Vivian Li, who plays the role of the Forest Fairy in this year’s “Davis Children’s Nutcracker” dances amid the activity of rehearsal on Dec. 6. It’s that time of year again: “The Davis Children’s Nutcracker” returns to delight family and friends — not to mention the cost of 250 children themselves — with a uniquely Davis interpretation of the classic Christmas tale. All of the children have been hard at work the last two weeks learning their dances and memorizing their lines in preparation for opening night on Wednesday, Dec. 12. All shows take place in the Veterans Memorial Theater under the loving guidance of longtime director Ann Smalley. Shows tend to sell out quickly though. For ticket availability, visit https://www.showtix4u.com/events/15322.

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