



## 2016 NUTCRACKER FACT SHEET



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**Who:** Now in its **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season**, **Ballet Repertory Theatre (BRT)** is an all-volunteer regional dance company based in Huntington Beach. Its educational mission is to provide about **50 serious-minded teen students** from the well-established Orange County Dance Center with the opportunity to perform in a professional atmosphere, and to offer to the local community quality ballet performances at affordable prices. **Artistic Directors Anthony and Terri Sellars** are in charge of Orange County's longest-running Nutcracker in which about **250 younger Orange County Dance Center students** are also invited to perform. The popular production draws nearly **5,000 patrons from all of Orange County** every year. Though the Nutcracker is its largest production, BRT also presents a **Fall Festival**, with a mixed bill of classical and contemporary pieces, and a full-length classic in the spring such as **Cinderella, Coppelia, or La Bayadère**. This year's production will be Coppelia, on April 1 and April 2, 2017 at the Golden West College Theater in Huntington Beach.

**Ballet Repertory Theatre Association (BRTA)** is the non-profit organization (federal tax id #33-0873296) that raises the funds necessary for BRT to operate. Its board members and other volunteers also provide overall coordination assistance. **Jennifer O'Brien, the current BRTA President**, can be reached at **714-458-9788** or **helpbrta@gmail.com**.

**What:** Every year, at Nutcracker time, the BRTA **raises most of the funds necessary for BRT to continue to operate** by: soliciting memberships and donations from the local community, offering business advertising space in a souvenir program, and selling sweatshirts at the Orange County Dance Center. At the theater, the BRTA also sells refreshments and ballet memorabilia to patrons, and holds a raffle.

**When:** **15 shows from December 10, 2016 through December 24, 2016**

**Where:** **Golden West Mainstage College Theater, 15751 Gothard Street, Huntington Beach 92647**