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Snowflakes Dance at The River Raisin Centre for the Arts

It's a joyous time in downtown Monroe as the River Raisin Centre for the Arts is preparing for its annual performance of *The Nutcracker Ballet*, a show about a little girl named Clara who on Christmas receives a Nutcracker by her Uncle Drosselmyer. But in the night with the help of a little magic her Uncle brings her Nutcracker to life just in time to fight a group of mice who are led by the Rat King. Next, to Clara's amazement, her Nutcracker turns into a prince and takes her on a carriage ride through the Land of Snow where they are greeted by the Snow Queen and Ice Princess. They are then sent on their way to the Land of Sweets. Once they arrive, Clara is given desserts and a wonderful performance in her honor by many dancers representing different sweets including chocolate, tea, candy canes, ginger snaps, coffee, and more.

This beautiful ballet presented by the River Raisin Ballet Company is the biggest event that happens at the Theatre every year. Adults and children from all over Michigan come to see this ever so magical production along with classes from schools taking their kids to see it for field trips. "There is nothing like seeing the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy do her pas de deux or partnered dance with the cavalier. Takes my breath away every year even from backstage!" says Jessica Foulkrod who has been a member of the ballet company for 12 years now. "The teachers here really put so much time and effort into every step to insure everything is absolutely perfect. And every year things change to keep things interesting while the framework and story stays the same. It's impossible to get bored!" She says.

So when can you see this outstanding production? **December 6th at 7pm, 7th at 2pm and 7pm, and the 8th at 3pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$23 for seniors, \$18 for children.** So come experience a time you will never forget! Filled with explosions, gorgeous costumes, and dazzling choreography. Nothing compares to a day at the ballet. And what a better way to spend Christmas then to watch it right before your eyes!

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