

# Ballerina attends Russian festival

**BY FERN BUSS**  
Miss Vanessa Harwood of the National Ballet Company, studied in France and Russia during the summer on a Canada Council Grant.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Harwood of Woodruff Cres. Accompanied by Betty Oliphant, director of the National Ballet, Celia Franco, artistic director, and two other students, she saw the ballet competition at the Russian festival.

Vanessa studied at the Bolshoi in Moscow in addition to working with the Kirkov Company in Leningrad. She also spent a month in Cannes, France

working with Rosella Hightower.

She speaks vividly of Russians who appreciate ballet and have set high standards.

They will scramble for tickets as Canadians do for N.H.L. hockey seats, says Vanessa.

A dedicated artist, she is working up to 10 hours a day in preparation for a five week tour of the U.S. She will perform with the company at the O'Keefe Centre in November and December.

**OSAKA**  
In 1970 she will dance

with the company at the World's Fair, Osaka, in Japan.

She began her career with the encouragement of her mother, a former ballet student, at the age of six years.

The flat feet and turned in toes that got her into class at six are gone, says Vanessa. She decided at 11 that dancing would be her profession.

Vanessa's mother, Hazel Harwood, studied ballet for 12 years at the Royal Academy in England. At 18 her career ended when she enlisted in the airforce in 1944.



Miss Vanessa Harwood in costume from *Nutcracker* in which she has four separate roles. She graduated from the National Ballet School of Canada in 1964. She has danced solo in *Cinderella*, *The Rake's Progress*, *Romeo and Juliet* and other productions for two years with the company.

## A stove, too!

A Mississauga man has been charged with breaking, entering, and theft following an incident Friday at Gil's Lunch Services, Matawa Rd., Mississauga, in which a quantity of cigarettes, cash, and a stove were stolen.

Charged is Leonard Mc Gillivray, 25, of Atwater Ave.

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