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## MTV's Dan Levy and Jessi Cruickshank Make Their Debut in *The Nutcracker* December 6, 2008 at 2:00 pm

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Four Seasons Centre  
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December 5, 2008... MTV Hosts **Dan Levy** and **Jessi Cruickshank** make their National Ballet of Canada debut as Cannon Dolls in the opening performance of *The Nutcracker* on December 6, 2008 at 2:00 pm.

Also making debuts with the National Ballet in *The Nutcracker* this season are **Colin McAllister** and **Justin Ryan** of HGTV's Home Heist and Toronto FC Captain **Jim Brennan** and Striker **Danny Dichio**.

Celebrity walk-on roles are a long-held tradition with *Nutcrackers* all over the world. In the National Ballet's production, the Cannon Doll guest roles are colourfully costumed as Russian Petrouchka dolls in Act I who shoot a cannon into the audience.

*The Nutcracker* is on stage at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts from December 6 to 28, 2008.

### This Season's Cannon Dolls:

Dec. 5 at 7:00 pm (Share the Magic performance)	Global TV News Anchor <b>Susan Hay</b>
Dec. 6 at 2:00 pm	MTV Hosts <b>Dan Levy</b> and <b>Jessi Cruickshank</b>
Dec. 11 at 7:00 pm	Hosts of HGTV's Home Heist <b>Colin McAllister</b> and <b>Justin Ryan</b>
Dec. 13 at 7:00 pm	ET Canada Host <b>Rosey Edeh</b>
Dec. 14 at 1:00 pm	Metro Toronto Columnist <b>Rick McGinnis</b>
Dec. 14 at 5:30 pm	Globe and Mail's <b>Domini Clark</b>
Dec. 18 at 7:00 pm	Jazz FM's <b>Jaymz Bee</b> and Singer <b>Marieve Herington</b>
Dec. 19 at 7:00 pm	Toronto FC Captain <b>Jim Brennan</b> and Forward <b>Danny Dichio</b>
Dec. 20 at 2:00 pm	TVO Kid's The Space Hosts <b>Jackie English</b> and <b>Mark Sykes</b>
Dec. 20 at 7:00 pm	Hosts of Classical 96.3 FM's Morning Show <b>Mike Duncan</b> and <b>Jean Stillwell</b>
Dec. 21 at 1:00 pm	CTV News Anchors <b>Andria Case</b> and <b>Pauline Chan</b>
Dec. 21 at 5:30 pm	CKLN Radio's <b>Victor Bains Marshall</b>

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*The Nutcracker* choreography and libretto are by **James Kudelka**, music is by **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**, set and costume design are by **Santo Loquasto** and lighting design is by **Jennifer Tipton**.

Nutcracker Story Time will continue this year, beginning 45 minutes prior to every performance. This engaging, interactive telling of *The Nutcracker* will take place in the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre of the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts.

***The Nutcracker***

Saturday December 6, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
Sunday December 7, 2:00 pm  
Wednesday December 10, 7:00 pm  
Thursday December 11, 7:00 pm  
Friday December 12, 7:00 pm  
Saturday December 13, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
Sunday December 14, 1:00 pm & 5:30 pm  
Tuesday December 16, 7:00 pm  
Wednesday December 17, 7:00 pm  
Thursday December 18, 7:00 pm  
Friday December 19, 7:00 pm  
Saturday December 20, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
Sunday December 21, 1:00 pm & 5:30 pm  
Tuesday December 23, 1:00 pm & 5:30 pm  
Wednesday December 24, 12:00 pm  
Saturday December 27, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
Sunday December 28, 1:00 pm & 5:30 pm

Tickets:  
Prices range from \$33 - \$117.

New special offer!  
Free parking! Purchase tickets to select performances of *The Nutcracker* and receive a free parking voucher at Nathan Phillips Square and a Nutcracker Activity Book. While supplies last, valid only on the date of performance. (Select performance dates are December 6, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18 at 7:00 pm; December 6, 7 at 2:00 pm; December 14 at 5:30 pm.)

Discount rates are available for groups of 10 people or more. Holiday 4-Packs can be purchased for \$149 - \$397. Rush seats are available on the day of performance in person at the box office for \$30.

Venue:  
Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen Street West, Toronto.

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Box Office:

The box office is located at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts (145 Queen Street West). To purchase tickets, call 416 (toll free 1 866) 345 9595 or visit [thenutcracker.ca](http://thenutcracker.ca).

Website: [thenutcracker.ca](http://thenutcracker.ca).

The 2008/09 Season is presented by CTV and The Globe and Mail.

TD Waterhouse presents *The Nutcracker*.

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Performance Sponsors: Stott Pilates (December 11), RBC (December 20, matinee)

*The Nutcracker* live in HD is presented by TD Waterhouse, with additional funding by John and Claudine Bailey.

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