

2011 Cape Fear Festival of Trees & Nutcracker Ballet Fact Sheet

EVENT:

The Cape Fear Festival of Trees & Wilmington Ballet Company's Nutcracker Ballet

DATE:

Saturday, December 3, 2011 & Sunday, December 4, 2011

PLACE:

Minnie Evans Art Center
605 Halyburton Memorial Parkway
Wilmington, NC 28412

TICKETS & SCHEDULE:

- Saturday (12/3) 9am **5K Race** \$30.00
- Saturday (12/3) 10am **Festival of Trees Public Showing** \$10.00
- Saturday Matinee (12/3) 1 pm **Festival & Nutcracker** \$25.00
- Saturday Evening (12/3) 5 pm **Festival & Nutcracker** \$25.00
- Sunday Matinee (12/4) 1 pm **Festival & Nutcracker** \$25.00

tickets will be available for purchase at the door if they are available

Tickets are now available online from ticketriver.com.

For more information and links to purchase tickets, please visit our websites:

Capefearfestivaloftrees.org and Wilmingtonballetcompany.org

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PURPOSE:

Wilmington Ballet Company, in conjunction with The Festival of Trees and the Nutcracker Ballet, aims to:

- Reestablish the beloved tradition of Festival of Trees in our Cape Fear area
- Provide a community event organized by the Wilmington Ballet Company to benefit Lower Cape Fear Hospice & LifeCareCenter
 - Provide a locally produced, professional full-scale Nutcracker Ballet (to date, it is the only one in our area)
- Offer both Festival of Trees & Nutcracker audiences a broader experience without tremendous additional cost to them
 - Provide an educational experience in the performing arts for students in The New Hanover County Schools
 - Broaden the awareness of outstanding local organizations in our area (museums, aquarium, literacy, support)
 - Build community between local civic, museum, and business organizations, Lower Cape Fear Hospice & LifeCareCenter, New Hanover County Schools and the Wilmington Ballet Company

2011 FESTIVAL ATTRACTIONS:

SPONSORED TREES:

Decorated trees with a variety of themes sponsored by individuals, families, civic and social organizations, schools, and businesses.

LAND OF SWEETS SHOP:

Delicious goodies & refreshments from the Sugar Plum Fairy

CHILDREN'S GINGERBREAD VILLAGE:

Fun & activities for kids of all ages

A children's tree display

Craft projects to take home

Children's entertainment

A special visit & photo with Santa

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE:

Browse an assortment of unique gift items from specialty vendors

ENTERTAINMENT:

Singers, dancers, and instrumentalists will entertain throughout the Festival.

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET:

The Wilmington Ballet Company invites you to

journey through magical lands with Clara and

her Nutcracker doll. Our area's most talented

dancers combined with professional members of

ballet companies will dazzle you with this

timeless classic

ABOUT THE EVENT:

Cape Fear Festival of Trees

The festival of trees and Nutcracker is a community event organized by the Wilmington Ballet Company and Minnie Evans Performing Arts Center/Ashley High School where a significant portion of the proceeds benefit Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCareCenter. The festival portion will be a reinvention of The Festival of Trees - a beloved historical community event created and managed by dedicated volunteers. The event raised funds to benefit Lower Cape Fear Hospice for 25 years. After receiving some advice and ideas from the staff of Lower Cape Fear Hospice & LifeCareCenter, the Wilmington Ballet Company is excited and ready to produce this new addition to their successful annual holiday event. The Nutcracker (formerly at Thalian Hall since 2007) is Wilmington's only locally produced, full length, grand scale, professional caliber holiday ballet. Local museums, businesses, schools, and civic organizations will also present children's activities, shopping, sweet treats, and entertainment. This spectacular Holiday event brings the entire community together in the spirit of holiday giving and cheer!

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONS:

The Wilmington Ballet Company

The ballet company, founded in 1999 as a Federal Non-Profit 5013-c Dance Company, provides quality professional ballet events to Southeastern North Carolina. It is the Company's mission to promote the performing arts in our local community through education and performance opportunities.

For more information about the Wilmington Ballet Company, please visit: wilmingtonballetcompany.org

For more information about the Cape Fear Festival of Trees, please visit: capefearfestivaloftrees.org

Lower Cape Fear Hospice & LifeCareCenter

Lower Cape Fear Hospice & LifeCareCenter is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and is an affiliate of New Hanover Health Network. It is approved by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. and is a member of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, the Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care, and the Hospice Provider Network. Lower Cape Fear Hospice & LifeCareCenter follows state and federal regulations for privacy and confidentiality, as outlined in the Notice of Privacy Practices.

For more information about Lower Cape Fear Hospice & LifeCareCenter, please visit: hospiceandlifecarecenter.org