

Costumed Characters From American Ballet Theatre's All-New Production of The Nutcracker to Ring the NASDAQ Stock Market Opening Bell

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What:

The Nutcracker Prince, Clara and The Sugarplum Fairy will visit NASDAQ MarketSite in Times Square and preside over the opening bell to celebrate American Ballet Theatre's all-new production of the Tchaikovsky classic *The Nutcracker*, choreographed by Alexei Ratmansky.

American Ballet Theatre's *The Nutcracker*, featuring scenery by Richard Hudson, opens Wednesday evening, December 22 at Brooklyn Academy of Music. Performances run through January 2, 2011. For more information on *The Nutcracker*, please visit www.abt.org/nutcracker.

Where:

NASDAQ MarketSite — 4 Times Square — 43rd & Broadway — Broadcast Studio

When:

Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. ET

Contact:

NASDAQ MarketSite: Jolene Libretto (646) 441-5220 Jolene.Libretto@NASDAQOMX.com

Feed Information:

The Opening Bell is available from 9:20 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. on AMC3/C20 DL 4100 vertical. The feed can also be found on Ascent fiber 1623. If you have any questions, please contact Jolene Libretto at (646) 441-5220.

Radio Feed:

An audio transmission of the Opening Bell is also available from 9:20 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. on uplink IA6 C band / transponder 24, downlink frequency 4180 horizontal. The feed can be found on Ascent fiber 1623 as well.

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Webcast:

A live webcast of the NASDAQ Opening Bell will be available at: http://www.nasdaq.com/about/marketsitetowervideo.asx

Photos:

To obtain a hi-resolution photograph of the Market Open, please go to http://www.nasdag.com/reference/marketsite_events.stm and click on the market open of your choice.

About AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE:

Recognized by an act of the United States Congress as America's National Ballet Company TM American Ballet Theatre is one of the great dance companies in the world. Few ballet companies equal ABT for its combination of size, scope and outreach. Since its founding in 1940, ABT annually tours the United States, performing for more than 600,000, people and is the only major cultural institution to do so. It has made more than 30 international tours to 43 countries and has been sponsored by the State Department of the United States on many of these engagements.

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