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**THE SARASOTA CUBAN BALLET SCHOOL PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016, AT THE SARASOTA OPERA HOUSE**

The Sarasota Cuban Ballet School (SCBS) will premiere its holiday season production of *The Nutcracker* at the historic Sarasota Opera House on Friday, December 2, at 7 p.m. Featuring exquisite dancing by the students of the award-winning school, this holiday classic is conceived and choreographed by the school's artistic directors Ariel Serrano and Wilman Hernandez, master teacher Delia Ballart Arcia, and resident choreographer Tania Vergara.

Every year, students of the Sarasota Cuban Ballet School performs the world famous *Nutcracker*, a two-act classic ballet that tells the magical story of a young girl's dream through dance. For many, attending a performance of *The Nutcracker* is a beloved holiday tradition. Gather your family and friends and join us this holiday season. Tickets go on sale November 1st.

IF YOU GO:

What: The Sarasota Cuban Ballet School presents *The Nutcracker*

When: Friday, December 2, 2016, 7 p.m.

Where: Sarasota Opera House, 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota

Tickets go on Sale: November 1st

Price: \$35 and \$50

Box Office Information: 941.328.1300, Sarasota Opera House, 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota

Website: <http://tickets.sarasotaopera.org/single/SYOS.aspx?p=2619>

About The Sarasota Cuban Ballet School

SCBS was founded in 2012 by the Cuban-born husband and wife team of Ariel Serrano and Wilman Hernandez. Born in Cuba, they trained at the elite National Ballet School of Cuba and performed internationally. In 1993 they moved to Sarasota to join the Sarasota Ballet. Co-Artistic Directors of SCBS, they teach classes at all levels for students from age three to adults, but the heart of its program is a rigorous training course to prepare talented, serious young dancers for professional careers. Students of SCBS have gone on to perform with Dance Theater of Harlem, Milwaukee Ballet, Cincinnati Ballet, Tulsa Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Ballet West and the Royal Ballet School and Company.

About the Cuban Style

SCBS is the only school in the United States specializing in the Cuban training style, which is renowned for its athleticism, passion and grace. The Cuban Style is Russian-based, emphasizing dancing with the entire body, promoting harmonious movement among arms, legs and torso. It is very clean and precise, but not stiff. It has a romantic feel, with attentive partnering, and is changing the face of modern ballet with superb technique and impeccable footwork.

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