

Joburg Ballet to present *The Nutcracker* at the Joburg Theatre

Joburg Ballet will present one of the most popular and beloved classical ballets in the world with a new production of *The Nutcracker* from 8 to 17 October at the Joburg Theatre.



Alice le Roux - Photo by Lauge Sorensen - Image: Supplied

Produced and choreographed by artistic director Iain MacDonald assisted by Joburg Ballet's artistic team, *The Nutcracker* will transport audiences to a fairy tale world as Clara and the Nutcracker Prince journey to the Kingdom of the Sweets, dance through snowflakes, encounter waltzing flowers and meet the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Commenting on the return of *The Nutcracker* to the Joburg Ballet stage, CEO Esther Nasser says: "Since the beginning of the pandemic, Joburg Ballet seems to have been taking new steps every inch of the way and although the full-length classics are one of the staples of Joburg Ballet's repertoire, it often feels we're now almost doing things for the first time in this strange new world of ours. Bringing *The Nutcracker* to the stage is one of them as this will be the first full-length ballet we've done since March 2020. It is a challenge, of course, but an exhilarating one for the company and, we believe, for our audiences."



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Iain MacDonald added: “*The Nutcracker* is a ballet traditionally associated with Christmas, but I believe it is also a ballet that fits perfectly into any season so what better way to create the right mood for the coming Christmas holidays than by presenting *The Nutcracker* in spring. I am delighted that this staging will also draw on the choreographic talents of company dancers who are being invited to choreograph sections of the production.”

Tickets can be booked via Joburg Theatre Box Office; 0861 670 670; www.joburgtheatre.com.

Joburg Ballet and the Joburg Theatre observe prevailing Covid-19 regulations. Theatre capacity is limited according to Covid-19 regulations and tickets are sold as unreserved seating. Patrons will be seated on arrival by the ushers in accordance with social distancing.

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