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BALLET BELLEVUE PRESENTS NEW, ORIGINAL PRODUCTION OF TCHAIKOVSKY'S THE SNOW MAIDEN

Bellevue, WA - Ballet Bellevue opens its new, original production of The Snow Maiden December 16-19, 1999, a feature of "Bellevue, The Magic Season," at The Theater at Meydenbauer Center, 11100 N.E. 6th St., Bellevue. The Snow Maiden, by Russian playwright, Alexander Ostrovsky, is set to Tchaikovsky's rare classic score and tells the story of a young woman whose heart of ice is melted by the warmth of human love.

This entirely new production, created jointly by Ballet Bellevue Artistic Director, Ronn Tice, and Kirov-trained Vera Altunina, combines classical and character dance to interpret the timeless tale of Russian festivals and filial and romantic love. New costumes, drops by Bruce Jackson and technics by ProgressiveIMG enhance the excitement of this new, creative holiday production. Families will not want to miss the opportunity to see this rare work that is sure to become a holiday tradition in Bellevue for years to come. Sponsors include Mirella Dancewear, King County Arts Commission, Eastside Journal, Eastside Parent, Standing Ovation, and Wells Fargo Bank.

Tickets are available by calling (425) 455-1345. Friday (December 17) 8PM, Saturday (December 18) 8PM and Sunday (December 19) 3PM: Adults \$17, St/Sr \$10. Tuesday (December 16) 7PM Preview and Saturday (December 18) 2PM Matinee: all seats \$10. Group discounts available for 10 or more.