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August 23, 2008

Dear School Administrator,

On December 12, 13, and 14, 2008, your student:

will be performing in a production of *The Nutcracker* ballet, produced by the Foothills Conservatory for the Performing Arts (FCPA) at the Brooks Center. This production is part of the Tri-Arts Program at Clemson University. Through FCPA and Tri-Arts, 1,000 Upstate area school children will see *The Nutcracker* free of charge. Students who perform in this production will have the opportunity to:

- Perform in a semi-professional production alongside professional artists
- Learn the amount of effort, commitment, planning and organization required to stage a professional quality production
- Perform a full-scale classical ballet for their peers
- Develop as dancers, actors, and performing artists
- Experience a professional performance environment

In preparation for this production, students will participate in many hours of rehearsal and a full dress rehearsal outside of school hours. Then students will perform for Tri-Arts on Friday, December 12, at 10 am. (Performances for the general public occur on Saturday and Sunday and do not conflict with school attendance.) Performers' responsibilities will be completed by noon on Friday, December 12.

Please excuse the previously named student's absence from school on December 12, 2008 and permit his/her participation in this educational event. Do not hesitate to contact me or our Artistic Director, Ginny Siano-Eck, if you have any questions or concerns. Please complete the attached form, and return it to the student.

Thank you,

Katy Rashid
Production Manager
FCPA



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To: Foothills Conservatory for the Performing Arts

Your request for an excused absence on December 12, 2008 for our student,

to participate in your production of *The Nutcracker* is hereby

Granted

Denied

Administrator's Name (please print)

School

Telephone

Signature

Date

Please return this form to the student. Thank you.