

DROSSELMAYER THE DRAG QUEEN? IN L.A. THERE'S A *NUTCRACKER* FOR EVERYONE

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A scene from Debbie Allen's Hot Chocolate Nutcracker

With productions of the *Nutcracker* ballet sprouting up throughout December and all over the Southland, there's a Nutcracker for everyone led by two professional stand outs and some innovative takes on the traditional story. Starting with:

Ventura County Ballet Company with the Ventura College Symphony Orchestra. *Ventura College Performing Arts Center, 4700 Loma Vista Rd.; Fri., Dec. 4, 7 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 5, 2 & 7 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 6, 2 p.m., \$25-\$35. (805) 648-2080, venturacountyballet.com.*

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