Dear Friends,

The Davis Children’s Nutcracker is a wonderful holiday tradition. It is you and your children that make this a unique and enjoyable production. Thank you so much for experiencing this with us and have a wonderful holiday season!

Happy Holidays!
Ajay Raj and Celeste Torres

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The 2011
Davis Children’s Nutcracker

Performed at the Veterans’ Memorial Theater
December 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th

Inspired by the original 1816 E.T.A. Hoffman story
“The Nutcracker and the Mouse King”

Director
Ann Smalley

Producers
Ajay Raj and Celeste Torres

Original Music
Peter Tchaikovsky

Technical Production Staff

Technical Director  Robert Schulz
Stage Manager  Robert Schulz
Lighting Design & Director  Chris Wong
Costume Design & Costumer  Ellen Griesemer
Sound Engineer  Derrick Wydick
Assistant Stage Manager  Joaquin Chavez
Costume Assistants  Hilary Shontz, Jill Klasing and Tenaya Natov
Head Set Operator  Amy Taylor and Hannah Jolkovsky

Production Coordination Staff

House Manager and House Assistants  Christina Mora, Rachael Hirst, Kate Griesemer
MPR Monitors  Dylan Jimenez and Linnea Ransom
Group Photos  Karen Froyland
Video Production  Tom Estes
Program Design  Steve Bonnel


The Nutcracker Story

Based on the tale by E.T.A. Hoffman

The Nutcracker is a fairy tale about a young girl, Clara, and a very unusual Christmas. Herr Drosselmeyer, the family friend, is a 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 the 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.
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Tom Vinik
(for the Nutcracker display in the VMC lobby)

The Director Wishes to Give Special Thanks to:

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Nutcracker Cast

Leads

Clara  Lilja Jelks
Nutcracker/Prince  Cooper Hosley
Fritz  Cedric Hughes
Mother  Cassidy Smith
Father  Ryan Fulks
Grandmother  Chloe Sears
Grandfather  Joseph Richter
Drosselmeyer  Everett Sloane
Nanny  Taylor Trinidad
Mouse King  James Hayakawa
Sugar Plum Fairy  Leila Roberts
Forest Fairy  Abby Sutcliffe
Gnome Queen  Rachel Klusky
Narrator  Sophia Sears

Leads Leaders: John Greer, Lindsay Brandt, Hanna Jolkousky
Dance Leaders: Emma Hunter, Katya Christien

Big Party Guests
Aloe DeMichiel, Emily Hoef, Erick Lengtatt, Chloe Linaweaver, Darby Maguire
Tarin McMorrow, Will Phillips, Nate Stoltz, Joseph Thompson, Brandon Zoghbi
Leaders: Conner Quinn, Emma Robinson, Ryan Gomez

Little Party Guests
Jake Y. Abenojar, Armaan Bains, Sophia Ballard, Mollie Dyer, Cooper Ferguson,
Jaxon Kamisky, Carolina Morales, Madison Rutherford, Madison Walker, Brody Welsh
Leaders: Emma Knoesen, Ryan Dockter, Kinsey VanDeynze

Dolls
Carmin Fisk, Sarah Griffiths, Grace Heringer, Amber Kao, Jane Rauchway
Leaders: Kaley McGrew, Casey Harris, Emily Nazario

Teddy Bears
Allison Beauchamp, Amelia Chase, Makena Fix, Marina Greenwood, Shira Kalish,
Paige Lacoste, Lauren Lemmo, Addison Magness, Tobi Ogundiiw, Mason Ruiz,
Owen Watkins, Isabelle Whitehead
Leaders: Kalani Ratnasiri, Claire Michael, Aaron Hirst

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Cats
Sydney Booth, Matsue Del Bene, Lily Gieschen, Laura Legg, Sofia Pereira, Claudia Peri, Olivia Price, Kalista M. Toups, Alana Turner, Katie Wydick
Leaders: Kayla Robinson, Elliana Meinert, Madeline Stanley

Mice
Emma Brayton, Elliot DeJong, Hazel George, Mackenzie Grace Walker, Anna Harrison, Zuria Abigail Hornio, Nathan Makus, Gavin Mark, Mia Mark, Lucia Mendez-Nuñez, Joshua Nance, Emily Prussel, Kyle Watkins
Leaders: Madison Yeaman, Maggie Campos, Aurianna Wood, Bradley Carpenter

Soldiers
Zach Anderson, Zachary Ayers, William Dunne, Jason Hein-Gilley, Parker Johnson, Jackson Mank, Rhys Navarro, Tyler Steenberger, Ethan Trinidad, Colin Walsh, Austin Wilcox, Daniel Kimmel-Terra, Cody Winsor
Leaders: Carly Galbraith, Amelia Ziegler, Justin Reno

Gnomes, Trees, Frogs
Jonah Buchanan-Caldwell, Owen Carr, Ryan Fisk, Luke Llorens, James Hergesell, Cameron Hussey-Thompson, Braedan Ingram, Jason Legg, Garrett Milner, Andrew Montano, Jaret Navarro, Sara Noren, Katie Stachowicz, Jackson Terning, Jack Walsh, Cooper Welsh
Leaders: Aubrey Pelz, Kian Reno, Heather Huston

Snowflakes
Elise Bauman, Bailey Bramer, Scarlett Darrah, Sydney Eberhardt, Mia Fong, Nola George, Anna Hoeft, Paige Jenness, Isabella (Bella) Serene Johnson, Makena Leaco, Silke Pion, Amy Schroeder, Maya Schumann, Charlotte Sloane, Savana Sull, Alyssa Waterson
Leaders: Eliana Jolkousky, Giuliana Salerno

Bugs, Bees, & Insects
Kai Benson, Siddharth Chilamkur, Devin Gagnon, Esha Kajley, Olivia Kim, Shea Kordana, Liam Langley, Caroline Murdoch, David Osgood, Jessica Osland, David Shigematsu, Eliot Sutton
Leaders: Garrett Hosley, Justin McGrew, Juliana Qvistgard

Spanish Dancers
Adam Brugger, Molly Burke, Alex Din, Sarah Lagattuta, Daniela Lane, Tate Lindquist, Rosie Mariano, Libby Noelle Slater, Isabella Stein, Aspen Whitmer, Antonio Zaragoza
Leaders: Shelby Stahl, Corin Shields, Carolina Sturla

Chinese Dancers
Selby Anderson, Laila Becker-Golde, Gracie Hartsough, Natalie Hussey-Thompson, Devan Langley, Mia Mangney, Holly McGuinness, Rose Moynan, Ellie Paige, Jillian Watkins
Leaders: Audrey McNamara, Kelsey Mc Morrow, Meg Robinson

Russian Dancers
Clara Ault, Emily Chapman, Caroline Chilcott, Emme-Kate Eisenman, Dean Fulks, Demetrius Hyder, Alejandro J. Johnson, Shea Sorrentino, Clay Ballard, Jack Eastham
Leaders: Madeline Kelsch, Josh Robinson, Nina Shields

Hawaiian Dancers
Annabelle Barrett, Jessica Block, Veda Duffy, Georgia Eastham, Jordan Hayakawa, Tatum Kubik, Claire McElhern, Perg hunters, Paige Rubinstein, Brooke Rubinstein, Brittany Steenberger, Savannah Whitehead
Leaders: Amelia Stanley, Sarah Oslund

Swing Dancers
Ethan “Max” Bardsley, Alissa Casillas, Jillian Fahey, Brynne Fredricksen, Ian Hawes, Austin Aquino-Harrison, Isabella (Bella) Houck, Laurel Krovetz, Clouse Sophia, Byron McConnell, Amanda Nazario, Kendall Warnock, Perry Winsor
Leaders: Austin Barden, Katelyn Yeaman, Matthew Karoly

Mother Marshmallow and Her Sweets
Matthew Bell, Mary Bingle, Charlotte Booth, Elisa Bourne, Emi Cech, Brianna Earwicker, Ella Heringter, Annabel Loomis, Alexis Lyon, Ozi Sutton
Mother Marshmallow: Conner Quinn
Leaders: Lucy Brazil, Brycen Wershing, Jasmin Casillas

Bakers
Jasmine Brayton, Jenna Dyer, Meghan Eisenman, Carina Fettinger, Torrey Frederickson, Holly Gerhard, Nicola Goldstein, Laurana Hancock, Alexandra Hanna, Jenna Karoly, Kyla Leaco, Cora Leonard, Grace Mariano, Skye McIlraith, Kate Meinert, Sydney Moore, Mia Panelli, Amanda Schiavo, Hanah Wyman
Leaders: Gretchen Huston, Natalie Wheeler, Brian Johnson

Clowns
Ben Buettner, Joaquin Campbell-Holguin, Cameron DeMasi, Chase DeMasi, Jane Garvin, Mason Johnston, Molly Knudsen, Elle Motekaitis, Megan Mullin, Shannon Perry, Sepp Sanchirico, Sofia Schumaker, Nathan Solomon, Carsen Thompson, Shayleigh Thompson, Carson Zenner
Leaders: Katie Van Deynze, Spencer Zenner, Jordyn Micke

Arabian Dancers
Alexis Concolino, Catherine Lautzenheiser, Elizabeth McConnell, Clare Mullin, Cassidy Stahl, Maya Alexander, Kenda Wyels
Leaders: Taylor Difuntorium, Nora Hall, Emme Van Vorhis

Flowers
Emma Falk, Abigail Smith, Jenna Steindorf, Emily Sutcliffe
Leaders: Elizabeth Kuby, Serene Roberts, Sara Nguyen