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A Polished 'Nutcracker'

Award winning dancer Daniel Wiley will take the stage in Kannapolis this weekend as Piedmont Dance Theatre performs its original production of "The Nutcracker" ballet.

The production will be in the Kannapolis Performing Arts Center at A.L. Brown High School, recently renovated for \$1.5 million.

Four new set designs, state-of-the-art lighting and sound, and new costumes will accent original choreography.

"The production exudes the enthusiasm of children, but it's executed with the professionalism of a major company," said Rebecca Wiley, Daniel's wife and founder and co-artistic director of the troupe.

Friday morning, the company will perform free for Kannapolis City Schools third-through-sixth graders.

"This community has been so supportive of Piedmont Dance Theatre, and it is our absolute pleasure to be able to offer our show for free to these Kannapolis students," Rebecca Wiley said. "We've found that

collaboration with local public institutions is a winning proposition for everyone.”

Public performances of the troupe’s fourth annual full-length production will be at 7p.m. Friday, 2 and 7p.m. Saturday, and 2p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8 for children and \$10 for adults.

