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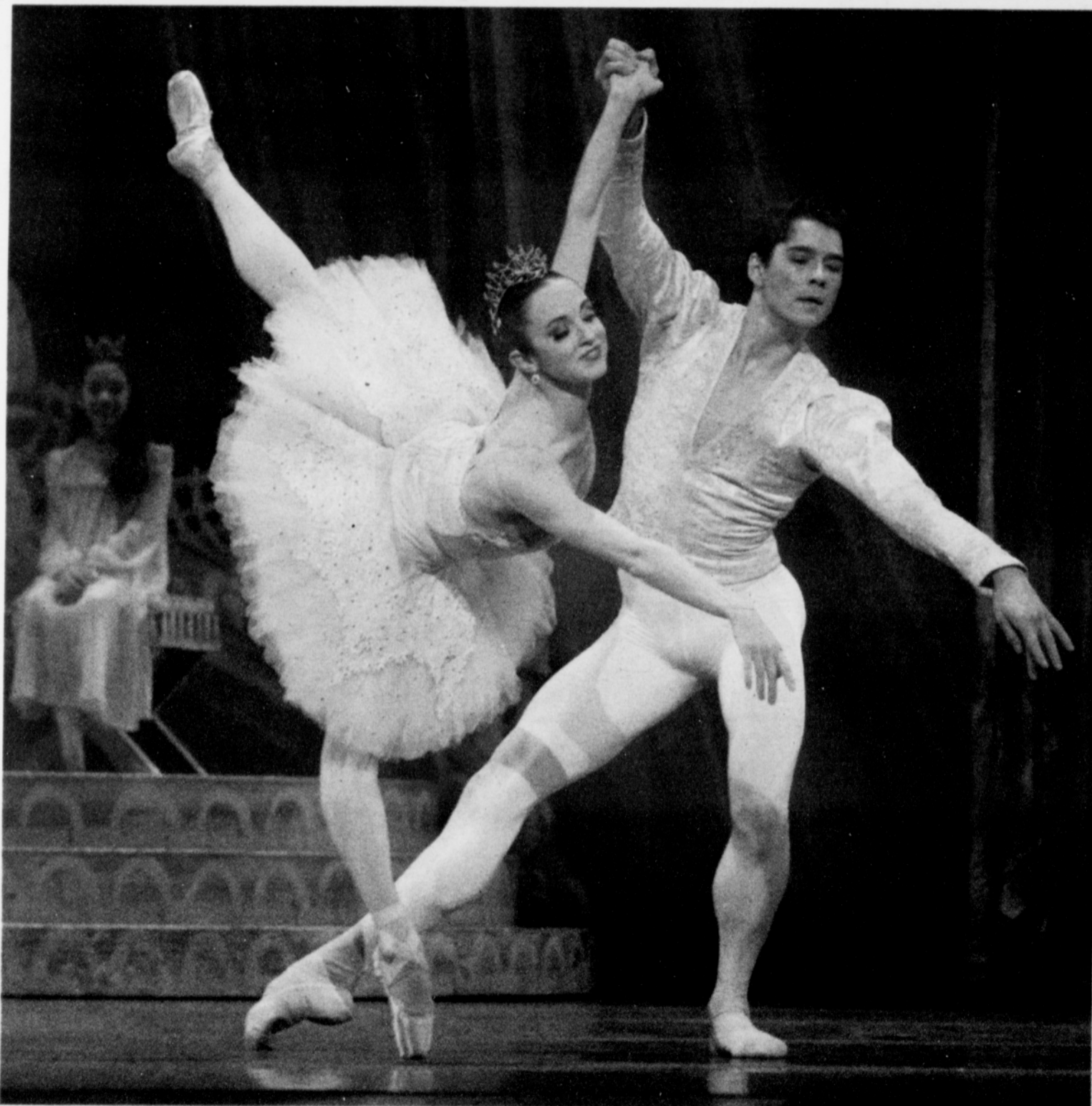
Hawthorne Holiday Stroll Thursday

The Hawthorne Boulevard District of southeast Portland hosts a Holiday Stroll celebration on Thursday, Dec. 9 with extended business hours for local merchants, live music and entertainment, complimentary snacks and hot drinks, neighborhood carolers, and kid friendly festivities.

The events, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. will involve over a hundred businesses that are dedicated to the ideals of community involvement and making Hawthorne a desirable place to work, shop, and live. Get ready, get set, shop local!

This year the Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association is teaming up with Impact NW to facilitate a living holiday tree auction to raise donations for emergency food and help to people in need. Participating stores will also donate a portion of sales to Impact NW.

Visit thinkhawthorne.com for details on the day's events.



Principal Dancers Alison Roper and Artur Sultanov in Oregon Ballet Theatre's production of George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*. PHOTO BY BLAINE TRUITT COVERT

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Ring in the Holidays

Oregon Ballet Theatre's 21st season will ring in the holidays with two festive productions this year – the beloved classic George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker* – and the World Premiere of *A Holiday Revue*, choreographed by Christopher Stowell, with live music by vocalist Susannah Mars and pianist Richard Bower.

Danced to Tchaikovsky's finest score, *The Nutcracker* is a holiday classic that is loved by

generations. The production will run for 14 performances from Saturday, Dec. 11 to Friday, Dec. 24 at Portland's Keller Auditorium. Seven of the 14 shows feature the Oregon Ballet Theatre Orchestra – visit OBT.ORG for more information.

A *Holiday Revue* will run for 4 performances from Saturday, Dec. 11 to Saturday, Dec. 18, also at Keller Auditorium. The lineup includes such classics as Irving

Berlin's "Choreography," from the movie *White Christmas* and "Christmastime is Here" by the Vince Guaraldi Trio, from *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

A *Holiday Revue* is a one-of-a-kind world premiere that was created out of the stories and traditions of the Oregon Ballet Theatre's own dancers, and will showcase the wide variety of nationalities, cultures, and backgrounds that make the company so unique.

Locally-made Film Festival

Time for hot toddies, holiday cheer, and documentaries! On Friday, Dec 10 at the Mission Theater, 1624 N.W. Glisan St., all-new locally-made documentaries will hit the big screen.

Sponsored by NW Documentary, "Homegrown DocFest" will

feature films produced during a year of workshops by the non-profit group.

These quirky, enlightening and endearing short documentary films will introduce a host of colorful, local characters, and topics such as Ethiopian coffee, apple

pie, Taiko drumming, and a mad dash wedding in Reno.

The Dimes will perform throughout the evening. Conversation with the filmmakers will follow the screening. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the show starting at 7 p.m.