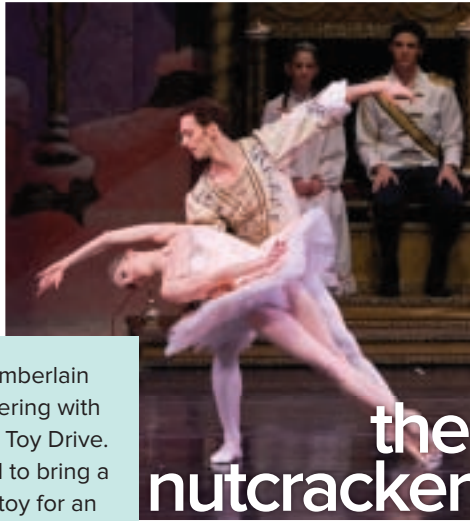


three events you don't want to miss this month

BY BRIT MOTT

HOLIDAY CHEER • Chamberlain Performing Arts is partnering with WFAA's Santa's Helpers Toy Drive. Patrons are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped gift or toy for an under-served child in North Texas.



the nutcracker

Photo/Sharen Bradford

The Nutcracker

If you're in town Thanksgiving weekend, November 26-28, be sure to attend Chamberlain Performing Arts' production of **The Nutcracker**. More than 200 company dancers and students will grace the stage in an unforgettable evening for families. Returning to the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier are New York City Ballet Principal Dancer and *Dance Magazine's* Lifetime Achievement Award honoree, Wendy Whelan, and former New York City Ballet Principal, Philip Neal. Whelan and Neal will perform the Grand Pas de Deux, as choreographed by George Balanchine.

Kathy Chamberlain, founder and Artistic Director of Chamberlain Performing Arts, said, "It is a privilege to bring this level of artistry to North Texas audiences, so that our community can enjoy world-class ballet on their doorstep."

Performances are Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Eisemann Center. Tickets are \$7.50-\$60. Sponsors include Texas Instruments Foundation (title sponsor), the City of Plano, The Andrea Mennen Family Foundation, Tiffany and Co., WFAA, WRR Classical 101.1 FM, The Renaissance Hotel, Neiman Marcus-Willow Bend, *The Dallas Morning News*, Tiffany and Co., and Half Price Books. ▶ **November 26-28 • 972.744.4650 • eisemanncenter.com**



Tango!

You may recognize the names **Sandor & Parissa** from ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*. The duo choreographed many of the Argentine tangos on the show, beginning with the one performed by Cheryl Burke and Gilles Marini, which achieved the first perfect score of season eight.

Sandor & Parissa will present an exciting night of **Tango!** in collaboration with the Grammy-nominated **Quartet San Francisco**. Winners of the

2004 International Tango competition in New York, Quartet

San Francisco plays everything from Bach to Brubeck and Mendelssohn to Mancini. Their 2006 Latin and Tango CD *Latigo* received Grammy nominations for Best Classical Crossover and Best Engineered, Classical. The concert begins at 8:15 p.m. at the Eisemann Center. Reserved seating starts at \$9; add \$2 at the door. ▶ **Saturday, November 20 • 972.473.7262 • planosymphony.org**



quartet san francisco



four funny females

Four Funny Females

Good news, ladies! There's more than one way to boost your heart rate and strengthen those abs...and you don't have to go near a treadmill. Treat yourself to a night of belly laughs!

Four Funny Females are back at the McKinney Performing Arts Center to present an evening of comedy with topics ranging from professional bra fitters to pet adoption. Starring Linda Stogner, Sherry Belle, Jodi Hadsell, and Laura Bartlett, the show starts at 8 p.m.

▶ **Saturday, November 13 • 972.547.2650**
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