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## **Kaitlyn Pitt, 12, of Berkeley Heights to star in 'The Nutcracker' at Kean University, Dec. 14-15**

Kaitlyn Pitt, 12, of Berkeley Heights, will join world-renowned dancers when she dances the role of Clara in this year's full-length production of New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble's much loved "The Nutcracker."

Internationally acclaimed dancers, Christina Dooling, Mark Caserta, Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich, Joseph Fritz, Bradley Shelver, Ricardo Zayas and Darwin Black, from such renowned dance companies as Metropolitan Opera Ballet, Complexions Contemporary Ballet, NJ Ballet, Shen Wei Dance Arts and TU Dance, join the Ensemble for three performances at the Wilkins Theatre at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union, on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m.



Kaitlyn Pitt | Photo by Shawna Oberst

Kaitlyn, daughter of Doreen and Joe Pitt of Berkeley Heights, and a seventh grader at Columbia Middle School, will also perform the roles of Party Girl and Chinese Girl. Kaitlyn has been dancing with New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble since 2012, and has previously appeared as a Bon Bon and Soldier.

This 43rd annual production of "The Nutcracker," set to the classic music of Peter Tchaikovsky, is choreographed by the Ensemble's Artistic Director, Nancy Turano, and features dancers aged 7 through 18.

Tickets: \$30/standard; \$20/students, seniors and children. Call the Wilkins Theatre box office at 908-737-7469 or log onto [keanstage.com](http://keanstage.com).