

Family

Moscow Ballet to bring Nutcracker to Wichita's Orpheum on Dec. 8

Tickets are on sale at the Orpheum Theatre in Wichita for a 7 p.m. performance of Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker on Thursday, Dec. 8.

Alexandra Elagina and Anatolie Ustimov make their debut in the Western Tour as Masha (aka Clara) and the Nutcracker Prince.

These award-winning stars, and a corps of 30-some impeccably trained Russian dancers, performed the beloved Christmas story to critical acclaim in 2010 on the Eastern Tour.

Set to Tchaikovsky's famous score, Moscow Ballet's production features 200 lavish costumes, larger-than-life Russian puppets and nine hand-painted backdrops embellished with 3-D effects. This year marks Moscow Ballet's 19th annual Great Russian Nutcracker tour to cities across North America.

To buy tickets, call Select-a-Seat at (316) 755-7328 or go to www.nutcracker.com. Tickets start at \$27.50. Group discounts are available for 10 or more through the website or by calling (800) 320-1733.

Elagina makes her debut as Masha (aka Clara). Elagina hails from Kazan, the sixth largest city in Russia, the "third capital of Russia," and graduated from the Kazan Ballet Academy in 2006. She was accepted as a soloist to Tatar's Jalil State Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet, considered one of the best troupes in Russia today.

Ustimov is a laureate of the 2009 International Ballet Competitions in Moscow and hails from Chisinau, the capitol of Moldova, a republic of the former Soviet Union. He graduated with honors from the State Academic Choreographic School of Moldova in 2001, and has been principal artist with the State Theater of Opera and Ballet of Moldova since 2000.

Just 28, Ustimov is the archetypal male Russian dancer. He boasts significant ballet repertoire including Siegfried in Swan Lake, Romeo in Romeo and Juliet, Albrecht in Giselle, and more. He and his wife Ekaterina have been in Moscow Ballet productions since 2009.

The Nutcracker tells the beloved Christmas story of the girl who falls in love with a Nutcracker Prince. The Act I Christmas party enchants with its magical toys, evil Mouse King and a journey through the glittering Snow Forest. Unique to the



Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker features the Dove of Peace.

Great Russian Nutcracker, Russian folk characters Father Christmas and the Snow Maiden escort Masha to the Land of Peace and Harmony in Act II, where she and the Nutcracker Prince are honored by emissaries from heritages the world over: African, Russian, Asian, European and Hispanic.

Moscow Ballet made its debut in 1993 with the Great Russian Nutcracker, directed and choreographed by soloist Stanislav Vlasov of the famous Bolshoi Theater. In 1994, Moscow Ballet invited the Moscow State Theatre of Natalia Sats, and the theatre's full orchestra, to expand the company to an 88-artist tour which was billed as the "19th Century Classical Nutcracker."

In 2003, Anatoly Emelianov restaged the Great Russian Nutcracker to critical acclaim. Moscow Ballet continues to feature award-winning principals and top graduates of Perm, Vaganova, Moscow State Academic Choreographic and Kiev schools.

Speakers 'dazzle' at library

National Library Week is turning out to be a great week, featuring authors and speakers at the Pioneer Memorial Library.

I was dazzled by the historical information gleaned and written about by Judith Miller on the Amana series. These three books have characters that meet challenges in their religious communities while carefully sharing their heritage and cultural lifestyles.

I learned that in its early years, this religious group was more closed than it is today because the communal group voted to live normal lives (during the Depression) in homes where families supported themselves. This resulted in the colony needing to find ways to stay financial viable.

Today they still weave and have special products their specific towns were famous for creating. They also developed the Amana Corp. that has since been sold.

Besides all this activity, the library has added some new items. One is "Rock Bottom" by Erin Brockovich and C.J. Lyons. Brockovich and Lyons teamed to write about A.J., a young but maturing activist who returns to her home town to fight off the removal of a mountain top by the Master-son Mining Corp. She is expecting to come and work with Zachariah Hardy, but finds he has died. A.J. suspects murder and begins to dig deeper into the whole affair.

Another item is "Afraid of the Dark," by James Grippando. This is the ninth book where Miami's infamous criminal defense lawyer, Jack Swyteck, finds himself involved in solving a sinister plot.

Everyone thinks that American Jamal Wakefield killed McKenna Mays and blinded Sgt. Vince Paulo. However, as other dead bodies appear, it becomes evident that it is not Jamal. Swyteck must navigate the streets of London and cybersites on the Internet to discover the real killer.

A more serious book is "Between Shades of Gray," by Ruta Sepetys. This dramatic book, the first by Sepetys, portrays young Lena and her family, who are snatched by the Russians and sent to a concentration camp in Siberia. Her father, however, has been sent



Melany Wilks

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elsewhere and is not aware that his family is still alive.

The struggle of this young Lithuanian lady to survive the horrific experiences of life instituted by Stalin brings her to try and get word to her father through her art. The story of invasion of Lithuania by the Russians in 1939 is eloquently and dramatically told by Sepetys.

In case you have not seen some of our new movies, consider checking out the following: "127 Hours," starring James Franco and Lizzy Caplan, produced by Fox Searchlight Pictures; "Hereafter," starring Matt Damon and Bryce Dallas Howard, produced by Warner Home Video; "Unstoppable," starring Chris Pine and Denzel Washington, produced by 20th Century Fox;

"The Tourist," starring Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie, produced by Columbia Pictures; "How Do You Know," starring Reese Witherspoon and Jack Nicholson, produced by Columbia Pictures; "Tangled," starring Mandy Moore and Zachary Levi, produced by Walt Disney Pictures; "Barbie: A Fairy Secret," produced by Universal Studios; and "Secretariat," starring Diane Lane and John Mal-

kovich, produced by Walt Disney Studios Home Entertainment.

Remember to come and bid on our silent auction. We are auctioning off new Patron Card numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 50, 77, 88, 99, 100, 555, 777, or "Your Choice" of a number under 1,000. Each number has a special bidding sheet placed on the reference desk through Saturday. You can come in and bid on one number.

One person that is going to bid on the number 77 because this is when they graduated. I think it would be great to have number 10 because I'd never forget my number. Another patron wants to keep their old number, 764, because they have it memorized. A person can choose their old number if it is under 1000. So, come and bid and help the library with special projects.

Our library has computers and Wi-Fi access for your personal computers. The basement is open for youths from 3:30 to 5:45 p.m. each afternoon after school. Kids can use computers, a Wii or PlayStation II, plus board games, puzzles and more.

We also have cake pans for parties, a slow cooker and large coffee pot to rent for a small fee, and much more. See you in the library!

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Colby Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday, April 12, with 25 members and guests Dinah Charles, Donna and Laura Juenemann, Ryan Carter and visiting Rotarian Steve Haynes.

Members enjoyed having Rob Glover, a Colby Community College baseball player from Longmont, Colo., play the piano while they ate lunch.

Laura Juenemann was recognized as the April Student of the Month. She has participated in track and tennis and is a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, Cosmic Crayon and Catholic Youth Organization. She said she plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney and major in early childhood education.

Mark Winger had the program, featuring college baseball coach Ryan Carter. Carter said he has been the head coach for 13 years. The program brings between 15

and 20 new student athletes to the college each year.

He said each school year is always challenging and rewarding. This year's roster includes players from Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, and Wyo-

ming along with Spain, Guam and Canada. Coach Carter said he will have a player from New Zealand next year.

Jim Stanley won Roto-Lotto. The club meets each Tuesday in Room 106 of the Student Union.

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Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.83
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.03

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

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Saturday, April 16th
• time to bring planters out for "re-pots" •

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Thursday, April 14th

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The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra

Proudly Presents last concert of season:

Spring is in the Air

Friday, April 15, 2011 at 7 p.m. MT

Goodland High School Auditorium, Goodland, KS

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April 14th, 2011

- Oakley Motors and Kawasaki vehicle and ATV show
- Boy Scouts from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. teaching us camping safety
- Hamburger and Hotdogs, proceeds to benefit Children's Miracle Network.
- Fishing/Outdoors is an art, Decorate Pots, Your Face and learn some "Wild Origami"

April 15th, 2011

- Oakley Motors and Kawasaki vehicle and ATV show
- Kansas Highway Patrol's seatbelt convincer from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Hamburger and Hotdogs, proceeds to benefit Children's Miracle Network.
- Bob for fish, no poles required, just a sense of adventure and "set the hook with your mouth"

April 16th, 2011

- Oakley Motors and Kawasaki vehicle and ATV show
- Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks Hunting, Fishing, Boating and Outdoor tips from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Hamburger and Hotdogs, proceeds to benefit Children's Miracle Network.
- "Eat the Worm, Bait the Hook, find a work and bait it!"

April 17th, 2011

- Oakley Motors and Kawasaki vehicle and ATV show
- Hamburger and Hotdogs, proceeds to benefit Children's Miracle Network.
- Casting Competition for Kids 12 and under.

All age groups will get a prize for the best show or effort in their category. All proceeds will benefit the Children's Miracle Network, which goes back to families/children in Northwest Kansas.

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