



The Nutcracker: Presented by the Ventura County Ballet with the VC Symphony Orchestra

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Oxnard Performing Arts Center 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard Box Office: (805) 486-2424	Ventura College Performing Arts Center 4700 Loma Vista Rd, Ventura (at Seton Hall)
Saturday, November 21 2 pm & 7 pm Sunday, November 22 2 pm	Friday, December 4 7 pm Saturday, December 5 2 pm & 7 pm Sunday, December 6 2 pm

International dance star **Aaron Smyth** from Australia will join the **Ventura County Ballet (VCB)** in the role of "Nutcracker Prince" in their 17th annual production of *The Nutcracker* at **Oxnard Performing Arts Center, November 21 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.** and **November 22 at 2:00 p.m.** Performances will be accompanied by the 52 piece Ventura College Symphony Orchestra.

This will be Smyth's fifth appearance with the company. VCB Executive Director Kathleen Noblin stated, "We are thrilled to have Aaron back dancing with us for his fifth season. He is a wonderful role model. It is a joy to watch our pre-professionals dance with such a fine young man and to have him serve as mentor to so many them."

"It is really fun to work on such a holiday classic like The Nutcracker, and to dance with pre-professionals that have big dreams to be amazing dancers," expressed Smyth. "It brings me back to the days when I aspired to be a

professional dancer. It is an honor to mentor others that have the same passion that drove me.”

Smyth was a scholarship student to the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School of the American Ballet Theatre New York. He has danced with the Royal Ballet, London, Joffrey Ballet, Chicago, and was a silver and bronze medal recipient at the International Ballet Competition 2014, and recently was a quarter finalist with Season 10 of America’s Got Talent.

In addition, there will be three days of performances at the **Ventura College Performing Arts Center** which are on **Saturday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m.**, **Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m.**

VCB strives to connect artists, audience and community with artistically engaging performances. VCB features national and international ballet stars performing alongside pre-professionals and students, which provides unique training, production experience and mentorship for the next generation of dancers.

For more information and for tickets, which are only **\$15.00** for children, visit **www.venturacountyballet.com**.

About the Ventura County Ballet Company and Ballet Academy Ventura:

Celebrating its 17th year, the Ventura County Ballet Company features professional dancers as well as VCB pre-professionals and students from Ballet Academy Ventura, the official school of the VCB.

Kathleen Noblin, a recipient of the City of Ventura 2008 Mayor’s Arts Award, founded Ballet Academy Ventura in 1992 as the official school of the Ventura County where the company is in residence. She has served as executive director of the company since its inception.

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