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“Get Ready for *The Nutcracker*” at Strong National Museum of Play® November 11 (Veterans Day)

**Featuring Performers from the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra
and Rochester City Ballet**

Enjoy a preview of a magical family favorite with **“Get Ready for *The Nutcracker*” at Strong National Museum of Play on Wednesday, November 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The day of storytelling, dance, and live music features performers from the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and Rochester City Ballet and is presented in conjunction with six upcoming performances of *The Nutcracker*, Tchaikovsky's beloved ballet, brought to life by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and the Rochester City Ballet at the Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre, Friday through Sunday, November 27 to 29.

“Get Ready for *The Nutcracker*” at Strong is included with general museum admission fees.

Eastman School Performances at Strong National Museum of Play® November 13 & December 4

Join Eastman School of Music students for **“What Is Chamber Music?” at Strong National Museum of Play on Friday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m.** (The museum is open until 8:00 p.m. every Friday evening, so there is ample time to visit museum exhibits before or after the concert.) See how music ensembles work as a team with string ensembles from the Chamber Music program at the Eastman School of Music.

And mark your calendar for **“What Is Brass Sound? From Ore to Art,”** a second evening performance by Eastman School of Music students **at Strong National Museum of Play on Friday, December 4 at 6:00 pm.**

All Eastman School performances are included with general museum admission fees.

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Strong National Museum of Play® (www.museumofplay.org), located in downtown Rochester, New York, is the only museum in the world devoted solely to the study of play as it illuminates American culture.

Museum Hours:

Monday–Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Admission Fees:

General Admission (does not include admission to *Dancing Wings Butterfly Garden*®):
Adults \$10.00; Seniors \$9.00; Children (2–15) \$8.00; Children younger than two free; Strong members free.

Admission to *Dancing Wings Butterfly Garden*®:

General Admission fee plus \$1.50 for members, \$3.00 for nonmembers; Children under 2 free. Entry is by timed ticket only. Please call 585-263-2700 to reserve and purchase tickets.

Parking: Free parking is available at the museum for all guests on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that, on high visitation days, the museum lot may reach capacity early in the day. If space is not available on site at the time of your visit, you will be directed to additional parking at neighboring municipal garages (fees may apply).