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Harford Ballet Company to Hold Nutcracker Auditions

Bel Air, MD (August 18, 2010) –The Harford Ballet Company will be holding open auditions for its annual production of the holiday favorite, *The Nutcracker*. The annual HBC production is the first opportunity for many local children to experience the magic of a professional ballet production. Dancers will have weekly rehearsals with knowledgeable instructors, and will have the opportunity to share the stage with guest professional dancers from the New York City Ballet.

The audition will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Dance Conservatory of Maryland campus at 701 Whitaker Mill Road, Joppa, MD 21085. Auditions are open to dancers from any dance school ages 6-12 who are enrolled in at least one ballet class per week. Dancers and parents should arrive at 4 p.m. for registration. There is no audition fee.

About Harford Ballet Company

Harford Ballet Company is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization overseen by an advisory Board of Directors who work with the artistic director and the company manager to provide administrative support for the Company. The Company's annual season features two programs of classic favorites and new works, including the holiday tradition, *The Nutcracker*.

Harford Ballet Company receives state arts funding through a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board and constantly seeks financial backing for the valuable art of ballet through memberships, grants, and personal and corporate donations.

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About Dance Conservatory of Maryland

Founded in 1996 by Pamela Villeneuve, Dance Conservatory of Maryland is the premier classical and contemporary dance program in Harford County and the Northern Maryland region. Headquartered at the 40-acre historic Millstad property on Whitaker Mill Road, three miles south of Bel Air, the 5,000 square foot facility houses the conservatory as well as the headquarters for Ballet Maryland. A DCM dancer can perform professionally, earn scholarships to major professional schools, colleges and universities, and enrich the artistic and cultural life of the community.

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