

NEW ENGLAND BALLET COMPANY

Artistic Director Victor Trevino
City of Milford Adaptive Specialist Debra Marchese

*City of Milford
Recreation Department's*

*Merry Milford
Musical Theater
Little Wing Dancers*

presents the 6th annual

NUTCRACKER Suite

A beautiful adaptive production featuring children, teens
and young adults of all abilities along with dancers of the

New England Ballet Company

Friday, December 11 • 7 pm

Parsons Government Center
70 West River Street • Milford

All seats reserved • \$20 and \$25

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MILFORD RECREATION AND NEW ENGLAND BALLET COMPANY PRESENT ADAPTIVE NUTCRACKER BALLET

MILFORD, CT – The Milford Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the New England Ballet Company will present its sixth annual Adaptive Nutcracker on Friday, December 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parsons Complex Veteran’s Memorial Auditorium, 70 West River Street, Milford, CT.

This very special performance is a collaborative effort between the New England Ballet Company and Milford Recreation Department’s Adaptive Arts Program, the Merry Musical Theater.

Under the guidance of Company Executive Director, Kenneth Hopkins; Artistic Director, Victor Trevino; and Adaptive Program Specialist, Deborah Marchese, it was created to introduce special needs performers to the transformative power of ballet.

The extended Nutcracker Suite is a culmination of months of rehearsals with mentor dancers from the company working with Merry Musical Theater students; teaching them ballet and helping them learn the story and choreography of Tchaikovsky’s beloved ballet.

Kenneth Hopkins, Executive Director of the New England Ballet says “this magnificent production gives our staff and dancers the wonderful opportunity to perform with the adaptive students and provides a truly rewarding experience that we will carry with us for the rest of our lives”.

During this show, company dancers take supporting roles as dancers with special needs perform the lead roles of Clara and The Sugar Plum Fairy. This magical performance of the holiday classic follows Clara on her journey with the Nutcracker Prince. This year the cast will feature dancers with autism, Down syndrome and other emotional and physical disabilities.

“This collaborative performance of the Nutcracker celebrates the joy and excitement of performing together, and is sure to touch your heart” stated Director of Recreation, Paul Piscitelli.

In 2012 New England Ballet Company was a recipient of a New Haven Arts Council Award for its work with the Milford Recreation Department on The Adaptive Nutcracker.

Tickets are on sale now and are available by calling 203-799-7950 or at www.newenglandballet.org

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