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## Performance Season 2009-10

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**OPG: Olympic Performance Group** is a nonprofit organization formed with the purpose of increasing dance appreciation, education, and providing semi-professional productions for the local community in the form of stage productions, workshops and summer programs. Productions of dance along with other performing arts offers a multitude of options in performing, teaching, directing as well as employing other artists. Auditions will be open for the whole community in the appropriate performing arts: dancers (ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop and ballroom dance), singers, gymnasts, and actors. Our hope is to attract and engage local talent, not only from Bainbridge Island, but from all the surrounding areas in our collaborative effort to provide professional productions.

**HISTORY:** Our first local production was *NUTCRACKER 2005*, held at Bainbridge Performing Arts Center, December 9-18 for a total of 9 performances. Attendance was over 1500, boasted a cast of over 80 with guest artists, Caring Clowns International, professional actor, Guy Sidora (Mother Ginger), Ivan Koumaev (of 'So You think You Can Dance'), dancers from ARC Dance in Seattle, Irene's School of Dance in Silverdale and 'Just for Kicks' studio in Port Orchard. The technical aspects included a dancer on a wire trapeze, snow created by machine, fog and smoke effects and video projection backdrop.

In the winter of 2007, we hosted the National Dance week event "*Make Your Move*". It included a variety of events such as dance workshops, a vignette of performances of many different dance types all from the local. We also hosted an evening event for a special guest tap artist, Brenda Bufalino of New York showcasing her book 'Tapping the Source'. She also performed and taught some master tap workshops. The number of participants and attendees were over 1500. The event framework has been adopted by other communities

In 2007, we presented our second production of *Nutcracker* for 6 performances as well as our own original production of *Cinderella* in the spring of 2008. Both of these productions were held at venues on Bainbridge and Poulsbo. For *Cinderella* we collaborated with a local writer, Elizabeth Heffron, to create a narrative for one of the characters and used music not only from the classical ballet but, also from the Rogers and Hammerstein's musical.

In 2008, we had our third production of *Nutcracker* with a cast of 85 held at North Kitsap Community Auditorium, sponsored by local businesses, *Cook Family Funeral Home* and *Islandental (Nathan Russell)*. For our spring production we did a rendition of *Coppelia* also held at NKCA.



- President:** **Sara Cramer** has lived on Bainbridge Island since 1980 and taught for over 30 years, locally and across the nation. She started Bainbridge Ballet School over 6 years ago, which now has over 300 students and a staff of 11. Sara studied under Doreen Gilday (Metropolitan Opera Ballet) Terry Thomas (Royal Winnipeg Ballet), and with Pacific Northwest Ballet, San Francisco Ballet. She has choreographed and staged ballets both locally and nationally.
- Proposal:**
- 1. THE NUTCRACKER**
    - December 18-20 2009 for a total of 5 performances
    - Full-length production at North Kitsap Auditorium.
    - Community outreach Dress Rehearsal performance at a reduced ticket rate, available only at the door. Also a set number of tickets will be made available to Helpline House, Stephen's House and the Bainbridge Island Senior Center
  - 2. SLEEPING BEAUTY**
    - April 18-19, 2008 for a total of 4 performances
    - Shortened narrated version geared for younger children and families with all the trimmings of a full-length production (i.e. lighting, set, costuming and special effects)
- Cast:** 25-90 Performers for each production
- Audition:** Auditions to be held several times at Bainbridge Ballet. Separate sections of the auditions for the different age groups and parts (i.e. ballet for the Snowflakes, Flowers, etc.), acting for the 1st scene characters, jazz for the soldiers and mice etc. Dance schools in the Kitsap area are invited to take part as a specific part in the productions. Guest artists will be invited to enhance the local talent
- Scenic:** OPG has growing Christmas Tree, background set flats and scrim. Local shops to provide furniture and some props.
- Lighting:** Each production will have professional light designer. We will need to rent additional lighting and other special effect devices (fogger). OPG owns a snow machine.
- Props:** OPG, Ovation
- Costumes:** OPG has an inventory of costumes from the first 2 productions of Nutcracker. Design work done by Sara Cramer and construction by Johanna Branley...  
...and other personnel as needed. Some costumes borrowed from other companies.



Production: Olympic Performance Group, with the cooperation of Bainbridge Ballet, will conduct the bulk of the rehearsals at Bainbridge Ballet studios. The set and costume design will primarily be the responsibility of OPG.

**OUR VISION:** For the 2009-10 season, we will offer the community 3 different productions. Each gives members of many age groups, the opportunity to participate in a semi-professional production. We seek to provide quality productions that will enhance the exposure of dance and other related arts in our immediate community and those communities around us. By including performers other than dancers such as: actors, visual artists and musicians, we hope to appeal to a wider audience-base and bring the art of dance into the scope of the whole community. We seek to be an entity that will make dance more accessible to our local community, for all age groups by making tickets available to places such as Helpline, Stephen's House and to Bainbridge Senior Center. Our long-term goal is to provide both the education and performance opportunity to the public including those who are financially challenged.

**Grants:**

Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Counsel Fund (2008)

**Sponsors:**

*Nutcracker 2005*-**Key Bank** (title sponsor)

*The Nutcracker (2007)*-**The Doctors Clinic** (title sponsor)

*Cinderella(2008)*-**Fairbank Construction Company**

*Nutcracker(2008)*-**Island Dental, Cook Family Funeral Home**

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**We look forward  
to the opportunity to work with you  
and bring this production to Bainbridge Island.  
Thank you for your consideration.**