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The Bardavon presents the New Paltz Ballet Theatre's

THE NUTCRACKER
at the Bardavon

Featuring New York City Ballet Dancers: Daniel Ulbricht and Erica Pereira

Poughkeepsie, NY – Giant fighting mice, sugar plum fairies, and huge toy soldiers will soon be dancing on the Bardavon stage. It's time once again to take the magical journey of ***The Nutcracker***. The Bardavon presents for the 21st season the New Paltz Ballet Theatre production of this classic ballet about a little girl and her special Christmas gift on **Saturday, December 8 at 2pm and 7:30pm**, and on **Sunday, December 9 at 3pm**. This engagement is sponsored by **Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union**.

The Nutcracker is a ballet in two acts based on E.T.A. Hoffman's tale *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*, with music by Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky. The dreamlike journey through the Land of Snow and the Kingdom of Sweets is created in part by the colorful costumes and scenery of designer Ray Delle Robbins of Houston Ballet and Houston's Theatre Under the Stars. Staging and choreography are by New Paltz Ballet Theatre's Artistic Directors **Peter Naumann** and **Lisa Naumann**. The Naumanns both danced with the New York City Ballet (NYCB) for many years and have performed in major works by internationally acclaimed choreographers George Balanchine, Jerome Robbins and Peter Martins.

This production of *The Nutcracker* features two world-renowned dancers from the New York City Ballet: Daniel Ulbricht and Erica Pereira

Miss Pereira was born in Northport, New York. She began studying ballet at the age of 8 and enrolled at Ballet Academy East at the age of ten. In 2005, Ms. Pereira began studying at the School of American Ballet, NYCB's official school. She attended summer programs at Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, and Pacific Northwest Ballet. Ms. Pereira became an apprentice with NYCB in December 2006. While an apprentice, she danced the role of Juliet in Peter Martins' *Romeo + Juliet* during the 2007 spring season. She joined the Company as a member of the corps de ballet that May, and In December 2009, was promoted to soloist.

Mr. Ulbricht was born in St. Petersburg, Florida, and began his dance training at the age of 11 at the Judith Lee Johnson Studio of Dance, studying with Lenny Holmes. He also studied at Les Jeunes Danseurs with Javier Dubraq and attended the Chautauqua Summer Dance Program, training with Jean Pierre Bonnefoux and Patricia McBride. In 1999, Mr. Ulbricht was invited to continue his training at the School of American Ballet (SAB) during its Winter Program. As a SAB student, Mr. Ulbricht performed with NYCB as a Jester in Peter Martins' *The Sleeping Beauty*. In December 2000, he became an apprentice, and in November 2001, joined the Company as a member of the corps de ballet. In January 2005, Mr. Ulbricht was promoted to the rank of soloist, and then to principal dancer in May 2007.

Tickets for New Paltz Ballet Theatre's *The Nutcracker* are \$32 (Adult), \$29 (Student) and \$27 (Bardavon Member) and are available at the:

Bardavon Box Office
35 Market Street
Poughkeepsie
845.473.2072

UPAC Box Office
601 Broadway
Kingston
845.339.6088

or through TicketMaster 800.745.3000 or www.ticketmaster.com. (Please note that Bardavon Member benefits are not available through TicketMaster.)

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