The Story of the Nutcracker

First produced December 18, 1892 in St. Petersburg Russia, The Story of the Nutcracker is based loosely on E.T.A. Hoffmann’s “The Nutcracker and the Mouse King”.

Saturday, December 15 at 1:30 & 7:00
Sunday, December 16 at 1:30
2018
CAST

ACT I

SCENE I - CHRISTMAS EVE

Maids.................................................................Jade Eckert & Emily Mains
Mrs. Stalhbaum.................................................Alexis Habermehl
Clara Stalhbaum................................................Kristin Walek
Fritz Stalhbaum..................................................Ephram Hemmig
Uncle Drosselmeyer...........................................William Heide
Drosselmeyer’s Nephew Nicholas...........................Aaron Orton
Clara’s Friends..................................................Emma Andersen, Violet Badham,
..............................................................................Allyce Fellion, Olivia Knoell,
..............................................................................Katie Mueller, Katherine Pienkos,
..............................................................................Sarah Scott & Regan Welch
Fritz’s Friends....................................................Amedeo Arnone, Anthony Host & Parker Stingl
Party Guests......................................................Emma DeGroot, Sophie Higgs, Katrina Hjelmgren,
..............................................................................Lainnie Kauth & Veronica Petrach
Uncle Drosselmeyer’s Magic Dolls.......................Catherine Clark, Judea Leon & Josephine Rush

SCENE II - MIDNIGHT

Mice......................................................................Aylla Banta, Katie Cassinelli,
..........................................................................Samantha Habermehl, Brighton Haney,
..........................................................................Sophia Hunter, Emilie Miller, Abbey Myrum,
..........................................................................Dana Petersen & Reese Reynolds
Nutcracker Prince.................................................Aaron Orton
Drummer Boy......................................................Amedeo Arnone
Soldiers..................................................................Brooklynn Ellestad-Hansen, Braelynn Hansen,
..........................................................................Elle Jaramillo, Adelaide Jerry,
..........................................................................Carmelina Kessler, Amelia Morgan,
..........................................................................Sofia Ortiz, Jacqueline Pienkos & Paige Wolfe
Mouse Queen.......................................................Catherine Clark
The Mouse King’s Valet..........................................Anthony Host

SCENE III - LAND OF SNOW

Snow King & Soloists.................................William Heide with Judea Leon & Emily Mains
Snow Angels........................................................Briella Nelson, Audrey McCoy,
.........................................................................Olive Jensen, Audrey McCoy,
.........................................................................Kaylyn Savage & Ezme Steege
Snow Flakes.......................................................Catherine Clark, Emma DeGroot, Jade Eckert,
.........................................................................Alexis Habermehl, Sophie Higgs, Katrina Hjelmgren,
.........................................................................Lainnie Kauth, Judea Leon, Emily Mains,
.........................................................................Veronica Petrach & Josephine Rush

15 MINUTE INTERMISSION
CAST cont.

ACT II

THE LAND OF THE SWEETS

Sugar Plum Fairy ................................................................. Lainnie Kauth
Sugar Plum Cavalier .......................................................... William Heide
Dew Drop Fairy ................................................................. Jade Eckert
Angels .................................................................................. Hazel Anderson, Eleanor Bray,
                                                        Emma Dvorak, Lillian Gutenkunst,
                                                        Hope Jensen, Olive Jensen, Juniper Kilb,
                                                        Violette Knoell, Grace Letsch, Audrey McCoy,
                                                        Briella Nelson, Elise Netherton,
                                                        Annabelle Reynolds, Aria Safedis,
                                                        Kaylyn Savage, Ezme Steege & Lily Tarzon
Page ...................................................................................... Amedeo Arnone
Spanish Chocolate ......................................................... Emily Mains with Emma DeGroot, Sophie Higgs,
                                                        Katrina Hjelmgren & Josephine Rush
Arabian Coffee ................................................................. Catherine Clark with Violet Badham,
                                                        Allyce Fellion, Samantha Habermehl,
                                                        Sophia Hunter, Olivia Knoell,
                                                        Dana Petersen & Regan Welch
Chinese Tea ......................................................................... Judea Leon with Brooklynn Ellestad-Hansen,
                                                        Braelynn Hansen, Adelaide Jerry,
                                                        Carmelina Kessler, Amelia Morgan,
                                                        Sofia Ortiz, Jacqueline Pienkos
Russian Candy Canes .................................................... Aylla Banta, Katie Cassinelli,
                                                        Brighton Haney, Emilie Miller and Ephram Hemmig,
                                                        Anthony Host & Aaron Orton
French Shepherdess ....................................................... Alexis Habermehl & Veronica Petrach
                                                        with Emma Andersen, Katie Mueller, Abbey Myrum,
                                                        Katherine Pienkos, Reese Reynolds & Sarah Scott
Gingerbread Children ...................................................... Alivia Arnone, Chelsea Banta-Spallato,
                                                        Joslynn Hunter, Cali Landreman,
                                                        Jocelyn Miller, Nora Orton, Ella Propsom,
                                                        Tamra Ramcke & Paige Wolfe
Waltz of the Flowers ....................................................... Catherine Clark, Emma DeGroot,
                                                        Alexis Habermehl, Sophie Higgs, Katrina Hjelmgren,
                                                        Judea Leon, Emily Mains, Veronica Petrach,
                                                        Josephine Rush and Emma Andersen,
                                                        Aylla Banta, Katie Cassinelli, Brighton Haney,
                                                        Emilie Miller, Katie Mueller, Abbey Myrum,
                                                        Katherine Pienkos, Reese Reynolds & Sarah Scott
Grand Pas de Deux .......................................................... Lainnie Kauth & William Heide

Important Note: As with almost all public theatrical performances, recordings of any kind (still pictures, video, sound, etc.) are prohibited.

As a courtesy to the performers and audience members please turn off or silence all cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices during the performance.
SYNOPSIS

Our story begins on Christmas Eve at the beautiful Stalhbaum Manor, home to young Clara, her brother Fritz, and their family. As the maids put the finishing touches on the decorations for the party, Fritz sneaks into the living room to hide a “present” for Clara. Mrs. Stalhbaum enters and guests begin to arrive, including Clara’s mysterious Uncle Drosselmeyer and his nephew Nicholas.

Everyone enjoys the party as Drosselmeyer’s unusual gifts are revealed one by one, until finally Clara is surprised by her uncle’s present of a beautiful Nutcracker. Not even the careless Fritz can ruin the party, much as he might try. The evening grows late, the guests begin to depart, and once again the manor becomes quiet as the family retires.

As midnight approaches, Fritz sneaks back out to the living room. Clara, unable to sleep, also returns to the living room, only to be swept into a dramatic adventure thanks to her mischievous brother, marauding mice, and perhaps just a bit of Drosselmeyer’s magic. A ferocious battle ends in victory and reveals that there is more to her beloved Nutcracker than meets the eye.

Clara’s fear is soon forgotten as she is transported by a beautiful vision to the Land of Snow, where she encounters the Snow King and dances with friends both old and new.

A magical sleigh spirits Clara and her hero through the falling snow to the Land of the Sweets, where they meet the Dew Drop Fairy and confections from around the globe. The Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier appear, and are enchanted by the tale of Clara’s bravery in battle. A celebration ensues, culminating in the triumphant Grand Pas de Deux.

All the wondrous excitement overwhelms Clara and she grows sleepy. After another beautiful vision, she is returned to peaceful slumber at home, her precious Nutcracker cradled in her arms. Was it all a dream, or was it magic?
FEATURED DANCERS

Lainnie Kauth
Sugar Plum Fairy, Party
Guest and Snowflake

William Heide
Sugar Plum Cavalier,
Drosselmeyer and Snow King

Kristin Walek
Clara Stalbbaum

Aaron Orton
Nutcracker Prince,
Drosselmeyer’s Nephew & Russian

Jade Eckert
Dew Drop Fairy,
Maid & Snowflake
FEATURED DANCERS CONT.

Catherine Clark  
Pink Doll, Mouse Queen, Snowflake, Arabian & Flower

Judea Leon  
Blue Doll, Snowflake, Chinese Soloist & Flower

Emily Mains  
Maid, Snowflake, Spanish Soloist & Flower

Emma DeGroot  
Party Guest, Snowflake, Spanish Corps & Flower

Alexis Habermehl  
Mrs. Stalhbaum, Snowflake, Shepherdess & Flower

Sophie Higgs  
Party Guest, Snowflake, Spanish Corps & Flower

Katrina Hjelmgren  
Party Guest, Snowflake, Spanish Corps & Flower

Veronica Petrach  
Party Guest, Snowflake, Shepherdess & Flower

Josephine Rush  
Soldier Doll, Snowflake, Spanish Corps & Flower
FEATURED DANCERS CONT.

Ephram Hemmig
Fritz Stalhbaum & Russian

Have a wonderful holiday season!
From all of us at The Studio 😊
CREDITS & STAFF

Composer.............................................................................................................. Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Choreography and Concept..........................................................Linda Bennett and Marc Darling
Wardrobe .......................................................... Linda Bennett, Maggie Darling and Judith Warren
Props & Sets ..........................................................................................Marc Darling and Skelly Warren

THANK YOU

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And, most of all to all of our students and parents for their hard work, time and support

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