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Dear Educator,

Peoria Ballet is pleased to announce the 2018-2019 student performances, our annual production of *The Nutcracker* and our spring production *Alice in Wonderland* and *Paquita*. Our holiday family classic, *The Nutcracker*, has been awarded "Best Theater Production" by Peoria Magazines. We were honored to be recognized by our community and hope that your students are able to see this award winning production! In April 2019, we will present *Alice in Wonderland* and *Paquita*. Experience Lewis Carroll's classic story transformed into a charming ballet, full of whimsical costumes and sets that will transport the audience to a colorful fantasy world full of exhilarating fun! Also featured is one of ballet's beloved classics, *Paquita*. These beautiful variations are the pieces that have survived the test of time from this timeless ballet dating back to the 19th century. Opulent gold and white sets and costumes create a stunning backdrop for this magnificent ballet.

The Nutcracker, Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the Peoria Civic Center
 9:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Alice in Wonderland and *Paquita*, Friday, April 5, 2019 at Five Points Washington
 10:00 a.m.

These performances are presented for the enrichment of area schools and senior groups. Peoria Ballet is excited to share the art of dance, while also engaging critical thinking and imagination skills through a live theatrical performance. Both productions will also provide excellent opportunities for cross-curricular studies in literature, history, art, and music. An educational study guide will be provided to teachers before the performances in order to provide resources and materials for enrichment purposes.

In order to cover the cost of the theater, there is an admission fee of \$5 per student, teacher, or chaperone. The admission for students who qualify for "Free or Reduced" lunches is \$2. For the reduced fee, please submit on school letterhead the number of students who qualify for the "Free/Reduced" lunch program. If your entire school has been designated Title 1, please indicate that on the reservation form. There will be a gift shop available for souvenir purchases after *The Nutcracker* performance.

Teachers and adult chaperones are invited to attend with their classes. We request at least one chaperone for every eight children. Please send the enclosed *Nutcracker* reservation form with your payment by November 28, 2018. Also included is the reservation form for our performance of *Alice in Wonderland* and *Paquita*. These forms are not due until March 28, 2019, and there will be an additional reminder email in February 2019 for this production.

Feel free to contact us with any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the theater!

Sincerely,

Wendy Thomasson
 Executive Director



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The mission of Peoria Ballet is to provide "art that moves" through high-quality dance instruction and stimulating performances.