



MOVING PEOPLE DANCE SANTA FE

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Swingin' Suites takes the Nutcracker to New Realms of Fantasy

(Santa Fe) Moving People Dance Santa Fe's popular holiday show, *Swingin' Suites*, opens at the James A Little Theater on November 30. Loosely based on Tchaikovsky's classic **Nutcracker**, this is the seventh year that Santa Fe's premier professional dance company is putting on this hugely successful and highly innovative production.

"It's the Nutcracker different for the City Different!" says Ronn Stewart, MPDT's Artistic Director. "It's also our most popular show. It sells out every year!" With music by Tchaikovsky, Glenn Miller, Billy Strayhorn and Duke Ellington, this is a Nutcracker like you've never experienced before. The unique original choreography for the show was created by Ronn Stewart and the Moving People artistic staff, including Echo Gustafson, Curtis Uhlemann, Christin Severini, Fletcher Nickerson, and local favorite indigenous contemporary dancer Rulan Tangen.

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The storyline, while it remains faithful in spirit to the original, is set in New Mexico territory in the mid 1800s, before NM became a state. In place of Uncle Drosselmeyer, there appears the magical Aunt Drosselda, who just happens to have a gift for time travel. As Drosselda takes the heroine, Maria Montoya on a magical journey back in time, the audience is treated to a thrilling kaleidoscope of different dance styles. In addition to a variety of classical and contemporary dance, Echo Gustafson and Curtis Uhlemann will thrill the audience with an exotic and sensual Arabian Dance, and local professional swing dance sensation Mike Garcia will give a stirring performance along with his swing dancers.

For this unique performance, Moving People Dance Santa Fe's professional company is joined by the award-winning pre-professional dance company Moving People Too!, and actor Charles Gamble will narrate in his vibrant and entertaining style. Maria Benitez' *La Nueva Generación* will perform a special cameo Flamenco selection for the Spanish Dance.

Performances are Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1 at 7.30 pm, and Dec 2 at 2.00 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors, and are available from Kicks Dance Wear at 801 Cerrillos Road, next to Whole Foods, and also from Moving People Dance Center, 2536 Camino Entrada, 505-438-9180.

CALENDAR LISTING

What: Swingin' Suites – The Nutcracker Different
Where: James A. Little Theater
When: November 29, 2007 7:30 pm
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December 1, 2007 7:30 pm
December 2, 2007 2:00 pm
ALSO: Taos Community Auditorium
When: December 8, 2007 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors
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Tickets for the Taos production are available at the TCA Box Office – 505-758-2052

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Moving People Dance Santa Fe is comprised of:

- ❑ The professional company - Moving People Dance Santa Fe
- ❑ The pre-professional company – Moving People, Too!
- ❑ Moving People Dance Centre dance school, with instruction in Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Jazz Funk, Tap, Hip Hop, Swing, Salsa, Gyrokinesis, Repertoire, and Twist & Tone for ages 8 to adult.

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