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The Dakota Dance Association will present its biennial production of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Ballet" Nov. 28-30. The production will feature more than 150 performers, as well as two dancers — Elle Hiltunen, left, and Paige Golden — who will share the role of Clara to dance opposite male lead John Dannenbring. For more photos, see page 7B. To see or purchase images from this event, visit [spotted.yankton.net/](http://spotted.yankton.net/). (Kelly Hertz/P&D)

# Holiday Cheers!

## The Dakota Dance Association Set To Present 'The Nutcracker' Thanksgiving Weekend

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**Y**ankton's Dakota Dance Association invites you to an enchanting holiday treat for all ages, as it presents its biennial holiday favorite, Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Ballet."

Performances are scheduled for Friday-Sunday, Nov. 28-30, with one performance Friday at 7:30 p.m.; two performances Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and one show on Sunday at 2 p.m. All performances are at the Yankton High School/Summit Activities Center theatre, 1801 Summit Street.

The classic ballet follows Clara (the role shared by Elle Hiltunen and Paige Golden) as she travels through an enchanted dream accompanied by her beloved Nutcracker Prince. Along the way she visits kingdoms of snow, the palace of the Sugar Plum Fairy and encounters entertainers from around the world who give her an evening of fun and fantasy that she will never forget.

Acknowledged as one of the most popular ballets of all time, "The Nutcracker" has a rich history. The story first appeared in 1816 in a book of short tales by German writer Ernst Hoffman under the title "Nutcracker and the Mouse King," and it made its ballet debut in 1892 in St Petersburg, Russia.

While its history in Yankton is not quite as long, for more than 30 years the biennial performances have offered the community the opportunity to be entertained and transported to a different time, all while showcasing the talented youth of the area.

"It has been a part of our lives," said choreographer Dorota Dannenbring. "Every performance is equally special. Every performance has an amazing cast and amazing volunteers. There are so many people who give and don't even care to be recognized. The cast number is more than 150, but the number of parents stepping forward and organizing the small groups and production managers, Mrs. Judy Ryan coordinating with



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### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

12:00 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - MIDLAND UNIVERSITY - FREMONT, NE  
2:00 PM MEN'S BASKETBALL - MIDLAND UNIVERSITY - FREMONT, NE  
TBA CROSS COUNTRY - NAIA NATIONALS - LAWRENCE, KA  
TBA ALL-STATE BAND SIGHT-READING CLINIC - GREGORY HALL

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

1:30 PM GREGORIAN CLUB FOREIGN FILM SERIES - SLC 108  
4:00 PM MASS - PEACE CHAPEL  
7:30 PM FALL BAND CONCERT - MARIAN AUDITORIUM

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

10:00 AM COMMUNITY HOUR

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

3:30 PM MEN'S JV BASKETBALL - DORDT COLLEGE - SIOUX CENTER, IA  
4:00 PM THANKSGIVING BASKET BLESSING SERVICE - RAVEN  
6:00 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - DORDT COLLEGE - SIOUX CENTER, IA  
8:00 PM MEN'S BASKETBALL - DORDT COLLEGE - SIOUX CENTER, IA  
9:30 PM ROSARY - PEACE CHAPEL

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO CLASSES, OFFICE OPEN

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

THANKSGIVING BREAK - CAMPUS CLOSED

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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