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Kingsport Ballet Launches 33rd Season New Works and Classic Re-stagings in Store

Kingsport, TN – Kingsport Ballet has launched its 33rd season with more fitness programs for the community, more students in its sought-after ballet program, and various other expanded projects, such as kb Boutique – an in-house dance supply store. Kingsport Ballet Company dancers will return to the Tennessee Association of Dance Festival this October, as two of their students who won scholarships there last year will be performing.

The Company's yearly Nutcracker at Wellmont Performing Arts Center, which enjoyed sold-out audiences last December, is scheduled for December 15th-18th, 2016. Tickets are now onsale through the website and Facebook. A new, original work in celebration of the City's 100th anniversary, inspired by the rich history of our area and the interesting and impactful times of the early 20th century will be on the slate for March and April. “Seeds of Change” will be a two act ballet to be premiered to the public in spring of 2017.

The first act of **Seeds of Change** will explore issues specific to 1917 through new and exciting choreography by Kingsport Ballet faculty as well as guest artists. Vignettes depicting scenes taking place in our region during the early 20th century will come to life on stage, enabling the viewer to see, feel and experience that time through contemporary dance.

The second act will be a staging of **Chopiniana**. This is a short ballet which became known in the early part of the 20th century as a non-narrative “ballet blanc.” Chopiniana is described as a "romantic reverie" frequently cited as the first ballet to be simply about mood and dance as opposed to being about royal families, princesses and fairies, as many story ballets are. Chopiniana has no plot, but instead consists of an ensemble of beautiful, white-clad **sylphs** dancing in the moonlight with a young poet.

Kingsport Ballet is accepting new students in all levels for the current season. KbFIT, the Company's fitness program, features adult classes in Pilates, yoga, Bodycombat, adult ballet, Insanity Live!, P90X and more. KbBoutique is open for business, featuring dance and yoga attire and related accessories and gifts.

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