foundation's outreach program "CHILDREN DANCE FOR CHILDREN"! This guide will provide you with materials and information to prepare you and your students for the upcoming production of *The Nutcracker and The Mouse King*.

You and your students are invited to see Full-length production of the very famous ballet The Nutcracker.

- Dates:** December 17 and 18, 2011.
- Times:** 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm (only 50 seats per performance are available for the School District groups of 10 or more)
- Place:** Center for the Performing Arts at Paradise Valley Community College.

The enclosed guide includes a synopsis and additional details such as information about the author, composer and choreographer. Please feel free to copy and distribute any materials in this guide for your students or for other teachers as necessary.

Our full – length production runs December 17 and December 18 at the Center for the Performing Arts at Paradise Valley Community College, in Phoenix. Dr. Stahlbaum and Herr Drosselmeyer invite you, your friends and family to the original version of the Hoffman's story. You will be able to participate in the Party scene in the lobby area before the performance and meet with Marie (yes! in original story the little girl name is Marie, but Clara is her doll) and Fritz. You might even win a special Drosselmeyer's gift - guest admission to go on stage and participate in the play. There will be many more surprises as well as traditional ballet production on stage. This is a true collaboration between the Theater and Ballet. You will participate in the play part and watch a ballet performance danced to Tchaikovsky's famous musical score.

Our young dancers and artistic staff look forward to having you attend our upcoming Student Performance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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