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BALLET VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES 2009-2010 SEASON

Ballet Virginia International is pleased to announce a thrilling season of performances. In keeping with its mission to provide professional quality, family entertainment at an affordable price, BVI will be presenting two classical productions at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts - one over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, and the second in the spring of 2010. BVI will also be returning to the Harrison Opera House and the Suffolk Center for the Performing Arts in December for its Christmas season production of The Nutcracker, a Hampton Roads holiday tradition. Tickets for all shows at all locations will be available for sale starting Monday, October 26, 2009.

The season kicks off with a first-time, exclusive partnership with the Kirov Academy of Ballet of Washington D.C., in association with the Universal Ballet of Korea. This exciting and eclectic performance will be held on November 28, 2009, with a specially priced outreach matinee on November 27, at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts. The performance will include Peter and the Wolf, Swan Lake Act II, a premier selection by Lydia Roberts Coco, and a special appearance by the Kirov Academy dancers.

Two performances of the Nutcracker will be held at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts on Saturday December 12 at 3:00 and December 13 at 3:00. Nutcracker performances at the Harrison Opera House in Norfolk will include a performance on Thursday, December 17 for area schools, a specially priced outreach performance on Friday, December 18, and public performances on Friday, December 18 at 7:30, Saturday, December 19 at 2:00 and 7:30, and Sunday, December 20 at 2:00. Clara will be hosting a Tea Party prior to the Saturday Matinee. Performance and Tea ticket packages are available.

BVI will be staging a breathtaking new production of the classical ballet The Sleeping Beauty April 2-3, 2010 at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts. The weekend will include a special outreach performance on Friday, April 2 at 2:00, followed by a public performance at 7:30. Saturday's festivities will begin with a special Tea Party hosted by Sleeping Beauty and her Prince, followed by public performances at 2:00 and 7:30.

With its three production season at venues throughout Hampton Roads, the goal of Ballet Virginia International is to bring Hampton Roads together through dance. Please visit www.BalletVirginia.org for ticket information and production schedules.

