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BALLET IDAHO

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**Ballet Idaho holding 2010 Nutcracker auditions on
Saturday, September 25th**

Ballet Idaho is holding auditions for Treasure Valley children for the 2010 production of *The Nutcracker*.

Auditions are open for children ages 5 and older and will be held Saturday, September 25th at the Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy on 9th and Myrtle. A registration fee of \$25 is required and pre-registration is recommended by calling 343-0556.

Artistic Director, Peter Anastos says, "I think it's important that young dancers have opportunities to perform with a ballet company. It gives them a flavor for the stage and makes a dialog between the professional dancers and the students."

Dancers can audition for the roles of Mini Mice, Sailors, Bakers, Party Scene/Garland Dance, Angels, Battle Scene Mice, Bakers, Mini Variations & Soldiers. Auditions are scheduled throughout the day and are specific to each role, please check www.balletidaho.org for more information.

The Nutcracker performances are Friday, December 10th, Saturday, December 11th and Sunday, December 12th at the Morrison Center. Students cast for Nutcracker roles will be required to attend scheduled rehearsals beginning October 1st through December 9th. Please do not audition if you are not available to all rehearsal and performance dates and times.

Academy student Hollie Thrall, who danced roles in Mini Mice and Mini Variations in the 2009 production, said walking off stage, "Being on stage with real ballerinas was a dream come true!"

More information about audition and performance times and parent information about Ballet Idaho auditions can be found on our website www.balletidaho.org/about-us/auditions.

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