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## **Holiday Dance Concert “Nuts & Bolts: 2014” Returns to Ruth Page Center for the Arts**

**For Immediate Release**

(Chicago, IL) This coming Thanksgiving weekend, the Joel Hall Dancers & Center (JHDC) returns it’s critically acclaimed “Nuts & Bolts” dance extravaganza to the Chicago stage at the Ruth Page Center for the Arts — located at 1016 North Dearborn in Chicago. Artistic Director Joel Hall's lively reimagining of The Nutcracker has been hailed as “bold, street-smart, unabashedly joyful ... and a holiday treat for the whole family.” The 10<sup>th</sup> incarnation of this enduring holiday classic will also kick off JHDC’s exciting 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Season (2014/15.)

“Nuts & Bolts: 2014” will be performed on Saturday, November 29, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 30, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$40 — with discount rates available for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased online at [nutsandbolts.brownpapertickets.com](http://nutsandbolts.brownpapertickets.com) — or by calling the Ruth Page Box Office at 312-337-6543

This one-of-a-kind “Nutcracker” hops cultures and genres, fusing classic Tchaikovsky with Duke Ellington and house music. The show flows seamlessly from ballet to sassy struts, waltzes and jitterbugs. A delight for “Nutcracker” and non-“Nutcracker” types alike — “Nuts & Bolts: 2014” is an updated version of what has become one of Chicago’s most popular holiday traditions since 1994, providing holiday entertainment for people of all ages, religions, and backgrounds.

These performances were made possible, in part, through the Ruth Page Center Subsidized Theater Rental Program

**About Joel Hall Dancers & Center:**

A Chicago-based non-profit — founded in 1974 — the mission of the Joel Hall Dancers & Center (JHDC) is to use the arts to enrich the lives of its community through dance performance & education. JHDC reaches out to our community — targeting those

who may not otherwise be exposed to the arts — by providing dance classes along with local, national, & international showcase performances.

The Joel Hall Dancers express contemporary urban life through dance while educating, entertaining, and inspiring their audience. The signature dance style of JHD incorporates ballet, jazz, modern, funk, and “street dance” using contemporary jazz and house music to create an innovative and continuously evolving dance style that is appealing, relevant, and approachable for those frequently underserved by the arts.

The Joel Hall Dancers maintain a citywide, national, and international reputation, not only for their diversity and innovation, but also for their substantive sociological content and engaging aesthetic style. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Joel Hall, the Joel Hall Dancers have carried their unique yet universally accessible voice to venues that span the world.

Both JHD and its audience exhibit a rare diversified spectrum of cultural, ethnic, racial, and socio-economic backgrounds.

Additional information about Joel Hall Dancers & Center may be found at <http://joelhall.org>

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