

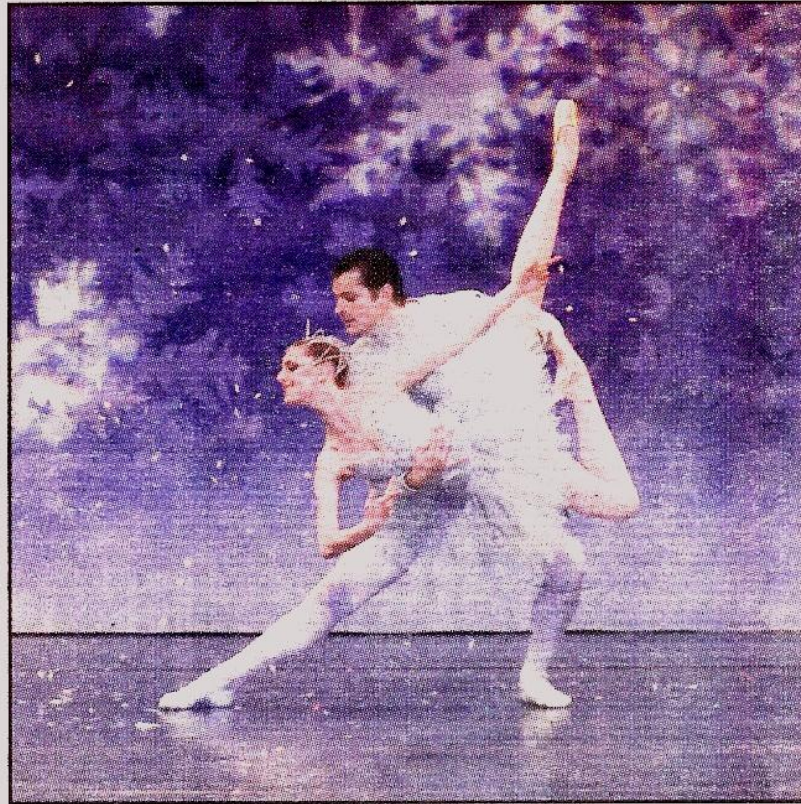
## Brandywine Ballet Welcomes Holiday Season With 'The Nutcracker'

The Brandywine Ballet Company, supported by the West Chester University College of Visual and Performing Arts, has announced its performances of "The Nutcracker" to take place Dec. 12-18 at the Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall in the Philips Memorial Building on the campus of West Chester University.

This year's performances are unique because special guest Jae Hoon Lim of Philadelphia's Koresh Dance Company will partner with principal dancers Hannah Telthorster and Jaime Lennon in the beautiful Grande Pas de Deux as choreographed by the late former Ballet Master and New York City Principal Dancer Richard Hoskinson.

Additional new components include a new Snow Scene by Ballet Mistress Nancy Page, featuring the complete version of pas and corps, as well as updated costumes.

A time-honored tradition for the family, Brandywine Ballet's version of "The Nutcracker" is rooted in the magnificence of the Victorian era, transporting audiences to



**Above are Brandywine Ballet dancers Emily Royce and Joe Cotler. The Ballet will open "The Nutcracker" Dec. 12.**

the dreamy "Land of Sweets." The production invites viewers to join Clara and her Nutcracker on an enchanted journey full of imagination, in which toy soldiers and mice battle fiercely, the Sugar Plum Fairy reigns, and colorful characters of all ages grace the stage. The full-length ballet features over 80 area dancers and cast members.

Performance times and dates are as follows: Friday, Dec. 12, 10a.m.; Saturday Dec. 13, 2p.m.; Sunday, Dec.14, 6p.m.; Thursday, Dec.18, 10a.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20 and 21, 2p.m. Tickets are \$20, \$25 and \$35. To purchase tickets visit the website [www.brandywineballet.com](http://www.brandywineballet.com) or call the box office at 610-696-2711.