



2017 NUTCRACKER FACT SHEET



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Who: Now in its **41st 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 La Bayadère on March 24 and March 25, 2018 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 9, 2017 through December 24, 2017**

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