



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **LONGMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND BOULDER BALLET PRESENT *THE GENTLE NUTCRACKER* ON DECEMBER 1**

**LONGMONT, CO, NOVEMBER 5, 2018** — On **Saturday, December 1**, the Longmont Symphony Orchestra (LSO) and the Boulder Ballet will present “*The Gentle Nutcracker*,” a sensory-friendly abridged version of Tchaikovsky’s beloved *Nutcracker Ballet* for individuals with special needs and their families.

“I am thrilled that the Longmont Symphony and Boulder Ballet are collaborating on this sensory-friendly performance of Tchaikovsky’s *Nutcracker* for families with children of different abilities. This is a wonderful example of artists and arts organizations coming together to be inclusive with community members who may not have the same access to the performing arts that so many others enjoy—particularly during the holiday season. The Longmont Symphony is proud to be using music as a catalyst to deepen feelings of family and community,” said **LSO music director Elliot Moore**.

### **The Gentle Nutcracker**

**Saturday, December 1, 2018—1 p.m. to 2 p.m.**

Vance Brand Civic Auditorium  
Longmont Symphony Orchestra  
Boulder Ballet  
Elliot Moore, conductor

Sensory-friendly accommodations for *The Gentle Nutcracker* include: house lights will remain at 35%, professional support will be easily accessible for questions or problems, involuntary movements and noises are welcome, a designated quiet area will be available for those who need it, and an EMT will be onsite for emergencies. The concert is limited to 500 attendees.

A musical instrument demonstration will be held in the lobby starting at 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and are on sale via phone (303-772-5796) and online at [www.longmontsymphony.org](http://www.longmontsymphony.org). Office hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; the office is closed on Wednesdays.

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The performance is sponsored by BC Services, Harvey and Carol Yoakum, Linda Fetterman, Pauline Soderholm, High Plains Bank, Association for Community Living–ACL, Welzig Heating and Air and Tim’s Toy Auto.

The Longmont Symphony and Boulder Ballet will also present two full performances of ***The Nutcracker Ballet*** at Vance Brand Civic Auditorium on **Saturday, December 1 at 4 p.m.** and **Sunday, December 2 at 2 p.m.** Tickets are \$12-35 and are available via phone (303-772-5796) and at [www.longmontsymphony.org](http://www.longmontsymphony.org). *The Nutcracker Ballet* is sponsored by Stapp Interstate Toyota.

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*The Longmont Symphony Orchestra’s mission is to foster and promote the appreciation and understanding of symphonic music through performances and educational programs. The LSO presents multiple performances each year for 15,000+ people -- including a six-concert subscription series, a pair of children's concerts for all St. Vrain Valley School District 5<sup>th</sup> graders, a Family Matinee Concert, three performances of the Nutcracker Ballet, a Candlelight Concert, a July 4<sup>th</sup> concert and two chamber orchestra concerts at the Longmont Museum -- and has an active education and outreach program. For more information, visit [www.longmontsymphony.org](http://www.longmontsymphony.org).*

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