



PITTSBURGH BALLET THEATRE

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**Poinsettias and Pointe Shoes Offers Previews of PBT's Nutcracker and Phipps Winter Show**  
*Guests now have three opportunities to celebrate the holidays with this popular family-friendly event*

**Pittsburgh, Pa.** —Kick off the holiday season with [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) and [Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre \(PBT\)](#) as they collaborate to present Poinsettias and Pointe Shoes on Fri., Nov. 20. This popular family event is sold out for the 6 and 7:30 p.m. performances, but an extra performance at 4:30 p.m. has been added with tickets still available. "We sell out every year," says Connie George, Phipps director of marketing. "So the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre was gracious to add a performance to ensure that everyone that wants to experience it has the opportunity."

Guests will see breathtaking vignettes from Terrence S. Orr's *The Nutcracker*, including the beloved "Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy," as performed by talented pre-professional dancers from PBT School. After the show, visitors can stick around for a meet-and-greet session and photo opportunity with the dancers, and then explore the Conservatory for a sneak peek at some of the colorful poinsettias, glowing evergreens and festive displays of Phipps' Winter Flower Show and Light Garden.

Admission is \$26 for adults and \$13 for children, and includes an exclusive 50-percent-off ticket special to attend Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre's full-length performance of *The Nutcracker* at the [Benedum Center](#), onstage Fri., Dec. 4 – Sun., Dec. 27. Phipps members receive a 10-percent discount to Poinsettias and Pointe Shoes and can receive the discount code to be used at the time of registration by contacting our Membership Department at [members@hipps.conservatory.org](mailto:members@hipps.conservatory.org) or by calling 412/622-6915 ext. 6505. Reservations to this event are required and can be made by visiting [pbt.org/performances/poinsettias-pointe-shoes](http://pbt.org/performances/poinsettias-pointe-shoes) or calling 412/454-9107.

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#### **About Phipps and Winter Flower Show**

Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Phipps presents Winter Flower Show and Light Garden from Nov. 27 through Jan. 11. Themed around the verses of the popular carol, "Winter Wonderland," the gardens will shine with spectacular seasonal displays of evergreens, poinsettias and more. Learn more: [hipps.conservatory.org](http://hipps.conservatory.org).

#### **About Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and "The Nutcracker"**

One of the most exciting ballet companies in the United States, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre has built a legacy of excellence and innovation since its founding in 1969. From Dec. 4-27, at the Benedum Center, PBT presents the classic story, iconic choreography and soaring score of “The Nutcracker.” This Pittsburgh-inspired production laces the traditional tale with new surprises each year, keeping the magic alive. Tickets are available by visiting [www.pbt.org](http://www.pbt.org), calling 412/456-6666 or visiting the Box Office at Theater Square in the Cultural District.

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