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## CHILDREN'S BALLET SERIES RECEIVES GRANT

Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley has received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 supporting their new Children's Series of ballets presented November, 2004 through May, 2005. This program is made possible in part by a grant from the Aspect Community Commitment Fund at Community Foundation Silicon Valley.

This series of four ballets is especially designed for families with young children under the age of ten years old, and is presented at affordable prices so as to reach the widest possible audience. The goal is to give children a fun and entertaining initial exposure to the world of ballet and to cultivate young people as regular dance patrons.

Included in this year's series is the company premiere of PRIATES OF PENZANCE, the world premiere of MIDDLE KINGDOM--ANCIENT CHINA, holiday favorite THE NUTCRACKER, and the American premiere of Hans Christian Andersen's THE UGLY DUCKLING. Each production is very child-friendly at less than 75-minutes in length and includes full sets and costumes. All programs are presented at San Jose Center for the Performing Arts with the exception of UGLY DUCKLING, which will be performed in the newly restored California Theatre in downtown San Jose.

For additional information about The Children's Series or any of the 2004-05 season programs at Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley, contact the Ballet Box Office at 408.288.2800 or visit online at [www.balletsanjose.org](http://www.balletsanjose.org)

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Photos of THE NUTCRACKER and costume and set designs for the other programs are available to download at: [www.balletsanjose.org](http://www.balletsanjose.org).

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