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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Grand Kyiv Ballet Presents the Magic of *Nutcracker* at Atlanta Symphony Hall, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m.

## **Tickets On Sale Now**

**ATLANTA (Aug.15, 2024)** — Join the Grand Kyiv Ballet on an unforgettable journey into a world of dreams, magic, and triumph over evil. The Grand Kyiv Ballet, including the most prestigious Ballet dancers from Ukraine, invites you to *Nutcracker* on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m. at **Atlanta Symphony Hall.** 

Tickets for the performance are on sale now and can be found here.

In this enchanting tale, a young girl befriends a nutcracker that comes to life on Christmas Eve. Together, they embark on a fantastical journey to a magical kingdom filled with dancing sugar plum fairies, toy soldiers, and other whimsical characters. Through their adventures, she learns that love, imagination, and kindness can overcome adversity and create wonder in our lives.

*The Nutcracker* was adapted into a ballet in 1892 by Pyotr Tchaikovsky with a libretto by Marius Petipa and was based on the story *The Nutcracker* and the Mouse King" by E. T. A. Hoffmann.

Act one: On the eve of Christmas, guests begin to gather at Doctor Stahlbaum's house. His children, Mary and Fritz, are waiting for presents with other children. The last guest to arrive is Drosselmeyer, Mary's godfather and, coincidentally, a magician. His ability to bring toys to life both fascinates and frightens the children. The godfather presents Mary with a nutcracker. The celebration ends, and the guests dance a farewell dance. Mary returns to her room and hugs the Nutcracker.

We are then transported into Mary's dream. The walls of her room slide apart, the Christmas tree begins to grow, and the decorations come to life. The Mouse King and his army of mice

appear. The Nutcracker, together with his soldiers, fiercely fights and defeats the Mouse King. The Nutcracker transforms into a Prince.

Act two: Mary and the Prince, along with the dolls that came to life, rejoice, celebrate, and dance under the starry sky next to the fantastically beautiful Christmas tree. Around them, it's snowing heavily. Spanish, Chinese, Arab, and Slavic dolls dance in the joy of victory over the Mouse King, who is identified as evil. Everyone is getting ready for Mary and the Prince's wedding. Drosselmeyer appears, and everything changes around again. Mary wakes up and has Nutcracker in her arms.

The Nutcracker is a beautiful, intelligent, and relevant fairy tale! It is a heartwarming story about how dreams can change a life, good triumphs over evil, and kindness improves the world.

By performing this ballet, the Grand Kyiv Ballet Company also does good, because part of the proceeds of this tour will go to restoring the Main Ballet Academy of Ukraine and repairing the children's dormitory. By attending the performance, audiences not only bear witness to a captivating ballet but also contribute to the preservation and enhancement of this esteemed institution which has nurtured generations of exceptionally talented dancers.

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For more information on Grand Kyiv Ballet, visit <u>Grand Kyiv Ballet.</u> or follow the Grand Kyiv Ballet on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. Show Time: 2 Hours with Intermission. Recommended for ages 5 years and up.