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Kinky Friedman Shines This Weekend as Mother Ginger in Ballet Austin's *The Nutcracker*

- WHO:** Ballet Austin kicks off its 42nd annual production of *The Nutcracker* this weekend with special guest Kinky Friedman starring as Mother Ginger. Kinky Friedman is a humorist, performer, mystery writer, and Texas Monthly columnist.
- WHAT:** The Mother Ginger Campaign, now in its eighth year, continues Ballet Austin's tradition of honoring and featuring prominent community leaders and celebrities. Responsibilities of Mother Ginger include wearing full makeup, including red lipstick and bright blue eye shadow, and climbing into a dress on a platform five feet off the ground, which covers 14 children.
- WHEN:** **Kinky Friedman:** Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, 2:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Bass Concert Hall on the University of Texas Campus
Corner of Robert Dedman Drive and 23rd Street
- TICKETS:** *The Nutcracker* runs Dec. 5 through Dec. 21. Ticket prices start at \$17 and are available by calling the Star Tickets at (512) 469-SHOW.
- NOTE:** **Video equipment and cameras (without flash or lights) will be allowed to shoot backstage while "Mother Ginger" is getting ready and from the wings of the backstage during the performance. Video equipment and cameras will not be allowed in the seating area. Please call (512.476.9151 ext. 102) or email Christian.meyer@balletaustin.org so media arrangements can be made.**

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