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Special Outreach Program for the Blind Offers Ballet Experience

On Wednesday, December 8th from 9:30 to 11 am, a group of 34 blind students from California School for the Blind will "take class" and visit the workshops of Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley as the company prepares its production of THE NUTCRACKER (playing December 16-26 at San Jose Center for the Performing Arts.)

The young students range in age from 12 to 21 and will learn foot, arm and body positions at the barre by interacting and touching the individual company members. (Each student will have a dancer assigned to them.) They will then enjoy the professional company performing a number from The Nutcracker with live accompaniment.

As half the group is working in the studios, the other half of the students will be visiting the costume lab and exploring the various costumes, shoes and masks that make up the production. (There are over 80 costumes in Ballet SJSV's NUTCRACKER.) They will also hear from the costume artists what it takes to build a show.

The groups will then switch locations so that everyone will get the opportunity to have both experiences.

California School for the Blind is located in Fremont and services over 90 students (ages 3 to 21.) For more information about this outreach program contact Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley or CSB Assistant Principal David Petrovay at (510) 794-3800 x 311.

Note: For press that would like to attend and take photos or video of this event, please contact Ballet San Jose in advance of your arrival.
Thank you.

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