

The Brooklyn Music School

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

TENTH ANNIVERSARY PRESENTATION OF "A BROOKLYN NUTCRACKER," TCHAIKOVSKY TRANSPORTED TO BROOKLYN IN THIS DELIGHTFUL HOLIDAY FAVORITE AT THE BROOKLYN MUSIC SCHOOL PLAYHOUSE

**SPECIAL PREVIEW PERFORMANCE AND RECEPTION ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11;
OPENING NIGHT PERFORMANCE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12;
PERFORMANCES CONTINUE SAT. DEC. 13 & SUN, DEC. 14**



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The family holiday tradition in Brooklyn reaches a major milestone with the tenth anniversary season of "A Brooklyn Nutcracker" at the Brooklyn Music School Playhouse. First presented in 1999, this production was conceived and directed by Dance Director Robin Osborne and features a talented cast, 90% of whom are children: the BMS Journey Dancer Ensembles, students, BMS faculty and guest artists. Osborne sets the cherished 19th century holiday classic in contemporary Brooklyn, where Tchaikovsky's beautiful score is performed against the backdrop of familiar scenes such as Macy's Department Store, Junior's Restaurant, the NYC subway system, Coney Island, Brighton Beach, Atlantic Avenue, Sunset Park and, of course, the Brooklyn Bridge.

The seasonal favorite opens with a Special Preview Performance and Reception on Thursday, Dec 11 at 7:00pm. There are two pricing tiers: tickets without reception are specially-priced at \$ 20 for adults, \$ 10 for children under 18, students and seniors; \$ 50 includes the performance and a reception pre-show and at intermission. Regular performances are Fri, Dec 12 at 7:30pm, Sat, Dec 13 at 5:00pm, and Sun, Dec 14 at 3pm with tickets \$ 25 for adults, \$ 15 for children under 18, students and seniors. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Call 718-638-5660 for reservations or additional information, buy online at www.brooklynmusicschool.org.

The story of "A Brooklyn Nutcracker" opens traditionally with a lighthearted holiday party but veers away from the original story in the next act when little Clara, the main character, and her mother are separated while holiday shopping at Macy's in Downtown Brooklyn. The rush of shoppers swoops Clara onto the snowy streets while her mother begins a frantic search aided by a New York City policeman. Cradling her nutcracker doll, Clara begins a fantastic journey through the magical borough. This dream voyage carries her through the subways and into flight, alighting on the Wollman Skating Rink. Touring the beautiful, diverse neighborhoods, she delights in their ethnic flavors and charms. In Prospect Park, dancing among the trees as darkness falls, she longs to be reunited with her mother.

The young dancers participate in the "Nutcracker," yet continue to take music and dance classes and keep up with their studies at their respective academic schools. With the exception of the Mother, Policeman and a handful of adults, the boys and girls carry the show like the veteran performers that they are — some have danced in all ten "Nutcracker" productions. New surprises are always added and much time and energy are exerted in making sure the show is entertaining and outstanding every year.

Brooklyn Music School Playhouse is located in Downtown Brooklyn at 126 Saint Felix Street, around the corner from BAM, between Lafayette Avenue and Hanson Place. It is a block away from the intersection of Atlantic and Flatbush Avenues and the Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Street stations of the 2-3-4-5, and B-Q-D-N-R subway lines. The Lafayette Avenue C and Fulton Street G trains are also nearby.

Chartered in 1912, the Brooklyn Music School has trained generations of Brooklyn residents — more than 25,000 children — in voice, a wide variety of musical instruments and dance. The mission of the School is to provide excellent music and dance training without regard to income, age, previous experience or career aspirations. There are over 400 students who attend the School annually, and the School's outreach programs in the Brooklyn public schools provide the first music and dance experiences for many Brooklyn children. Nickelodeon's ParentsConnect.com selected BMS as Brooklyn's 2008 Parents' Pick for "Best Artsy Class for Big Kids and Teens!"

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