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The Spirit of Christmas variety show featuring the Christian Dance Company from Tempe Dance Academy is celebrating its 22nd year this December. A cast of over 100 local dancers with nationally recognized guest singers, performers, and choreographers have been delighting valley audiences of all ages for over 20 years. This year's performances are on Thursday, December 17th at Mesa Arts Center at 7:30 pm with two shows on Sunday, December 20th at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm at Gammage Auditorium at ASU in Tempe.

Dancers ages three through 25 will be presenting holiday dances in jazz, tap, ballroom, pointe, and musical theatre. Major highlights of the show are the Rockettes' original number of "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers", a thrilling Russian acrobat number and a rousing Irish tap number. A lovely horse and carriage and a special visit by Santa and his reindeer will really put you in the holiday spirit!

***Special guest artists include:***

- Tom Booth, a renowned singer and songwriter from Tucson
- Michael Cook, previously with Ballet Arizona
- Tony Duncan, award winning Indian Hoop Dancer of Mesa
- Victoria McWilliams, Junior Miss Dance of America - Dance Masters of America 2007
- Kolton Krouse, National Junior Outstanding Dancer 2009, Master Dance - Dance Masters of America 2007, National Mini Outstanding Dancer - New York City Dance Alliance 2007

Enjoy an amazing display of talent in a heartwarming, wholesome, and humorous program that is sure to become a family tradition. Experience the true “Spirit of Christmas” this year at the Mesa Art Center or the Gammage Auditorium. Tickets are still available and can be purchased directly at the box office at the venues or online at TicketMaster. Tempe Dance Academy is located at 1840 E. Warner Road in Tempe and has been in business for 55 years. TDA has an unprecedented seven national title winners in one year. Many of their dancers have gone to work professionally in the field and some have appeared on the hit show, *So You Think You Can Dance*. Call Wanda Manville at 480-820-0795 for more information.

***Performances:***

**Mesa Arts Center:** Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.

**The Gammage Auditorium:** Sunday, December 20th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.