



**THE  
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DANCERS INC.**

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**THE KENNEDY DANCERS ANNOUNCES  
*HOLIDAY DANCE CONCERT*  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 7:30PM  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 7:30PM**

*Jersey City, NJ- November 22, 2011-* Relive the Christmas spirit of yesterday and come experience a live, multi-cultural holiday performance of music and dance. The Kennedy Dancers will present their annual "Holiday Dance Concert" at St. Joseph's School for the Blind - 76 Summit Ave. Jersey City, NJ 07307 on December 9 at 7:30pm and December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

The program will include dances that celebrate cultures and holidays from the Caribbean ("Caribbean Silent Night," music by Special FX), Kwanzaa ("Thanks to The Earth," music by uplifting and enchanting choreographies that celebrate December's unique holidays and winter solstice. This year's Holiday Dance Concert will feature apprentices from The Kennedy Dancers' Inner City Youth Junior Dance Company performing along with students from The Kennedy Dancers children's ballet and tap dance classes. Diane Dragone, Artistic Director of The Kennedy Dancers, has created all choreography.

This year Kennedy Dancers Repertory Dancers (professionals) will take the lead in excerpts from the "Nutcracker" as well as some contemporary pieces such as "O Gracious Light" and "Pachelbel's Cannon in D.Major." The Holiday Dance Concert will feature young dancers from the Kennedy Dancers Inner City Youth Jr. Dance Co. a group elite dancers between 12 and 19 years old, who study dance in all its forms with 9 hours of weekly dance classes and 6 hours of weekly repertory rehearsals. The Holiday Dance Concert also features 15 of the Kennedy Dancers most promising young Ballet students between the ages of 3 and 10 years of age.

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This annual tradition is a fun way to celebrate the Winter Solstice, Christmas, Chanukah, and Kwanzaa. Your attendance supports budding artists and helps defray the many costs of production, i.e. costuming etc. Holiday Dance Concert will be videotaped by Dance Vista Productions and aired as a Holiday Special in 24 states, check your local cable education access channels. In New Jersey check your Verizon, Cable Vision, and Comcast listing, in New York City check Time Warner and Manhattan Neighborhood Network listings. Following each performance there will be a reception where you can speak with the dancers, get their autographs, take pictures with them and enjoy light refreshments. The Kennedy Dancers are non-profit organization, all purchases are tax deductible.

Tickets prices: \$20 for Adults including seniors, Children under the age of 12 will pay \$15. No tickets will be sold at the door on day of either performance.

The Kennedy Dancers, Inc. Is a 501 © 3 non-profit corporation. Founded in 1976, the mission of The Kennedy Dancers is to bring high quality dance training and performances to Hudson County, New Jersey, and to the entire New York metropolitan region. Since its inception, The Kennedy Dancers has consistently expanded its programs to respond to the special needs of the community in which it is based including low-income families, at risk and incarcerated teens, persons with disabilities, and mature Americans/senior citizens.

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