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BALLET VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES ITS 2010-2011 PERFORMING SEASON AT THE SANDLER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Ballet Virginia International (BVI) is pleased to announce a thrilling season of performances for 2010 - 2011. In keeping with its mission to provide professional quality and family entertainment at an affordable price, BVI will be presenting two well-known classical productions at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts.

BVI will open its season December 10 - 12, 2010, with the holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*, choreographed and directed by Janina Bove and Suzanne Long, both renowned for their work in Hampton Roads. As an added delight, BVI will be accompanied for *The Nutcracker* by members of Symphonicity, the symphony orchestra of Virginia Beach. The combination of visual and musical artistry is certain to provide a moving experience to all.

A school performance will be held Friday, December 10 for area schools at 10:30 am, followed by public performances on Saturday, December 11 at 2:00 and 7:30, and Sunday, December 12 at 2:00. Clara will be hosting a tea party at noon prior to both matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Performance and tea ticket packages are available.

BVI is recognized as bringing a first class performance of *The Nutcracker* to the stage each year, inviting to the young and old alike, as noted by area journalists.

“Choreographers Suzanne Lownsbury Long and Janina Mitchalski Bove added interesting detail and, for the most part, fit movement to music for the strongest effect.” *Lee Teply, The Virginian Pilot, 2009.*

“Stephen Gregory's Drosselmeyer was an agile old man, a kind and generous relative who clearly enjoyed a good party. His supernatural connections were downplayed in this production.” *Lee Teply, The Virginian Pilot, 2009.*

“[A]udiences are able to see some of Hampton Roads' most talented and dedicated young dancers in a production that, like *The Nutcracker* itself, can only grow better with time.” Laine Mednick Rutherford, *The Virginian Pilot, 2008.*

In addition, BVI will be staging a breathtaking new production of the classical ballet *The Sleeping Beauty*, Saturday, March 5, 2011. 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. Performance and tea ticket packages are available.

This season will bring the magic of two wonderful stories to the stage through top-quality, professional level choreography and performances. Don't miss this opportunity to discover, renew or spread your love of ballet!

Special season ticket pricing will be available Tuesday, June 15 - July 15, 2010. Ballet Virginia International's goal is to bring Hampton Roads together through dance. Please visit www.BalletVirginia.org for ticket information and production schedules.