## Dancers bring Christmas favorites to life on stage

OCR to perform ‘The Nutcracker,’ ‘The Polar Express’

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The Orangeburg Civic Ballet will perform ‘The Nutcracker’ and “The Polar Express” as a first-time ever double feature performance this weekend.

“The reason we are able to perform is that Saks Fifth Avenue in Charleston, South Carolina is giving us a space that will beautifully accommodate the Christmas shows,” said Artistic Director of Ballet Shannon Bunch. "That is why we are able to present this unique performance and a new show for a low price,” he said.

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Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at Tamalyn’s Dance Studio, home of the OCB, or online at www.orangeburgcivicballet.org.

School shows will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 8 a.m. and noon. For more information about availability for school shows, email schoolshow@ocbschoolshow.org or call 803-533-0017.

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