

Les Grands Ballets cancels performances for December 17, 18, 19 shows of
The Nutcracker, Clara's Journey

Montreal, December 17, 2021 - It is with great regret that Les Grands Ballets is forced to cancel the December 17, 18 and 19 performances of *The Nutcracker, Clara's Journey*, scheduled at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier. The company has unfortunately seven active cases of COVID-19 among the members of the production and, in accordance with public health guidelines, is forced to cancel certain performances of the ballet.

"It is with great sadness that we are forced to temporarily suspend performances of *The Nutcracker*. The success of the first six performances has shown us that audiences are eager to return to this holiday tradition. I am sorry for all the children I knew were enthusiastic to discover *The Nutcracker* for the first time and for the families who were excited to see this great classic again! However, my priority remains the health and safety of the members of the production: I am relieved that the reported cases do not present any serious symptoms, and I wish them all a speedy recovery. I am hopeful that we will have the pleasure of returning to the public starting December 22 with the new distancing measures in place in the theatre."

- **Ivan Cavallari, Artistic Director**

All artists and artisans involved in this production and who make this special edition of *The Nutcracker* possible will be compensated according to the agreements made.

Since their return in studio in June 2020, Les Grand Ballets has rigorously followed the sanitary guidelines for the performing arts sector established by the CNESST. Since March 2021, the company has also been back onstage and has successfully presented 21 performances of four different productions, in addition to a diversified programming presented on tour. Les Grands Ballets was able to offer six performances of *The Nutcracker, Clara's Journey* since December 8 and would like to thank the collaboration of Place des Arts for its exceptional work in implementing sanitary measures since the company's return to the stage last spring.

All ticket holders for the December 17, 18 and 19 performances of *The Nutcracker, Clara's Journey* will be refunded. For any questions, we invite the public to contact the Place des Arts box office at 514 842-2112 or via info@placedesarts.com.

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