

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Northwest Florida Ballet Announces 2010-2011 Season**

September 2, 2010 – Fort Walton Beach, Fla. – The Northwest Florida Ballet (NFB) is proud to announce -its 41<sup>st</sup> performance season.

Back by popular demand is the chilling Halloween favorite Dracula at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center at Northwest Florida State College. Performances will be Saturday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 17 at 2:30 p.m. The Barlotta Financial Group of Wells Fargo Advisors will sponsor this production. Dracula features choreography by Winthrop Corey and a dramatic musical score by Liszt, Strauss, Brahms, Kilar, Glass, Barry and Goldenthal. Join the cast on stage following the performance for Dracula's Bash – a decadent soirée for all who dare!

In November treat yourself to the magic of The Nutcracker, where dolls come to life and Clara travels to the Kingdom of the Sweets. This ballet has been a favorite for families since 1892 when Marius Petipa, the Senior Ballet Master of the Russian Imperial Ballet, commissioned Tchaikovsky to compose a full-length ballet based on the E.T.A. Hoffman story. Performances will be Saturday Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 21 at 2:30 p.m. at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center. The sponsors for this event are Boeing and Bit-Wizards.

Cinderella, the quintessential fairy tale of finding true love, is based on the story written by the 17<sup>th</sup> century author and political figure Charles Perrault. With choreography by NFB Artistic Director Todd Eric Allen and music by Prokofiev, this classic romantic comedy is sure to entertain adults and children alike. Show times are Saturday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 4 at 2:30 p.m. at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center. Whitney National Bank and Waste Management are the sponsors for this production.

The 2010-2011 Season will conclude with NFB's Starlight Ballet Series located at Rosemary Beach. The Starlight Ballet Series is an outdoor performance and is free to the public. Please call NFB for further dates and times.

Season subscriptions are now available. Tickets to individual performances will be available four weeks prior to performance dates. Please call the Northwest Florida Ballet office at (850) 664-7787 for tickets or additional information.

*The Northwest Florida Ballet celebrates its 41st year as a regionally recognized semi-professional ballet company and school. In addition, NFB has developed the nationally acclaimed 'Academie' – an integrated academic and dance education program serving 140 students from the third to eighth grade. The NFB is led by Artistic Director and CEO Todd Eric Allen, an area native. The NFB is funded in part by the Florida Arts Council.*

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