

'Clara's Dream'

draws attention of BBC

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Drika Overton and her production of "Clara's Dream" will garner international notice when videographers from the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) come to town next week.

"Clara's Dream" - Overton's tap and jazz version of "The Nutcracker" making its premiere at The Music Hall - is expected to be included in a BBC documentary.

Overton, who says she heard about the visit just a couple of weeks ago, says she is excited about this opportunity even if she doesn't get to see the show.

The BBC is currently taping a documentary about tap dance as a truly American art form. The documentary will feature acclaimed tap artists Savion Glover, Jimmy Slyde, Buster Brown and Brenda Bufalino among others. It will include a segment on "Clara's Dream," which is premiering Dec. 1 at The Music Hall.

For the segment, Overton says, the filmmakers are attending the final rehearsal on Nov. 30.

"Brenda gave them my name. When representatives of the BBC contacted me, they said they were excited to include this because it is unique," Overton says. "There aren't a lot of tap companies doing this kind of work."

The goal of the documentary, Overton says, is to show the many strands of tap. Since, it's unusual to see tap in the context of a story, "Clara's Dream" will offer a nice slice of that world.