



May 2008

Dear Arts Enthusiast,

Rochester Dance Company is a non-profit, pre-professional dance company that greatly expands the opportunity to see and enjoy **professional-quality dance** productions in the Rochester area. Incorporated as a non-profit organization in March of 2006, Rochester Dance Company has brought more than 25 professional guest artists to Rochester to instruct and perform with the 160 dancers who have been part of the company during the past four years. More than 10,000 audience members have enjoyed the artistic excellence that Rochester Dance Company consistently delivers.

Rochester Dance Company recently introduced the nationally known storyteller Odds Bodkin to Rochester in *The Door to Imagination*, a production that combined storytelling with dance. We hope you were able to see it!

As we kick off our Spring Sponsorship Drive, we would like to invite you to **become part of the Rochester Dance Company experience**. Your tax-deductible contribution will help us continue to provide professional-quality productions for the enjoyment of community members of all ages.

Rochester Dance Company's productions include:

*The Nutcracker*

This holiday confection has it all: lavish costumes and sets, timeless music and superb dancing by RDC members and professional guest artists. Each public performance is followed by a delightful *Land of Sweets Party*, where theatergoers enjoy holiday treats and mingle with *Nutcracker* characters, including Clara and the Sugar Plum Fairy. A holiday classic for all ages! **December 12-14, 2008**

*TeenAge WasteLand*

This original RDC production looks at teens and their world. Through contemporary music and choreography – plus the voices of real Rochester-area teens – *TAWL* explores teens' thoughts and feelings about school, friends, parents, and the society they will soon enter as adults. This "seriously entertaining" production speaks directly to teens and the adults who love them. **March 13-15, 2009**

*The Door to Imagination*

Another original RDC production features award-winning storyteller and musician Odds Bodkin – the *New York Times* called him "a consummate storyteller." Odds uses many different character voices to tell his popular stories, which are intertwined with RDC's engaging choreography. Terrific family entertainment full of kindness, humor and gentle life lessons!**To be determined**

Please review the enclosed information that details RDC's **levels of giving** and related **benefits** for each level; we ask for your response by May 31. Your generous gift will increase the vibrancy and professionalism of the arts in the Rochester area in a significant way. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Please make all donation checks payable to **Springboard for the Arts**, which currently serves as RDC's fiscal agent until we receive our final tax-exempt determination. Springboard for the Arts provides continued support for independent artists and nonprofit arts organizations and administrators. These services help support a vibrant arts community. Springboard for the Arts has been organized and operated to qualify as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code: Taxpayer Identification Number 41-1690483.

## Levels of Giving 2007-2008

### Platinum Level

\$1,000 and up

You receive:

- Your name in the program for RDC's production of *The Nutcracker*
- 8 premium seating tickets for *The Nutcracker* (\$120 value)
- 8 premium seating tickets for another RDC production (\$120 value)

### Gold Level

\$500 to \$999

You receive:

- Your name in the program for RDC's production of *The Nutcracker*
- 4 premium seating tickets for *The Nutcracker* (\$60 value)
- 4 premium seating tickets for another RDC production (\$60 value)

### Silver Level

\$250 to \$499

You receive:

- Your name in the program for RDC's production of *The Nutcracker*
- 4 premium seating tickets for *The Nutcracker* (\$60 value)
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### Benefactor Level

\$100 - \$249

You receive:

- Your name in the program for RDC's production of *The Nutcracker*
- 2 premium seating tickets for *The Nutcracker* (\$30 value)

### Friend Level

\$50 - \$99

You receive:

- Your name in the program for RDC's production of *The Nutcracker*
- 2 passports to the Land of Sweets Party (held after each performance of *The Nutcracker*) (\$12 value)

### Contributor Level

\$25 - \$49

You receive:

- Your name in the program for RDC's production of *The Nutcracker*