

This performance is dedicated to the memory and legacy of Artistic Director **Jo Matos**.

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### The Jo Matos Scholarship Fund

Support the Jo Matos Scholarship Fund, created in memory of our beloved Artistic Director, to help dancers who show the deepest passion and desire to grow.

The Jo Matos Scholarship Fund celebrates Jo's lifelong belief that dance is for every child who dreams of it.

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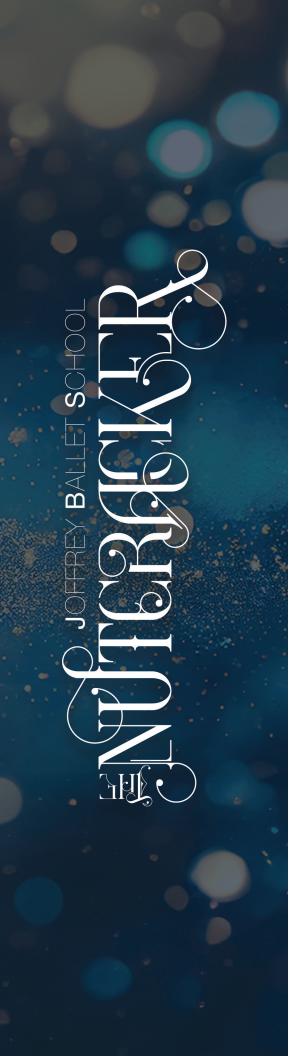
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# THE JOFFREY BALLET SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER

Performance Dedicated to **Jo Matos** 

Directed by **Era Jouravlev** 

Based on **Alexandre Dumas Père's** adaptation of the story *Nussknacker* und *Mausekönig* by **E.T.A. Hoffman** 

Music by Peter I. Tchaikovsky

Choreography Restaged after Original Choreography by **Robert Ray** 

Coffee Choreography by Margo Sappington

Flowers, Snow Queen, & Sugar Plum Fairy Costumes by **Sam Meredith** 

Lighting Design by **Kate Ashton** 

Scenic Design by **Jo Matos** with Backdrops Fantastic, Inc.

Stage Management by Madison Ellis

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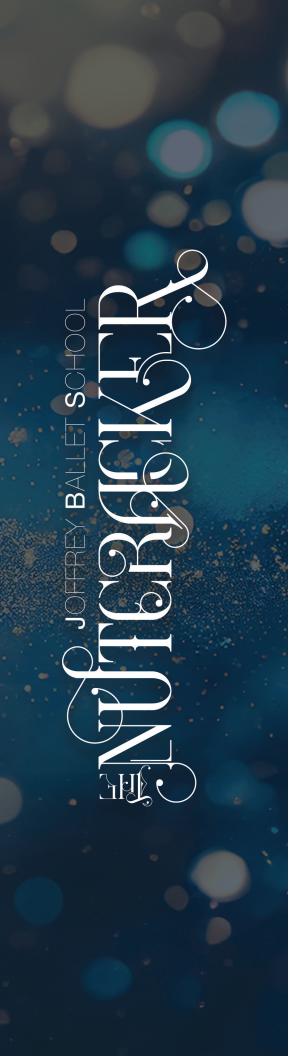
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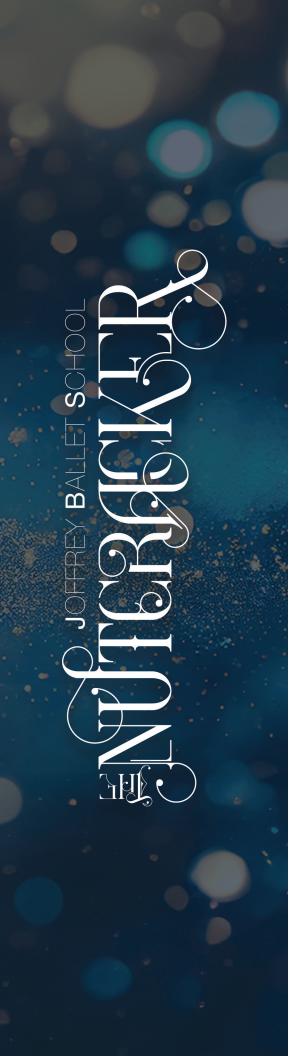
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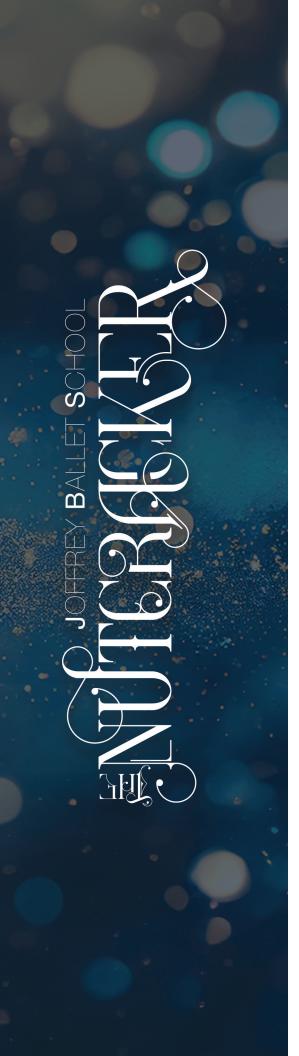
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