

NEVADA DANCE THEATER TO PRESENT ANNUAL "NUTCRACKER" COMPANY PRESENTS 17 PERFORMANCES OF THE HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Nevada Dance Theater celebrates the holiday season with the magic of The Nutcracker on December 16-30, 1993 at the Judy Bayley Theater on the UNLV Campus. With an annual audience of nearly 10,000 people, Nevada Dance Theater's production of The Nutcracker is one of the most popular holiday events in Southern Nevada. Featuring choreography by NDT Artistic Director and Founder Vassili Sulich, and with the cherished Tchaikovsky score, this ballet is yuletide entertainment

for the entire family. The company will stage 17 performances of The Nutcracker at Judy Bayley Theater, including 5 matinees. In addition, the company will tour to Flagstaff, Arizona on December 10, 11, 12 for three full performances and one of Act II. Tickets are \$13, \$20, \$24 and \$30, available at the UNLV Performing Arts Center Box Office. Children (3-12) and seniors (62 and older) receive special rates of \$11, \$19, \$22, and \$28. Groups of 10 or more people qualify for the group

rate of \$10 per person. Traditionally, children have been a vital part of The Nutcracker, and this year there will be more than 75 young people from the NDT Youth Company participating in the Company's production. They will perform in such roles as Clara and Fitz, toy soldiers, gingersnaps, reindeer, and party children.

In conjunction with The Nutcracker, a Snowflake Tea will be held on Saturday, December 18 at Noon at the Artemus Ham Hall Lobby. Held prior to the matinee, this event includes a festive afternoon lunch, holiday music and door prizes. Entertainment will follow, with the Academy children performing an excerpt from the ballet, Stephanie Moore Myers reading the story of The Nutcracker and actor David Dekker narrating Dickens' "The Christmas Carol." The Snowflake Tea, sponsored by the Nevada Dance Theater Guild, is a benefit for Nevada Dance Theater. Tickets are \$10 and can be obtained by calling (702) 732-3838.

In addition, Sugar Plum Par-



THE NUTCRACKER PRINCE LEADS HIS VICTORIOUS TROOPS AWAY IN NEVADA DANCE THEATRE'S "THE NUTCRACKER." Photo by New Vision

ties will be held on December 19 and 26 after the matinee performances. Tickets are \$3 per person, and include refreshments. The Sugar Plum Parties take place on stage at the Judy Bayley Theater and allow the ticket holders to see the scenery and props close up, meet The Nutcracker characters and dancers in person, and have photos taken with them.

Nevada Dance Theater is the professional ballet company in residence at UNLV and this production of The Nutcracker is

funded in part by the Nevada State Council of the Arts, a state agency. For tickets call the UNLV Box Office at 895-3801.

CAT'S JAZZ REVIEW

During the holiday season one might become pressed as to what to give that special person during this period of generosity. Well, due to the fact that

this is a jazz column I shall give you a few tips on some great ideas for stocking stuffers. You can find at the local records shops incredible prices on choice classic R&B, and jazz. There are nice accessories for that music lover as well, such as CD disc cleaners, CD optical lens cleaner, jacket replacements and a host of other items that the shop clerk could introduce to you so feel free to ask. Rhino Records has an outstanding group of CDs and cassettes in the previously mentioned classifications of music. You can pay as little as seven dollars and as much as only ten and some change on some stuff as far back into the fifties. While you're looking, inquire about the current box sets that are available. Expect to pay at least forty bucks maybe less for these, which by the way, will be well worth the price and certainly appreciated by that lucky recipient of your thoughtful gift. Remember, only the true lover of classic R&B, Blues, and killer jazz will look upon you with the deepest regards for your insight in adding to his or her collection.

The following are just a few great pieces of music that will get you started in your quest for the ultimate gift for that special person.

SOUL HITS OF THE 70's: Volumes 1-15; RHINO RECORDS

THE DISCO YEARS : Volumes 1-6; RHINO RECORDS

GREAT BLUES CLASSICS: RHINO RECORDS

BILLBOARDS TOP SOUL HITS

(just browse the OLDIES and CUT-OUT sections of the shop, trust me you'll find good stuff (See Jazz Review, Page 25)

SENTINEL-VOICE TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1.) CAN WE TALK (Remix) - Tevin Campbell
- 2.) WHAT'S MY NAME - Snoop Doggy Dog
- 3.) SHOOP - Salt-N-Pepa
- 4.) BREATHE AGAIN - Toni Braxton
- 5.) SOMETHING IN COMMON - Bobby Brown and Whitney Houston
- 6.) GET A LITTLE FREAKY - Aaron Hall
- 7.) SLOW AND EASY - Zapp-&-Roger
- 8.) NEVER KEEPING SECRETS - Babyface
- 9.) UNDERSTANDING - Xscape
- 10.) CRY FOR YOU - Jodeci



TEVIN CAMPBELL

2nd Week at #1: Can We Talk (Remix) - Tevin Campbell

PICK HIT OF THE WEEK: Slow and Easy - Zapp-&-Roger

TOP JAZZ CATS FROM THE CAT HIMSELF: 1. Ramsey Lewis - Sky Island 2. Jean-Luc Ponty - No Absolute Time 3. Bebe Fleck & The Flecktones - 3 Flew Over 4. Frank Sinatra - Duets 5. Chic Corea - Electric Band II 6. Lee Ritenor - Wes Bound 7. Kim Waters - Peaceful Journey 8. Living Mirrors - In the Heart of Stone 9. Othello Molineaux - It's About Time 10. Jazzmasters - The Jazzmasters

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Top 10 compiled by:
DJ Willie-Will

Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit



TOP: Disguised as Sister Mary Clarence, second-rate Las Vegas showroom headliner Deloris Cartier (Academy Award winner Whoopi Goldberg, center) makes a joyful — if somewhat unorthodox — noise, as she and the good sisters of St. Catherine's Convent, including Mary Robert (Wendy Makkena), left) and Mary Patrick (Kathy Najimy, second from left) raise the roof to keep an impoverished inner city school from closing its doors, in Touchstone Pictures' new comedy with music "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit." BELOW: (Left) Just when Deloris (Goldberg, right) is about to hang up her robe, she begins to see something of herself in her tough-talking students, including Rita Watson (Laurn Hill, left). (Right) When Sister Mary Clarence (Goldberg) takes over a class of holy terrors, the kids discover she's more heretic than heroine. James Colburn and Maggie Smith also star. A Touchstone Pictures presentation, "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" is directed by Bill Duke from a screenplay written by James Orr & Jim Cruickshank and Judi Mason, based on characters created by Joseph Howard. The film is produced by Dawn Steel and Scott Rudin and the executive producers are Laurence Mark and Mario Iscovich. Co-executive producer is Christopher Meledandri. Buena Vista Pictures distributes.

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