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**Holiday Dance Spectacle *The Hip Hop Nutcracker*
Returns to Tacoma's Pantages Theater Friday, November 15**
Features Special Appearance By Hip Hop Pioneer MC Kurtis Blow

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TACOMA, WASH.— Tacoma Arts Live presents *The Hip Hop Nutcracker* at Tacoma's Historic Pantages Theater on Friday, November 15, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. The contemporary dance spectacle set to Tchaikovsky's timeless music returns to the road this holiday season for a national tour. Tickets start at \$29 and are [on sale now](#).

Directed and choreographed by Jennifer Weber, [The Hip Hop Nutcracker](#) is a unique and joyful event. Performed by a supercharged cast including a dozen all-star dancers, a DJ, a violinist, and guest MC Kurtis Blow, one of hip-hop's founding fathers, who opens the show with a short set. According to CBS, this holiday classic with a hip-hop spin "turns Tchaikovsky on his head, in the coolest possible way."

Just like the original tale, in *The Hip Hop Nutcracker*, Maria-Clara and the Nutcracker Prince go on a dream adventure battling a gang of mice, visiting the land of sweets and learning the lessons of the holiday season. Innovative digital graffiti and visuals transform the landscape of E.T.A. Hoffmann's beloved story from traditional 19th Century Germany to the vibrant, diverse sights and sounds of contemporary New York City.

The Hip Hop Nutcracker comes highly recommended by New York Magazine, The Huffington Post, and The New York Times writes, "a generous dose of contemporary spirit sure to heat up even the most restless and wintry of souls." Preview the action in this [sneak peek video](#).

This year, PBS has exclusively partnered with the production to air **ALL ARTS Presents The Hip Hop Nutcracker at NJPAC** on the ALL ARTS broadcast and streaming channels starting Friday, September 27 at 8:00 p.m. The full program will air this fall and winter nationwide through the free ALL ARTS [streaming app](#) and on allarts.org.

Tickets to *The Hip Hop Nutcracker* are \$29, \$49, \$75, \$89 and are [on sale now](#). To purchase advance tickets, call Tacoma Arts Live Box Office at 253.591.5894, toll-free at 1.800.291.7593, visit in person at 901 Broadway in Tacoma's Theater District, or online at TacomaArtsLive.org.

More information: [The Hip Hop Nutcracker](#) | [Video](#) | [ALL ARTS Streaming](#)

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