

PRESS RELEASE
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From: Owen/Cox Dance Group
4230 Holmes Street
Kansas City, MO 64110

What: *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*

Where: The Polsky Theatre, 12345 College Blvd. Overland Park, KS 66210

When: Saturday, December 21 at 8:00 p.m. & Sunday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m.

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Almost everyone is familiar with the traditional version of the holiday story *The Nutcracker*. Far fewer are aware of the original and notably darker inspiration for this beloved ballet--E.T.A Hoffman's 1816 story *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*. Owen/Cox Dance Group will present their highly unique, contemporary jazz adaptation of *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*, at the Polsky Theatre on December 21 at 8:00 p.m. and December 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Owen/Cox Dance Group's version of *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* was choreographed by Jennifer Owen, in collaboration with The People's Liberation Big Band of Greater Kansas City and experimental artists Mark Southerland, Peggy Noland, and Peregrine Honig.

The lead role of the Nutcracker will be danced by Winston Dynamite Brown, a Kansas City native who danced throughout the world with Pilobolus from 2009-2011. Other dancers featured in the production include Allyson Ashley, William Cannon, Alyssa Gold, Betty Kondo, Waldean Nelson, Fernando Rodriquez, Jennifer Tierney, and Ltra Wilson.

Sixteen musicians of The People's Liberation Big Band of Greater Kansas City, led by Brad Cox, will perform both original music and radical rearrangements of Tchaikovsky melodies. Notable jazz musicians performing include Roger Wilder, Stan Kessler, Rich Wheeler, and Jeff Harshbarger.

Performance times are 8:00 p.m. December 21, and 2:00 p.m. December 22. Tickets cost \$10-\$20. Tickets are available at the Johnson County Community College box office 913-469-4445 (12345 College Blvd. Overland Park, KS 66210), or online at www.owencoxdance.org. More information is available at www.owencoxdance.org.