

Las Vegas' favorite holiday tradition returns for 10th year

The holiday magic of Nevada Dance Theatre's The Nutcracker returns to the Judy Bayley Theatre December 13-30. Mervyn's is this year's corporate sponsor for the series of performances.

Historically, no other ballet has endeared itself to so many or captured the excitement of a child's Christmas so completely as The Nutcracker. The first production, based on one of E.T.A. Hoffman's famous tales, was presented at the Maryinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg in 1892. NDT Artistic Director Vassili Sulich first presented his full-length interpretation of the famous holiday ballet in 1981.

Nevada Dance Theatre will also present The Nutcracker to sold-out audiences in Cedar City, Utah on December 6 and St. George, Utah on December 8.

Through the help of the Nevada Dance Theatre Guild, a number of special events are being offered this Nutcracker season. Two Sugar Plum Parties will be held December 16 and 22 after the 2 p.m. performance. Theatre-goers will have a chance to tour

backstage and see the Nutcracker characters close up. Children can also have their photos taken with the dancers and enjoy refreshments, for only \$2 per person.

The first annual "Snowflake Tea" will be held December 23 at noon in the Artemus Ham Hall lobby. Guild members Terri MacTaggart, Lousje Rooker and Nancy Houssels are also underwriting the cost of 30 tickets to the tea and performance as a donation to The Candle lighters for Childhood Cancer. At the tea, a light luncheon will be served and storyteller Stephanie Myers will narrate the story of The Nutcracker. The Snowflake Tea is priced at \$7.50 per person. For tickets to both the tea and Sugar Plum Parties, call the UNLV Performing Arts Box Office at 739-3801.

Through the generosity of Target stores, NDT is once again offering the ever-popular Target Family Day at The Nutcracker, December 22 at 2 p.m.

For each paid adult, one child will be admitted free of charge.



Top 20 albums for Christmas

by John Glynn
Staff Reporter

It's that time of year now. The time when headaches are accompanied with hectic crowds, and many days are spent in oblivion looking for that "perfect" gift to give.

Well, what person wouldn't be satisfied with a CD or cassette for Christmas? If vinyl albums are being searched for, then money may as well be spent on a CD or tape player for that person.

The following is a suggested list of artists and titles for the gift-giving season.

THE TOP 20 ALBUMS FOR CHRISTMAS:

1. Led Zeppelin "Boxed Set" Atlantic

2. The London Quireboys "A Bit Of What You Fancy" Capitol
3. Black Crowes "Shake Your Money Maker" Def America/Geffen
4. Inxs "X" Atlantic
5. Extreme "Pornograffitti" A&M
6. Paul McCartney "Tripping The Live Fantastic" Capitol
7. Elton John "The Continued Story/Boxed Set" MCA
8. L.A. Guns "Cocked and Loaded" Vertigo/PolyGram
9. The Cure "Mixed Up" Elektra
10. Janes Addiction "Ritual De Lo Habitual" Warner Brothers
11. Scorpions "Crazy World" Mercury/PolyGram
12. The Vaughan Brothers "Family style" Epic

13. Peter Gabriel "Shaking The Tree" Geffen
14. Cinderella "Heartbreak Station" PolyGram
15. Madonna "The Immaculate Collection" Sire
16. Living Colour "Times Up" Epic
17. Various Artists "Rubaiyat" Elektra
18. George Michael "Listen Without Prejudice Vol. 1" Columbia
19. The Go-Go's "Greatest Hits" I.R.S.
20. Billy Idol "Charmed Life" Chrysalis

Merry Christmas, and Happy rocking New Year to everyone.

Books to give as Christmas gifts

DECEMBER

Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. **The Authoritative Calvin & Hobbes**, by Bill Watterson. (Andrews & McMeel, \$12.95) More Calvin & Hobbes cartoons.
2. **The Dark Half**, by Stephen King (NAL, Signet, \$5.95) After being destroyed by his writer, his pseudonym runs amok.
3. **Presumed Innocent**, by Scott Turow (Warner, \$4.95) A shocking tale of betrayal and murder.
4. **The Joy Luck Club**, by Amy Tan (Jvy, \$5.95) Destinies of Chinese immigrant women and their Chinese-American daughters.
5. **Wiener Dog Art**, by Gary Larson. (Andrews & McMeel, \$7.95) More Far Side cartoons.
6. **The "Late Night with David Letterman" Book of Top Ten Lists**, by David Letterman, et al. (Pocket, \$8.95)
7. **Dawn**, by V.C. Andrews (Pocket, \$5.95) Young girl is thrust into an evil web of unspoken sins.
8. **Daddy**, by Danielle Steel (Dell, \$5.95) The lives of three men are forever changed by unexpected circumstances.
9. **All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten**, by Robert Fulghum (Jvy, \$5.95) Uncommon thoughts on common things.
10. **Among Schoolchildren**, by Tracy Kidder (Avon, \$9.95) Poignant account of education in America today.

New & Recommended

Notes from a Teacher's Day in School, by James Nehring (Fawcett, \$7.95) Offers a fascinating, inside look at school life that is at once informative and reassuring.

A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens. (Berkeley, \$4.75) Adapted and lavishly illustrated by Joe Stalon. A delightful rendition of the classic in comic book style.

How to Buy Almost and Drug Legally Without a Prescription, by James H. Johnson. (Avon, \$4.95) All the information you need to order foreign drugs inexpensively, legally and hassle-free.

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Faculty Club scholarship growing

by Jennifer Elledge
Staff Reporter

Remember - "It's the thought that counts." Ever since the Holiday Card Tree scholarship was started in 1969, the amount of contributions has increased.

"We used to award two a year and the response (donations) has grown so that, we are awarding three a year now," Don Schmiedel, co-chairperson of the scholarship committee said.

The very first Faculty Club scholarship was awarded to only one student, Nancy Johnson, in the amount of \$300. Since then, the club has had 54 recipients and has raised and given \$29,000 in scholarships.

Before leaving campus for Christmas break, be on the lookout for the Faculty Club's Christmas card and the Holiday Card Tree. The card, which may be

found in a UNLV employee's possession, will have a desert tortoise on it. The design is a creation of Las Vegas, Joyce Reed. The Holiday Card Tree will be located in one of the Moyer Student Union windows. It will be constructed with cards which come in with some of the scholarship contributions.

The Faculty Club's scholarship committee does more than handle contributions. Its members - Bonnie Clary, Bobby Hoyt, Margaret Louis, Susan Jarvis, Barbie Kay Pohl, Debby Murvosch, Carole Lovinger, Tish Hess, Mary Vodrazka, Mary Neumann, Lucille Barth, Lois Goodall, and Marilyn Kirschner - stay busy stuffing and addressing envelopes for the cards.

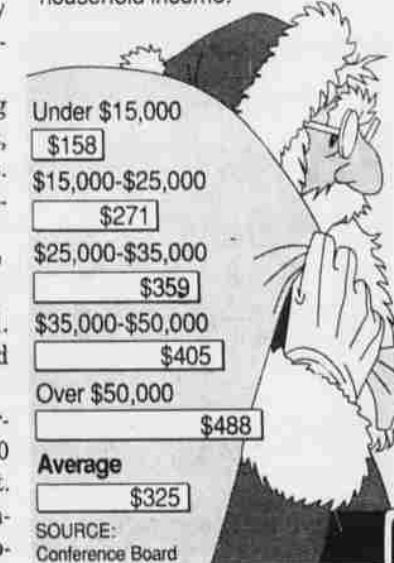
In addition to sacrificing time, Don Schmiedel pointed out, "There is no overhead on this. All of the money that is contrib-

uted goes into the scholarships, because the Faculty Club, out of its service fund and also out of the interest that this money generates, pays for the expenses (to produce the cards)."

These contributions say much about the UNLV community. There are employees at UNLV who are interested in helping students make it through college. Sure the donations are tax-deductible, but at this time of the year, "It's the thought that counts."

Christmas spending

What surveyed Americans plan to spend on gifts in 1990, by household income:



Poems by William Holt

Have You Seen The Latest

Oh, is it marvelous.
I haven't seen any better.
The choice of chords
And the sonority of the guitars
Blaring before me.

I have forgotten, now,
The quest of Wagner,
The beauty of Brahms,
The murmurs of the orchestra,
And the passion of the piano.

Now, it is only these lovely monsters
Sweetening the air with electricity,
Screaming their wisdom,
And blending with death.

Entrance Into The Next Room

I turned on the light
To find a young goddess
With silken white flesh
Caressing the sheets
With her thighs
And me with her eyes.

I closed the door
And asked of any good books
She has read
As I sat beside her.

Meaning

I was asked to go to Europe.
I said that I was not interested.
I was asked why I was not interested.
I said that, if I knew why,
I would then be interested.