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**Kevin Rollins, Beth Chiarelli, Dale Dudley, Shawn Colvin, Jim Dunaway,
and Joe Long Shine as Mother Gingers in Ballet Austin's
*The Nutcracker***

WHO: Ballet Austin's 42nd annual production of *The Nutcracker* continues with special guests Kevin Rollins, CEO Dell; Beth Chiarelli, wife of Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, Fort Hood; Dale Dudley, KLBJ; Shawn Colvin, Grammy Award Winner; Jim Dunaway, Elgin City Manager; and Joe Long, The Long Performing Arts Center starring as Mother Ginger.

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: **Kevin Rollins:** Friday, December 17, 2004, 7:30 p.m.
Beth Chiarelli: Saturday, December 18, 2004, 2:00 p.m.
Dale Dudley: Saturday, December 18, 2004, 7:30 p.m.
Shawn Colvin: Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, 2:00 p.m.
Jim Dunaway: Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, 7:30 p.m.
Joe Long: Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, 7:30 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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