

# <u>LANDMARK MOMENT FOR INCLUSION:</u> THE EXTRAORDINARY NUTCRACKER PREMIERES AT CALDERWOOD PAVILION

Diverse cast of dancers, including performers with Down Syndrome, as they take the stage at Boston's Calderwood Pavilion this December 7 & 8.

United Dance Company is thrilled to announce its much-anticipated return this holiday season with *The Extraordinary Nutcracker*. This year marks a significant milestone as the production moves to the prestigious Calderwood Pavilion in Boston, taking a bold step in making inclusion mainstream.

You are cordially invited to an exclusive behind the scene viewing of rehearsals of this highly anticipated production.

### **INFORMATION**

### Rehearsals

When: Tuesdays November 26 and December 3 (12:45pm-3pm), Saturday November 30 (10:30am-2pm)

Where: Northeast Arts, 85 Seaverns Ave, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

### **Performances**

**When:** December 7 & 8 (2 PM) | Dress Rehearsal: December 6 (1pm) **Where:** Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02116

## More information?

www.uniteddance.org/the-extraordinary-nutcracker

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## Will be there

- Boris Richir, director United Dance and Gianni Di Marco, choreographer
- Dancers of the United Dance Company and Parents of the company dancers with Down Syndrome

Please notify your attendance in advance via <a href="mailto:press@uniteddance.org">press@uniteddance.org</a> or via +1 857 272 3444.

## **New England's Only Narrated Nutcracker**

The Extraordinary Nutcracker has become a beloved holiday tradition across Massachusetts, captivating audiences of all ages with its heartwarming narrative and unique artistry. This innovative retelling of the a holiday classic features a dynamic cast of professional dancers of all abilities, a testament to United Dance Company's commitment to showcasing excellence and breaking boundaries in dance. Choreographed by Gianni Di Marco and accompanied by the timeless music of P.I. Tchaikovsky and Fraser Campbell, the performance promises an unforgettable journey into the origin of the Nutcracker. Families will follow the heroine on her adventure to save her loved one, brought to life through vibrant storytelling and exquisite choreography.

## **Making Inclusion Mainstream**

The move to Calderwood Pavilion is a defining moment for United Dance Company, underscoring the organization's mission to amplify inclusion in mainstream spaces.

"At United Dance Company, we believe in the power of representation and excellence," said Boris Richir, Director of United Dance. "Our dancers are professionals, and this move to Calderwood Pavilion reflects our dedication to honoring their artistry with the respect and stage they deserve."

All United Dance Company performers are paid for their work, setting a standard for inclusion and equity in the arts. The company's approach ensures every dancer, regardless of ability, receives the professional recognition they've earned.