Dear Friends:
Thank you for sharing our 28th year of the Davis Children’s Nutcracker. It is you and your children that make this a unique and enjoyable production.

Happy Holidays!
Carrie Dyer & Marianne Moore

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The Nutcracker Story

"The Nutcracker" is a fairy tale about a young girl, Clara, and a very unusual Christmas. Her family friend, the magical, mysterious character who attends the family Christmas party, bringing Clara a special gift -- a beautiful Nutcracker doll. Very excited about the new doll, Clara wants to stay up all night with it, but her family sends her off to bed. After everyone has left the party and her family is sound asleep, Clara sneaks back downstairs to look at her new Nutcracker doll. She falls asleep and begins to dream.

She is suddenly awakened by a roomful of mice led by a frightening Mouse King that tries to kidnap her and take her to his kingdom. Clara searches for her Nutcracker, but he has disappeared. Suddenly, the Christmas tree begins to grow to an enormous height. Everything in the room is out of proportion. The Nutcracker appears with a band of soldiers. They have come to save Clara from the Mouse King. A battle ensues. The soldiers and the mice fight a vicious battle, and when the Mouse King threatens the Nutcracker, Clara throws her shoe at the Mouse King. Distracted, he is finally defeated by the Nutcracker.

The Nutcracker Prince appears to take her away to his palace. They travel through the enchanted land of Snowflakes to the land of the Sweets. Here, they meet delights from around the world. They are entranced by the Sugar Plum Fairy and the beautiful waltzing flowers. Clara never wants to leave the Prince or the enchanted land, but she awakens from her fascinating dream to find herself under the Christmas tree with her family and friends around her. She still has the Nutcracker Doll to help her remember her wonderful, magical Christmas.

Based on the tale by E.T.A. Hoffman
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The Nutcracker Cast

Leads

Clara................................................................. Rachel Hirst
Nutcracker/Prince.............................................. Nelson Hosley
Fritz................................................................. Patric Kreidler
Mother.............................................................. Nora Unkel
Grandmother.................................................... McKinley Carlisle
Grandfather..................................................... Garrett Hooley
Drosselmeyer.................................................... Kian Kelsch
Nanny............................................................... Taylor Difuntorum
Mouse Queen.................................................... Caitlin Glassman
Sugar Plum Fairy.............................................. Allison Levin
Forest Fairy..................................................... Jenna Strack
Gnome Queen................................................... Delany Pelz
Narrator........................................................ Vivian Fischer

Big Party Guests
Monica Berry, Lauren Blackwell, Bronwyn Burns, Benjamin Garrett, Dard Hunter, Chloe Kim
Jessica Lawrence, Tyler Raabe, Julia Radman, Braeden Van Dyne
Leaders: Kathy Tripp, Jack Brazil, Kara Brodie

Little Party Guests
Audrey Ashdown, Kevin Austin, Utsav Bhargava, Riley Hickman, Zoe Juanitas,
Yazmin Kouchefshahi, Julianna Qvistgaard, Corin Shields, Emme Van Vorhis,
Glen Welch
Leaders: Rachel Jones, Greg Behrens, Noelle Thomson

Dolls
Megan Beckman, Capriana Christian, Megan Kraft, Elianna Meinert, Daniella Quistgaard,
Sydney Rasenthum, Caitlin Anderson
Leaders: Leah Anderson, Kaitlin Fuller

Teddy Bears
Allysa Alvarez, Dylan Aptekar-Cassels, Ryan Decker, Adam Huban, Brian Johnstone,
Lauren Mills, Aviva North, Amelia Otte Cutting, Justin Reno, Nina Shields
Leaders: Kaitlyn Belsky-Campos, Karleigh Rose
## The Nutcracker Cast

### Cats
Tara Bertish, Ashley Brown, Lyndsay Carpenter, Eisa De Nardi, Daniella Farboud, Kinsie Nelson, Hailey Nelson, Serena Roberts, Danielle Schlenker Katherine Winder  
**Leaders:** Jessica Gould, Julie Peri, Tanya Hopmans

### Mice
Spencer Ault, Jesse Brandt, Samuel Burns, Kaitlani Carlisle, Tyler Crowell, Aaron Hirst, Katrub Johansson, Emma Kehr, Jeanne-Marie McPherson, Eric Pytel, Matthew Raabe, Kennedy Radarto, Maddy Stanley, Natalie Wheeler, Owen Yancher  
**Leaders:** Allie Nedwin, Jake Christoffersen, Alyssa Russell

### Soldiers
**Leaders:** Doug Sprankling, Joe Sterba, Karl Schmigiel

### Gnomes
James Banister, Andrew Block, Lukas Buck, Thomas Burns, Logan Davis, Ian Forest John Greer, Eilana Jalkovsky, Madeline Kelch, Perry Leonard, Katherine Mills, Russell Richardson, Spencer Snow, Shelly Stahl, Anders Young, Spencer Zemner  
**Leaders:** Lauren Seabury, Karen Morris, Becca Loux, David White

### Snowflakes
Mina Alali, Cassie Archer, Fiona Buck, Chenora Devine, Katherine Dimond, Kelly Goode-Williams, Devon Hayakawa, Julia Kelch, Megan Kliriciawig, Kyra Leonard, Camille Manaker, Emily Nickell, Shalae Rauscher, Meg Robinson, Holly Ann Turner  
**Leaders:** Elise Nedwin, Tara Alemi, Janelle Crossman, Julia Spangler

### Bugs, Bees, & Insects
Arden Ambros-Winters, Safa Bakhshi, Kasey Carlson, Alia Christian, Arrin Dumier, Petra Favorite, Jay Kraft, Hannah Richter, Jordan Sedgeley, Cailin Unger, Tori Van Court  
**Leaders:** Shannon Fuller, Tracy Falk, Natalie Bodd

### Spanish Dancers
Emma Agress, William Beckwith, Mackenzie Harrison, Alexandra LaFreniere, Gaia Mohr-Tenachini, Rachael Neundorfer, Eric Nishiyama, Tommy North, Adam Raabe, Jack Shelley  
**Leaders:** Amber Nicole, Michelle Hopmans, Michael Neundorfer, Mac Berry

### Chinese Dancers
Haley Blackwell, Ariel Chien, Gabrielle Grasso, Allison Kim, Kyoo Nishiyama, Emma Robinson, Kate Wiener, Madison Yeaman  
**Leaders:** Katie Loux, Maggie Blochman, Sarah Eadie

### Russian Dancers
Bradley Carpenter, John Ryan Gomez, Anna Hodgson, Ryan Kreidler, Daniel Pardee, Benjamin Roberts, Megan Robinson, Brooke Raasch, Frank Spinardi, Carolina Sturla, Eisa Young, Amelia Ziegler  
**Leaders:** Bonnie Burtis, Jonathan Capelli, Harry Greer

### Stars & Stripes
Bryce Beckwith, Margaret Campos, Maggie Galloway, Madison Holdbridge, Emma Hunter, Carmelo Hyson, Rose Leander, Ellen Rueter, Abigail Whitecomb  
**Leaders:** Holly Rose, Ciara Hale, Elizabeth Bertolani

### Swing Dancers
Kian Bagheri, Katherine Eadie, Chlo Farrell, Hudson Nunn, Connor Quinn, Patrick Roughton, Erin Sawia, Sam Wheeler, Catherine White  
**Leaders:** Andrew Behrens, Liesl Knoesen, Jennifer Yaver

### Gumdrops
Kate Bacon, Gabriella Maffy, Kylie Navarro, Helen Porterfield, Sophia Song, Kinsie Van Dywy, Brooke Whate  
**Leaders:** Lindsey Thomson, Lindsay Nedwin, Ariel Pytel

### Bakers
Lily Bonner, Fiona Cameron, Briana Campos, Daniela Carlisle, Meredith Conrad-Forrest, Sianna de la Cruz, Ashley Hickman, Anna Juchau, Marissa La Freniere, Kaley McGee, Kelley Nelson, Haley Rainer, Sally Spinardi, Katie Van Dywy  
**Leaders:** Lauren Henning, Emily Whitcomb, Laura Hackett

### Clowns
Laura Aptekar-Cassels, Austin Barden, Emily Berk, Katya Christian, Kallie Gregg, Kellee Hyson, Nick Juanitas, Codi Kamitsky, Elizabeth Kahi, Monica LaFlor, Emily May, Cameron McCarty, Tala Mullen, Chelsea Nickell, Megan Orr, Jasmine Prat, Alaina Quinn, Adair Sawia, Sean Smith, Anna Sturla, Eilea Webb  
**Leaders:** Brooke Agas, Allie Pytel, Sarah Robinson, Emily Johansson

### Arabian Dancers
Emily Farrell, James Gomez, Lucas Johns, Emma Knoesen, Loni Kioso, Elizabeth Lawson, Lee LeVerrier, Timothy McIntyre, Aubrey Pez, Kyle Pinch, Lianne Ranson, Cole Sedgley, Sam Sibig  
**Leaders:** Daniel Barden, Alyssa Scott

### Flowers
Caitlin Anderson, Kelsey Bair, Lucy Brazil, Emily Kratger, Kimia Nader, Lily Nour-Roberts, Elizabeth Winder, Katelyn Yaerman  
**Leaders:** Mallie Hope, Kathryn Taylor, Emily Taylor