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## The National Ballet of Canada's Fall Season a Box Office Success

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December 1, 2009 ... The National Ballet of Canada today announced that the 2009/10 Fall Season surpassed box office goals with over \$2.359 million in ticket sales and 32,060 patrons in attendance.

*The Sleeping Beauty* sold at 97% capacity with many sold out performances. The season continued with the world premiere of Aszure Barton's *Watch her*, which received both audience and critical acclaim, and sold at 82%.

"After a season marked with much financial uncertainty, we are delighted to open the season so strongly. *The Nutcracker*, which opens next week, already has robust sales and a number of sold out performances," says **Kevin Garland**, Executive Director.

*The Nutcracker* opens on December 12, 2009 and runs to January 3, 2010.

The 2009/10 season is presented by CTV and The Globe and Mail.

*The Sleeping Beauty* was made possible by generous contributions from Margaret & Jim Fleck, The Catherine & Maxwell Meighen Foundation, Sandra & Jim Pitblado, Gretchen Ross and Nancy Pencer & Michael Benjamin.

BMO Financial Group presented *The Four Temperaments & Watch her & Glass Pieces*.

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