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Leads in the 2017 production of a holiday favorite, "The Davis Children's Nutcracker," include, from left, Bethany McElhern, Forest Fairy; Noraleigh Aubert, Sugar Plum Fairy; Sawyer Schoen, Mouse King; Henry Hutchings, The Prince; and Charlotte Sloane, Clara. Below, city recreation leader Ryan Fulks helps Sawyer Schoen with his Mouse King costume during a rehearsal last week

## 'Children's Nutcracker' takes the stage

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Beginning Wednesday, 250 Davis children will take the stage at the Veterans Memorial Theater for six performances of "The Davis Children's Nutcracker."

A community tradition since 1977, "The Nutcracker" is produced by the city of Davis Parks and Community Services Department and every year features 250 children ages 6-12 playing everything from gnomes to clowns, Russian dancers to pirates.

Cast members have been practicing their lines and dances since Thanksgiving in preparation for next week's performances.

This year, Charlotte Sloane plays the role of Clara. Other leads are Henry Hutchings



as the Nutcracker Prince, Nora Aubert as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Bethany McElhern as the Forest Fairy and Sawyer Schoen as the Mouse King.

The 2017 edition of "The Davis Children's Nutcracker" kicks off Wednesday, Dec. 13,

at 7 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Theater, 203 E. 14th St. Performances will continue at 7 p.m. Dec. 14, 15 and 16 and 2 p.m. Dec. 16 and 17.

Shows usually sell out in advance. New this year are online ticket sales, available

at [https://www.showtix4u.com/boxoffice.php?submit=Search+for+Events&begin=1542968&current\\_client=03242517111715322](https://www.showtix4u.com/boxoffice.php?submit=Search+for+Events&begin=1542968&current_client=03242517111715322).

Tickets also may be purchased at the Parks and Community Services office at City Hall, 23 Russell Blvd.