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“Look Out Nutcracker, The Snowman’s Coming!”

Bellevue, WA Ballet Bellevue presents *The Snowman* December 13th & 14th at Northshore Performing Arts Center in Bothell (2:00 PM Sat/Sun and 7:30 PM Sat) and December 28th at The Theatre at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue (2:00 & 7:30 PM).

This beautiful and inspiring production of Raymond Briggs’ beloved winter story of a little boy and his magical adventure returns for the 2008 holiday season.

Ballet Bellevue’s great success with Jennifer Porter’s premiere of the ballet in 2007 raised the critical acclaim, “Look out Nutcracker, The Snowman’s coming.” Dr. David Upham returns to conduct the Ballet Bellevue Orchestra playing the enchanting score of English composer, Howard Blake. Only one other company (Dancing Wheels) has ever produced this ballet in the United States, and Ballet Bellevue is America’s only company to present the holiday spectacular with a live orchestra. Dressed in stunning costumes by Tina Evans, Ballet Bellevue’s professional company dancers, Caroline Burnett, Kara Rochelle Dominick, Kyle Johnson, Alexa Kovalick, Katrina Muser and Christina Stockdale, will steal your heart and make you laugh with something new for your family’s holiday. Winterland scenery was created by Northwest designer, Bruce Jackson. In roles as villagers and animals in the world of snow, students from Ballet Bellevue School will share the stage with the “real dancers” they so admire. Young soloists, Julie Ortiz (Monroe) as “the Fox” and Elizabeth Kanning (Redmond) and Natalie Rahn

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(Sammamish) as “Reindeer” and “Snowbunnies” are already veterans of the theater, but for the tiniest Snowflake Villagers, this will be a wide-eyed first experience.

The story’s leading character will be played by 8-year-old Leo Malkin, and “Walking in the Air” soprano solo will be sung by Amanda Friemel in Bothell and Ben Flohr in Bellevue.

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For tickets (\$15 to \$27) call Ballet Bellevue at 425.455.1345 or call 1.800.992.TIXX
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