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International Ballet Star Teams With Bay Ridge Ballet Company for Christmas Production in Brooklyn

On Sunday, December 18, 2016, principal dancer Rebecca Krohn of New York City Ballet will be starring as the Sugar Plum Fairy in the Vicky Simegiatos Dance Company's production of *The Nutcracker*, a full length classical ballet.

Bay Ridge families and theatre lovers will delight in this timeless ballet production, which will take place at The Historic St. George Theatre, just over the bridge in Staten Island. *The Nutcracker* remains as a classic and beautiful story about the joy of Christmas, the love of family and friends, and the great fun of lavish parties. But it resonates with everyone in that it reminds us of the wonder, mischief, dreams, and imagination that still reside within the child in each of us.

Given the lush and familiar Tchaikovsky score, the magnificent and humorous classical choreography, the thrill of witnessing the wonderful talent of Bay Ridge's young dancers, and the intimacy of the small theatre, the VSDCs production promises fabulous entertainment for children and theatre-goers of all ages. As one audience member commented, "I've seen your production many times, and find that it consistently surpasses other professional productions in its intimacy and spirit. It is truly magical."

Do not miss this opportunity to experience the magic that will result when a world famous ballet star performs alongside the stars of our community ballet company.

The Vicky Simegiatos Performing Arts Center, in business on Third Avenue in Bay Ridge for over 44 years, is the home of the Vicky Simegiatos Dance Company. Photos available upon request.

Online press kit available at

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About The Company

The Vicky Simegiatos Dance Company is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide cultural enrichment for the Brooklyn community. Our sponsors include BACA (Brooklyn Cultural Arts Association), New York State Council of the Arts, the New York Life Foundation, and Body Wrappers Dancewear. We have established, through auditions, a Scholarship Program for talented young students who receive dance training free of charge, and participate in our professional productions.

We believe that music and dance are necessary elements for a healthy and fulfilled existence. We are undertaking a unique and ambitious project every time that we set out to prepare our professional productions, such as the Nutcracker, Cinderella, Coppelia, the Wizard Of Oz, just to name a few. We are giving our young dancers the rare opportunity to participate in a full length ballet on a concert stage with professional dancers, choreographers and directors, in front of a live audience. It is an experience that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. It brings them the great reward of having achieved a lofty goal, having learned poise before an audience, having grasped the mathematical and spatial concepts required to learn choreography and take direction, and having applied themselves with the commitment to perfecting their craft. No matter where life takes them from here, the accomplishment of having danced in these ballets will be a powerful reference for them to call upon.

When you support our productions and our Company, you give us and our children the opportunity to experience the art of dance through professional performances, and you give our neighbors the opportunity to experience a professional ballet production right in their own community. By offering the convenience of quality productions in Brooklyn at reasonable cost, we hope to foster the appreciation of the arts within the community.

Many thanks to our Founder and Artistic Director, Vicky Simegiatos. When it seems like we are doing the impossible, she gives us the motivation we need to go right through to the finale. And thanks to Matina Simegiatos for her talent and beauty, which inspires us all.

About Our Scholarship Program

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Students placed in this Program receive the privilege of studying ballet and performance under Matina Simegiatos. Matina is a gifted dancer and choreographer as well as a patient, poised and much loved teacher. Her well varied background features years spent as a student at The School of American Ballet and a dancer in productions with New York City Ballet. She has also appeared on Broadway in featured roles.

Under her inspiration, students learn the high standards, discipline and artistry necessary to progress as ballet dancers. Because of her belief in them, their technique and interpretative skills develop quickly. Matina trains her students to dance her intricate and kaleidoscopic choreography, preparing them to perform with the Vicky Simegiatos Dance Company.

Our Scholarship Program offers everything for the serious dancer with the desire, dedication and determination required to succeed in a career.