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Stillwater Dancer Selected to Star in Christmas Classic *The Nutcracker*

EDMOND, OKLAHOMA—Emily Fry, a seventh grader at Stillwater Middle School, has been selected to dance the lead role of Clara in Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts' upcoming performances of *Selections from The Nutcracker*. Fry, 12, will be presenting this production at several locations throughout the month of December along with the other members of the Performance Ensemble from Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts, where she is a student.

“Emily is a lovely dancer and incredibly hardworking,” said Lisa Webb, Director/Owner/Teacher of ABTA. “The fact that she and her family drive all the way from Stillwater to train at my school each week shows a great deal of dedication. I am so proud of her and she has really earned this role.”

The daughter of Don and Pamela Fry, Emily has been studying ballet for nine years. In the summer of 2009, Fry was selected by audition to attend the exclusive Young Dancers Workshop at The American Ballet Theatre in New York City. Although approximately 2,000 students auditioned for this program, Emily was one of only 150 dancers chosen from around the world. She has also attended two sessions of the Pointe to the Future Summer Intensive at Tulsa Ballet and performed in Tulsa Ballet's productions of *The Nutcracker* and *Don Quixote*.

The Performance Ensemble from Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts will be presenting *Selections from The Nutcracker* free of charge as a service to the community at the following times and locations:

- Dec. 9, Del City Library, 10 a.m.
- Dec. 13, Edmond Library, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 16, Orvis Risner Elementary, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 16, Epworth Villa, 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17, Orvis Risner Elementary, 2:15 p.m.
- Dec. 18-19, Quail Springs Mall, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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