

Dear Friends,

Thank you for attending Maple Youth Ballet's performance of Coppelia! We began to prepare and rehearse for this production early this year and are very excited to finally be able to perform this wonderful ballet for you today.

Our mission is to provide young dancers with performance opportunities that will enhance their stage experience and showcase their talents and achievements in this beautiful art form. At the same time we hope to educate and entertain the audience and develop important ties with the community so that we can help to promote a growing appreciation of ballet.

It is important to recognize that the performers in this production are all student dancers with one notable exception; In the lead character role of Dr. Coppelius is our very own Charles Maple, Artistic Director of the Maple Youth Ballet. Mr. Maple, a former soloist with American Ballet Theatre and principal dancer with the Basel Ballet, has come out of retirement to take the stage with his very own dancers. This is truly a momentous occasion!

Whether you are a friend, relative, parent of a young dancer or perhaps even a dancer yourself, by virtue of your presence here today you are a patron of the arts. Thank you for taking the time to support these hard-working, dedicated young dancers. Without your generosity, this performance and future performances of the Maple Youth Ballet would not be possible.

Please enjoy the lively musical score by Leo Delibes, the sumptuous sets and costumes designed by the talented artist Jenny Tomich, and the athleticism and grace of the beautiful dancers of the Maple Youth Ballet!

We hope you will join us again in December 2008 as we unveil our brand new production of The Nutcracker!

Sincerely yours,

Kathy Crade  
Executive Director  
Maple Youth Ballet