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TRIVIA

- + Ballet was invented in Italy
- + There are more than 2,000 Nutcracker performances in the U.S. each year.
- + King Louis XIV of France was once a dancer. He encouraged other nobles to do the same and built the Paris Opera Ballet.
- + A male ballet dancer is called a danseur (dan-soor), not a ballerino.
- + The Bolshoi (bowl-sho-ee) Ballet began when the council for the Moscow Orphanage asked former dancer Fillippo Beccari to train the children in dance.