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World-class dancer leads 'Nutcracker'

The Ventura County Ballet Company will present "The Nutcracker" at 2 and 7 p.m. Sat., Nov. 22 and 2 p.m. Sun., Nov. 23 at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way.

The show will also be presented at 7 p.m. Sat., Dec. 13 and 1 and 5 p.m. Sun., Dec. 14 at the Ventura College performing arts center, 4700 Loma Vista Road, Ventura.

Returning for his fourth season as The Prince, will be Australian Aaron Smyth, lead dancer of Joffrey Ballet Chicago. He has won several titles and medals, including a silver medal from the Beijing International Ballet and Choreography competition in 2013. This year he won a bronze medal at the USA International Ballet competition in Jackson, Miss.

The Ventura County Ballet production features live music from Ventura College's 52-piece symphony orchestra.

The cost for the show is \$30 for adults; \$25 for seniors 65 and older; and \$15 for kids 10 years and under.

For more information or tickets, visit the theater box office or www.venturacountyballet.com/Nutcracker.



GRACEFUL—Jazmine Quezada and Ryan Camon dance in the Ventura County Ballet Company's production of the "The Nutcracker," to be performed at 2 and 7 p.m. Sat., Nov. 22 and 2 p.m. Sun., Nov. 23 at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way.

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