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Ron MacLean and Kurt Browning Guest in *The Nutcracker* December 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm

On Stage
Four Seasons Centre
for the Performing Arts

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December 9, 2009... Battle of the Blades Co-Hosts **Ron MacLean**, of CBC's Hockey Night in Canada, and **Kurt Browning**, four-time World Champion and four-time Canadian Champion figure skater, will appear as Cannon Dolls in the Share the Magic dress rehearsal of *The Nutcracker* on December 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Share the Magic is a free evening at The National Ballet of Canada for underprivileged children and their families.

Celebrity walk-on roles are a long-held tradition with *Nutcrackers* all over the world. In the National Ballet's production, the Cannon Doll guest roles are colourfully costumed as Russian Petrouchka dolls in Act I who shoot a cannon into the audience to begin the famous battle scene.

The Nutcracker is on stage at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts from December 12, 2009 to January 3, 2010.

This Season's Cannon Dolls:

December 11 at 7:00 pm	Battle of the Blades Co-Hosts Ron MacLean and Kurt Browning
December 12 at 2:00 pm	CBC News: Morning Anchor Heather Hiscox
December 13 at 1:00 pm	Canadian Press Entertainment Reporter Victoria Ahearn and Online Videographer Kathleen McCallum
December 13 at 5:30 pm	Global TV Weather Reporters Michelle Jobin and Anthony Farnell
December 16 at 7:00 pm	Toronto Life Associate Editor Stephanie Verge
December 17 at 7:00 pm	Global TV Weather Anchor Susan Hay
December 18 at 7:00 pm	More Magazine Editor-in-Chief Linda Lewis
December 19 at 2:00 pm	680 News Reporter Rudy Blair and Fan 590 Sports Anchor Peter Gross
December 19 at 7:00 pm	CP24 Breakfast show Co-Host Matte Babel and Weather Specialist Nalini Sharma
December 20 at 1:00 pm	Virgin Radio Host Maura Grierson
December 20 at 5:30 pm	Globe and Mail Style Reporter Amy Verner
December 22 at 1:00 pm	The National Post Columnist Shinan Govani
December 23 at 1:00 pm	CP24 Breakfast Show Co-Hosts Steve Anthony and Melissa Grelo
December 27 at 1:00 pm	CTV News Weather Specialist Michelle Leslie
December 27 at 5:30 pm	Canadian Idol Judges Zack Werner and Jake Gold
December 28 at 1:00 pm	CTV Canada AM Fitness Expert Libby Norris
December 29 at 1:00 pm	Today's Parent Editors Sandra Martin and Alison Wood
December 29 at 5:30 pm	EYE Weekly Arts Editor David Balzer and Senior Writer Kate Carraway
December 30 at 1:00 pm	Flare Magazine Editor-in-Chief Lisa Tant and Executive Editor Elio Iannacci

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December 30 at 5:30 pm

January 2 at 1:00 pm

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City News at Noon Anchors **Laura DiBattista** and
Francis D'Souza

Canada AM Host **Beverly Thomson** and CTV News
Channel Anchor **Marcia MacMillan**

24 Hours Managing Editor **Ted Rath** and Columnist
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The Nutcracker choreography and libretto are by **James Kudelka**, music is by **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**, set and costume design are by **Santo Loquasto** and lighting design is by **Jennifer Tipton**.

Nutcracker Story Time will continue this year, beginning 45 minutes prior to every performance. This engaging, interactive telling of *The Nutcracker* will take place in the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre of the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts.

December 12 at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

December 13 at 1:00 pm & 5:30 pm

December 16 at 7:00 pm

December 17 at 7:00 pm

December 18 at 7:00 pm

December 19 at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

December 20 at 1:00 pm & 5:30 pm

December 22 at 1:00 pm & 5:30 pm

December 23 at 1:00 pm & 5:30 pm

December 27 at 1:00 pm & 5:30 pm

December 28 at 1:00 pm

December 29 at 1:00 pm & 5:30 pm

December 30 at 1:00 pm & 5:30 pm

January 2 at 1:00 pm & 5:30 pm

January 3 at 1:00 pm

Tickets:

Adults: \$45 – \$121

Children: \$33 – \$106

Discount rates are available for groups of 10 people or more. Holiday 4-Packs can be purchased for \$149 – \$399.

Visit thenutcracker.ca for more details.

Venue:

Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen Street West, Toronto.

Box Office:

The box office is located at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts (145 Queen Street West) or call 416 (toll free 1 866) 345 9595. Tickets can also be purchased online at national.ballet.ca.

Website: thenutcracker.ca

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The 2009/10 season is presented by CTV and The Globe and Mail.

TD Waterhouse presents *The Nutcracker*.

The Nutcracker is made possible by generous financial support from production underwriters Sandra & Jim Pitblado, Lawrence & Ann Heisey and an anonymous friend of the Ballet.

The National Ballet of Canada dedicates the 2009/10 season performances of *The Nutcracker* to the memory of Lawrence and Ann Heisey.

Share the Magic is Sponsored by Sun Life Financial.

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