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Over 270 children involved

'Nutcracker' breaks record

Each year something new, something different in the way of special effects or design is added to the annual Davis Parks and Community Services Department's "Nutcracker," directed by Recreation Supervisor Bob Bowen.

The fact that its popularity has steadily grown in the eight years that it's been presented is documented by the facts that over 270 children between the ages of 6 and 12 will be involved and that five performances are scheduled.

The ninth annual "Nutcracker" will feature Karen Weinbaum, 10, as Clara; Patrick Fuller, 11, as the Nutcracker Prince; Jason Brush, 12, as Fritz; Anna Holmes, 12, as Mother; David Young, 12, as the Mouse King and Aimee Hayes, 12, as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Also included are Chris Hardie, 16, as Mother Marshmallow; Adam Sweet, 11, as Drosselmeyer; Tracy Elliot, 10, as Madame Drosselmeyer; Anne Burns, 10, as Queen of the Snowflakes; Shalini Vijayan, 12, as Queen of Mousolia and Mandy Altier, 11, as Madame Mouse-rinks.

Performances are set for Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday and Monday at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Theater, 203 E. 14th St.

Admission is \$4 general and \$2.50 for children 12 years and under. Tickets are available at the Parks and Community Services Department at City Hall, 23 Russell Blvd., or at the door if any are still unsold.

Tickets for Sunday's matinee performance, which will include a holiday party afterward with cookies and punch, are \$5 general, \$3.50 for children. For reservations for Sunday's festivities, which are sponsored by the University Farm Circle, phone Nancy Roe today at 756-0885. For other information, phone the city at 756-3747.

The Academy of American Poets recently named Maxine Kumin the 49th recipient of a \$10,000 fellowship for "distinguished poetic achievement."

Kumin is the author of four novels and nine collections of poetry, most recent among them "The Long Approach." She received a Pulitzer Prize in 1974 for her collection of poetry, "Up Country."

The academy, now in its 51st year, is a non-profit organization devoted to stimulating interest in the poetry of the United States. Previous recipients of its fellowships include Robert Forst, Ezra Pound and William Carlos Williams.

Ernest Fleischmann, the Los Angeles Philharmonic's executive director, has reversed his decision to become general administrator and artistic director of the Paris Opera and will remain in his present post.

Fleischmann announced that he would resign his Los Angeles position, but he said he had experienced a change of heart.



Photo by Ken Browning

Karen Weinbaum and Patrick Fuller are featured in 'Nutcracker.'