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**A Colorado Nutcracker to feature award-winning dancers,
Chamber Orchestra of the Springs and Colorado Springs
Children's Chorale at Pikes Peak Center December 22 – 23**

FOX 21's Joe Cole to narrate as General William Palmer

Tickets on sale Wednesday, September 5



*A Colorado Nutcracker features the character of world famous electrical scientist, Nicola Tesla
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COLORADO SPRINGS (August 24, 2018) -- Colorado Ballet Society and the Colorado Youth Ballet will present ***A Colorado Nutcracker*** at **Pikes Peak Center for the Performing Arts** in four performances: **Saturday, December 22 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.** and **Sunday, December 23 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.**

Tickets for the show that has become a Colorado Springs holiday tradition will go on sale Wednesday, September 5 at 10 a.m. Tickets range in price from \$18 to \$46, plus applicable fees, and will be available at the Pikes Peak Center box office, PikesPeakCenter.com, AXS.com or via phone at (719) 520-SHOW. They can also be purchased at the Broadmoor World Arena box office and BroadmoorWorldArena.com.

“Our unique Nutcracker highlights the fascinating local history surrounding the founding families of Colorado Springs,” said Ballet Society and Youth Ballet founder and director, Patricia Hoffman. “The opening scene shows the officers of the Salvation Army escorting local orphans to Glen Eyrie for the traditional Palmer Christmas celebration. And Nikola Tesla, the world famous electrical engineer, is seen making his final party preparations at the historic Antlers

Hotel, before heading out to the castle with some electrifying surprises for the General's guests."

FOX21 News Director, Joe Cole, will be featured as Colorado Springs founder, General William Palmer, who also narrates the story as it could have happened that night.

"Providing the music for our Nutcracker this year are the professional musicians of the Chamber Orchestra of the Springs with Thomas Wilson conducting and the Colorado Springs Children's Chorale," said Hoffman. "We are pleased that this beloved ballet features both the unique heritage of the Front Range region and showcases local talent. This production celebrates both our roots and our future as a community with more than 190 talented local performers in each show."

For more information and details about A Colorado Nutcracker at Pikes Peak Center on December 22-23, stay tuned to PikesPeakCenter.com or DanceInTheSprings.com.

Who: Colorado Youth Ballet and Colorado Ballet Society students with professional dancers and performers

What: A Colorado Nutcracker - Features 170 local dancers and 60 musicians from the Chamber Orchestra of the Springs and vocalists from the CS Children's Chorale

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Where: Pikes Peak Center - 190 South Cascade Avenue in Colorado Springs

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