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So You Think You Can Dance Canada's Nico and Allie Join The National Ballet of Canada in *The Nutcracker* Live in HD December 13, 2008 at 2:00 pm

December 11, 2008... So You Think You Can Dance Canada's inaugural winner **Nico Archambault** and runner up **Allie Bertram** will join The National Ballet of Canada onstage in *The Nutcracker* live in High-Definition (HD) on December 13 at 2:00 pm ET as Cannon Dolls.

The Nutcracker live in HD is being shown exclusively at 79 Cineplex Entertainment theatres across Canada and will also be broadcast on Bravo! on December 18, 2008 at 8:00 pm ET/5:00 pm PT.

The Nutcracker live in HD is presented by TD Waterhouse, with additional funding by John and Claudine Bailey.

"TD Waterhouse is proud to support this outreach initiative of the National Ballet. We're distributing complimentary movie passes to inner city youth through The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme and the TD Waterhouse Investment in Youth Initiative," says **Bill Hatanaka**, Group Head Wealth Management, TD Bank Financial Group and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, TD Waterhouse Canada Inc. "It is our great pleasure to help make this simulcast possible and ensure that young people across the country experience the magic of *The Nutcracker* at this special time of year."

TD Waterhouse is the top sponsor of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Canada, which encourages young people to invest their time, energy and efforts to set and achieve goals.

The Nutcracker will be filmed using six HD cameras at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto and will be transmitted live to 79 Cineplex Entertainment theatres throughout Canada.

The Nutcracker live in HD is a three-way partnership between The National Ballet of Canada, Cineplex Entertainment and Bravo!.

Admission for children ages 3-12 is \$9.95, for seniors is \$17.95 and general admission is \$19.95, plus applicable taxes. A special Family Pack price is also being offered for \$49.95, plus applicable taxes, which includes two adult or two senior admissions and two child admissions. The Family Pack is available at participating theatre box offices only. A special group rate is also available for groups of twenty or more at \$16.50 per person (general admission) and \$8.50 per

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child. For more information on group rates, call 1 800 313 4461. For more information on tickets and theatre locations, visit www.cineplex.com.

***The Nutcracker* on Stage at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts:**

The Nutcracker choreography and libretto are by **James Kudelka**, music is by **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**, set and costume design are by **Santo Loquasto** and lighting design is by **Jennifer Tipton**.

Nutcracker Story Time will continue this year, beginning 45 minutes prior to every performance. This engaging, interactive telling of *The Nutcracker* will take place in the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre of the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts.

The Nutcracker is on stage at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts until December 28, 2008. For more information, visit thenutcracker.ca.

Tickets:

Adult ticket prices range from \$44 - \$117. Children from \$33 - \$106.

Discount rates are available for groups of 10 people or more. Holiday 4-Packs can be purchased for \$149 - \$397. Rush seats are available on the day of performance in person at the box office for \$30.

Venue:

Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen Street West, Toronto.

Box Office:

The box office is located at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts (145 Queen Street West). To purchase tickets, call 416 (toll free 1 866) 345 9595 or visit thenutcracker.ca.

Website: thenutcracker.ca.

The 2008/09 Season is presented by CTV and The Globe and Mail.

TD Waterhouse presents *The Nutcracker*.

Made possible by generous financial support from production underwriters Sandra & Jim Pitblado, Lawrence & Ann Heisey and an anonymous friend of the National Ballet.

Performance Sponsors: Stott Pilates (December 11), RBC (December 20, matinee)

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