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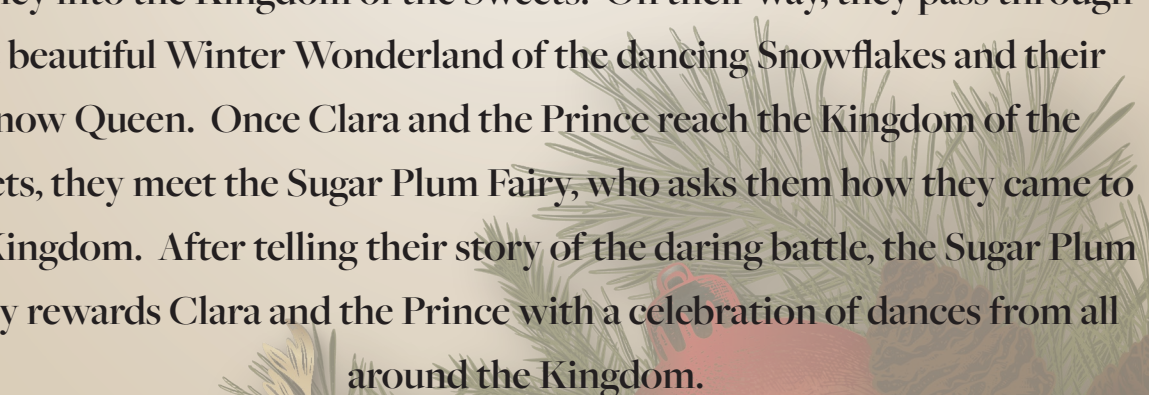
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The Nutcracker

The Story of the Nutcracker

It is Christmas Eve at the Stahlbaum house, and the family is hosting an extravagant holiday celebration! Clara and Fritz are enjoying all of the excitement of the evening, but what makes the night truly special is the gift Clara receives: a wooden Nutcracker dressed as a soldier. Fritz becomes jealous after seeing how much Clara loves dancing with her new gift, and after quickly grabbing it, he accidentally breaks the Nutcracker. Clara worries over her beloved toy, so she rocks it gently as she falls asleep.

Soon after, Clara is woken up by the scurrying of mice around her. The mice seem to have grown to be bigger than she is! Suddenly the dolls from around the tree come to life and her Nutcracker is ready to protect Clara against the fierce Mouse Queen and her army of mice. The Nutcracker leads the dolls against the mice, but the Mouse Queen and her minions soon overpower the small army, so it is up to Clara to rescue her beloved Nutcracker. Clara's brave act of true love breaks the Nutcracker's curse and transforms him into a handsome prince. The Nutcracker Prince graciously thanks Clara for saving him and invites her on a magical journey into the Kingdom of the Sweets. On their way, they pass through the beautiful Winter Wonderland of the dancing Snowflakes and their Snow Queen. Once Clara and the Prince reach the Kingdom of the Sweets, they meet the Sugar Plum Fairy, who asks them how they came to the Kingdom. After telling their story of the daring battle, the Sugar Plum Fairy rewards Clara and the Prince with a celebration of dances from all around the Kingdom.



Act One

Party Scene

(Choreographed by Lisa Curatolo)

Clara — Kate Jarboe (*understudy* — Charlotte Holt)

Fritz — Coleman Hinshaw

Clara and Fritz's Baby Sister — Marie Turpin

Drosselmeyer — Tyler Hartman Derry

Mrs. Stahlbaum — Josephine Hammond

(*understudy* — Trinity Lowe)

Mr. Stahlbaum — Holden Fingerhut

Clara's Best Friends — Brynn Jones and Brynly

Lingerfeldt (*understudy* — Leighton Metcalfe)

Harlequin and Columbine — Camryn O'Maley and

Hunter Patterson (*understudy* — Sydney Foertsch)

Toy Soldier Doll — Jenna Jarboe

Toymakers — Brynna Finley, Kinley Herbort, Lucia

Kingsley and Annabelle Simmons (*understudy* — Lucy Scott)

Party Parents — Katie Ashley, Alexandra Brown, Allison

Maurer, Camille Mervis, Scarlett Munk and Evelyn Young

(*understudy* — Tally Robinson)

Grandma Stahlbaum — Lily Farrell

Grandpa Stahlbaum — Keira Himes

Party Children — Nevaeh Anderson, Cecilia Davos, Aspyn

Geier, Amelia Lawrence, Arden Lehman, Madalena Magee,

Janney Mancillas, Jaylah Mancillas, Hattie Morrissey, Ellie

Stegemoller, Blakely Sweet and Elin Walloch

(*understudy* — Tiegán Lassaux)

Maids — Elizabeth Goodman and Joy Xu

(*understudy* — Tally Robinson)

Battle Scene

(Choreographed by Shelby Lasiter)

Clara — Kate Jarboe (*understudy* — Charlotte Holt)

Drosselmeyer — Tyler Hartman Derry

Mouse Queen — Joely Stupeck (*understudy* — Joya Haas)

Nutcracker Prince — Tyler Trussell

Mouse Queen Attendants — Greta Gogis, Allison Mitchell

Baby Mice — Zara Bass, Ionee Betsey, Lila Caudill,

Claire Dailey, Capri Eads, Charles Lassaux, Noah Manders,

Meilani Maulit, Eloise Morrissey, Sophie Sheng,

Madelyn Stevens and Blair Williams

Soldiers — Lea Dalton, Kara Culley, Sophia Lewis, Piper

Overman, Tally Robinson, Amelia Schnur, Lucy Scott and

Siya Wason (*understudy* — Blakely Sweet)

Toymakers — Brynna Finley, Kinley Herbort, Lucia

Kingsley and Annabelle Simmons (*understudy* — Lucy Scott)

Snow Scene

(Choreographed by Hailey Toy)

Clara — Kate Jarboe (*understudy* — Charlotte Holt)

Nutcracker Prince — Tyler Trussell

Snow Queen and King — Ainsley Grey and MacGregor Lay

(*understudy* — Alexis Leistner)

Baby Snowflakes — Everly Bontreger and Nora Eaker

Tumbling Snowballs — Georgia Hosack and Ani Shook

Flurries — Shia Day, Annika Kalgaonkar,

Madelyn McMillen, Leighton Metcalfe, Amirah Nealy

and Philomena Ritter (*understudy* — Emma Kirk)

Snowflakes — Lilia Fingerhut, Maggie Glenn, Joya Haas,

Valyn Plantenga, Emily Ritter and Aliya Warren

(*understudy* — Sofia Bayt)



Act Two

Angels

(Choreographed by Gracie Black and Angel Queen solo
Choreographed by Brooke Napier)

Clara – Kate Jarboe (*understudy* – Charlotte Holt)

Nutcracker Prince – Tyler Trussell

Angel Queen – Tori King (*understudy* – Ava Dalton)

Angel Corps – Gracie Bortone, Kate Charters,
Micah DeVoe, Samantha Ke, Macey LeRette, Trinity Lowe,
Maddie Martin, Caroline McCarty, Aly Melliore, Ariana Patel,
Addison Perrotto, Lila Reeder, Madelynn Singleton and
Addison Sampson (*understudy* – Sophia Wilson)

Baby Angels – Gertrude Alexander, Isabelle Benoit,
Sydney Cotton, Everly Eads, Emery Mitchell,
Lucy Nemirovsky, Anna Kathryn Nepute and Maisie Penn

Prelude

(Choreographed by Greg Goessner)

All Act 2 Soloists and Leads

(Sugar Plum, Sugar Plum Cavalier, Clara, Nutcracker Prince, Spanish Chocolate Soloists, Chinese Tea Soloists, Arabian Coffee Soloists, Candy Cane Soloists, Gumdrops, Dew Drop and Roses)

Spanish Chocolate

(Choreographed by Hailey Toy)

Spanish Chocolate Soloists – Audri Staley and
Henry Harte (*understudy* – Aliya Warren)

Spanish Chocolate Corps – Lyla Black, Madeline Cannon,
Emma Kirk, Brynn Lehman, Eloise Mays, Kennedy Spiller
and Jordyn Williams (*understudy* – Lucia Kingsley)

Chinese Tea

(Choreographed by Jessica Miller)

Chinese Tea Soloists – Lily Farrell and Holden Fingerhut
(*understudy* – Lilia Fingerhut)

Chinese Tea Corps – Miley Foy, Jane Lodato, Dierdre
McClellan, Grace Woodfall and Elaina Young (*understudy* –
Macy Foy)

Little Teas – Plumadell Alexander, Evangeline Douglas,
Tiegan Lassaux and Harper Starrett

Gingersnaps and Bakers

(Choreographed by Jessica Miller)

Chef – Gracie Bortone

Gingersnaps – Ava Grace Diebler, Harper Engle,
Madeline Mizen, Charlotte Pheffer, Hattie Seaborn and
Brixton Wenstrom

Bakers – Ryleigh Goode, Cecelia Lawrence, Kylie Mizen,
Iyla Tholpady and Giada Vales

Arabian Coffee

(Choreographed by Aleksa Coffey)

Arabian Coffee Soloists – Jenna Jarboe and
Henry Harte (*understudy* – Joely Stupeck)

Arabian Coffee Corps – Ava Dalton, Kyra Feigenbaum,
Keira Himes, Aubriana Lovelace, Audrey States and
Sophia Wilson (*understudy* – Addison Sampson)

Dance of the Gumdrops

(Choreographed by Sierra Levin)

Queen and King of the Gumdrops – Alexis Leistner
and MacGregor Lay (*understudy* – Audri Staley)

Gumdrops – Sydney Foertsch, Caroline Kirschner,
Camryn O'Maley and Joely Stupeck
(*understudy* – Maggie Glenn)

Dance of the Candy Canes

(Choreographed by Melanie Schreiber)

Candy Cane Soloists – Ella Lawrence and Henry Harte
(*understudy* – Tori King)

Candy Cane Corps – Emily Cannon, Macy Foy,
Elle French, Abigail Page, Yezenia Palacio Villavicencio,
Ashley Simmons and Grace Tillman
(*understudy* – Audrey States)

Peppermints – Bridgette Benoit and Madelyn Massela

Act Two

Waltz of the Flowers

(Choreographed by Greg Goessner)

Dew Drop and Cavalier – Emily Haas and Tyler Trussell (*understudy* – Jenna Jarboe)

Roses – Valyn Plantenga and Emily Ritter

Flowers – Sofia Bayt, Addyson Farrell, Charlotte Holt, Katie Huneycutt, Maria Kingsley, Arianna Kroon, Sabrina Lenard, Adler Shiplov and Claire Sifferlen (*understudy* – Keira Himes)

Petals – Hazel White and Aanya Tholpady

Grand Pas de Deux

(Choreographed by Zhanna Sinitsyna)

Sugar Plum Fairy – Audriana Varner (*understudy* – Emily Haas)

Sugar Plum Cavalier – Greg Goessner (*understudy* – Tyler Trussell)

Flowers – Sofia Bayt, Addyson Farrell, Katie Huneycutt, Maria Kingsley, Arianna Kroon and Adler Shiplov (*understudy* – Keira Himes)

Cavalier Variation

(Choreographed by Greg Goessner)

Sugar Plum Cavalier – Greg Goessner

Sugar Plum Variation

(Choreographed by Sierra Levin)

Sugar Plum Fairy – Audriana Varner (*understudy* – Emily Haas)

Coda

(Choreographed by Zhanna Sinitsyna)

Sugar Plum and Cavalier – Audriana Varner and Greg Goessner (*understudy* – Emily Haas)

Dew Drop and Cavalier – Emily Haas and MacGregor Lay (*understudy* – Jenna Jarboe)

Clara and Nutcracker Prince – Kate Jarboe and Tyler Trussell (*understudy* – Charlotte Holt)

Finale

(Choreographed by Greg Goessner)

All Act 2 Soloists and Leads

(Sugar Plum, Sugar Plum Cavalier, Clara, Nutcracker Prince, Spanish Chocolate Soloists, Chinese Tea Soloists, Arabian Coffee Soloists, Candy Cane Soloists, Gumdrops, Dew Drop and Roses)



Staff

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Karla Curatolo

Assistant Artistic Director

Lisa Curatolo

Office Manager

Lisa Godby

Recreational Director

Sydney Hamm

Event Coordinator

Jennifer Hinshaw

Costume Manager

Shelby Lasiter

Office Assistants

Owen Bowling, Janet Elliott,
Kirstie McClish, Katy Williams

Costumes

Jenna Bowling, Denise Curatolo,
Lisa Curatolo, Shelby Lasiter,
Melanie Mortimore, Leah Stupeck

Pianist

Natalia Tarasova

Choreographers

Gracie Black, Aleksa Coffey,
Lisa Curatolo, Greg Goessner,
Shelby Lasiter, Sierra Levin,
Jessica Miller, Brooke Napier,
Melanie Schreiber, Zhanna Sinitsyna,
and Hailey Toy

Teaching Staff

Madison Baker, Gracie Black,
Karla Curatolo, Lisa Curatolo,
Greg Goessner, Sydney Hamm,
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Kasey Jarboe, Alexis Julovich,
Shannon Kaminski, Jonas Kazlauskas,
Madeline Kelich, Shelby Lasiter,
Sierra Levin, Jessica Miller,
Brooke Napier, Derek Reid,
Rosanna Ruffo, Melanie Schreiber,
Zhanna Sinitsyna, Jessica States,
Hailey Toy, and Kamryn Williams

Production Design

10K Productions

Technical Production Partner

Main Event Sound & Lighting

Lighting Design

Marciel Greene, Will Elphingstone

Sound & Video Design

Jonathan Parke

Videography

Matt Mays Entertainment

Photography

Blossom Photography

Props

Owen Bowling, Greg Goessner,
and Curtis Mortimore



Nutcracker Cast 2023

** 2024 Seniors indicated in bold.*

Gertrude Alexander
Plumadell Alexander
Nevaeh Anderson
Katie Ashley
Zara Bass
Sofia Bayt
Bridgette Benoit
Isabelle Benoit
Ionee Betsey
Lyla Black
Everly Bontreger
Gracie Bortone
Alexandra Brown
Emily Cannon
Madeline Cannon
Lila Caudill
Kate Charters
Sydney Cotton
Kara Culley
Claire Dailey
Ava Dalton
Lea Dalton
Cecilia Davos
Shia Day
Ava Grace Diebler
Micah DeVoe
Evangeline Douglas
Capri Eads
Everly Eads
Nora Eaker
Harper Engle
Addyson Farrell
Lily Farrell
Kyra Feigenbaum
Holden Fingerhut
Lilia Fingerhut
Brynna Finley
Sydney Foertsch
Macy Foy
Miley Foy
Elle French
Aspyn Geier

Maggie Glenn
Greg Goessner
Greta Gogis
Ryleigh Goode
Elizabeth Goodman
Ainsley Grey
Emily Haas
Joya Haas
Josephine Hammond
Henry Harte
Tyler Hartman Derry
Kinley Herbort
Keira Himes
Coleman Hinshaw
Charlotte Holt
Georgia Hosack
Katie Huneycutt
Jenna Jarboe
Kate Jarboe
Brynn Jones
Annika Kalgaonkar
Samantha Ke
Tori King
Lucia Kingsley
Maria Kingsley
Emma Kirk
Caroline Kirschner
Arianna Kroon
Charles Lassaux
Tiegan Lassaux
Amelia Lawrence
Cecelia Lawrence
Ella Lawrence
MacGregor Lay
Arden Lehman
Brynn Lehman
Alexis Leistner
Sabrina Lenard
Macey LeRette
Sophia Lewis
Brynly Lingerfeldt
Jane Lodato

Aubriana Lovelace
Trinity Lowe
Madalena Magee
Janney Mancillas
Jaylah Mancillas
Noah Manders
Maddie Martin
Madelyn Massela
Meilani Maulit
Allison Maurer
Eloise Mays
Caroline McCarty
Dierdre McClellan
Madelyn McMillen
Aly Melliore
Camille Mervis
Leighton Metcalfe
Allison Mitchell
Emery Mitchell
Kylie Mizen
Madeline Mizen
Eloise Morrissey
Hattie Morrissey
Scarlett Munk
Amirah Nealy
Lucy Nemirovsky
Anna Kathryn Nepute
Camryn O'Maley
Piper Overman
Abigail Page
Yezenia Palacio
Villavicencio
Ariana Patel
Hunter Patterson
Charlotte Pheffer
Maisie Penn
Addison Perrotto
Valyn Plantenga
Lila Reeder
Emily Ritter
Philomena Ritter
Tally Robinson

Addison Sampson
Amelia Schnur
Lucy Scott
Hattie Seaborn
Adler Shiplov
Sophie Sheng
Ani Shook
Claire Sifferlen
Annabelle Simmons
Ashley Simmons
Madelynn Singleton
Kennedi Spiller
Audri Staley
Harper Starrett
Audrey States
Ellie Stegemoller
Madelyn Stevens
Joely Stupeck
Blakely Sweet
Aanya Tholpady
Iyla Tholpady
Grace Tillman
Tyler Trussell
Marie Turpin
Giada Vales
Audriana Varner
Elin Walloch
Aliya Warren
Siya Wason
Brixton Wenstrom
Hazel White
Blair Williams
Jordyn Williams
Sophia Wilson
Grace Woodfall
Joy Xu
Elaina Young
Evelyn Young

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