




# 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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# DAVIS CHILDREN'S NUTCRACKER

Performed at the Veterans' Memorial Theater  
December 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd

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* **Ajay Raj**

*Costume Design & Costumer* **Ellen Griesemer**

*Sound Engineer* **Derrick Wydick**

*Costume Assistant & Assistant Stage Manager* **Hilary Shontz**

## **Production Coordination Staff**

*Assistant Producer* **Lynley Takaki**

*House Manager and House Assistant* **Christina Mora**

*MPR Monitors* **Audrey McNamara, Megan Yamoah**

*Group Photos* **Karen Froyland**

*Video Production* **Tom Estes**

**Pre-Production and Stage Crew:** Ajay Raj, Christina Mora, Daniel Olivas, Derrick Wydick, Ehsan, Saraf, Hilary Shontz, John Schuster, Logan Wershing, Robert Schulz, Sam Wheeler, Victoria Luey

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## Nutcracker Cast

### Leads

**Clara Allison Ayers**

**Nutcracker/Prince Ryan Fulks**

**Fritz Sepp Sanchirico**

**Mother Holly McGuinness**

**Father Jack Walsh**

**Grandmother Sophie Brennan**

**Grandfather Parker Johnson**

**Drosselmeyer Braeden Ingram**

**Nanny Jenna Dyer**

**Mouse King Zack Purnell**

**Sugar Plum Fairy Kyla Burmester**

**Forest Fairy Gabriela Acosta**

**Gnome Queen Katie Stachowicz**

**Narrator Chloe Sears**

**Leads Leaders:** Brycen Wershing, Tarin McMorro, Sophia Sears

**Dance Leaders:** Serena Roberts, Kristy Nguyen

### Big Party Guests

Amanda Soeth, Andrew Montano, Aspen Whitmer, Carina Fettinger, Georgia Eastham, Grace Heringer, Jackson Terning, Jane Rauchway, Jonah Buchanan Caldwell, Owen Carr, Rylee Gresham, Tate Lindquist

**Leaders:** Justin Singh Courtney, Kinsey Van Deynze

### Little Party Guests

Andrew Zurborg, Avery Ruiz, Caroline Carrie, Jack Keller, Madeline Zafonte, Madelyn Tully-Smith, Samantha Tully-Smith, Sean Coleman, Tesla Boire

**Leaders:** Emily Nazario, Grace Mariano

### Dolls

Anna Szymoniak, Asise Bhinder, Imogen Sadler, Jessica Oslund, Lauren Lemmo

**Leaders:** Kasey Carlson, Amanda Nazario

### Teddy Bears

Ann Marie Tetteh, Asher Demmin, Ava Portello, Evan Barker, Jayson Sisco, Kate Phillips, Lucy Anderson, Will Sutcliffe

**Leaders:** Emma Robinson, Carter Carlson

# Nutcracker Cast



## Cats

Addi Magness, Amelie Barbier, Bailey Morris, Charlotte Booth, Ella Heringer, Katie Dowling, Keilana Isabel Catolos, Laila Djifroudi, Nora Aubert, Ruby Adler, Satya Dunning, Savana Sull

**Leaders: Linda Su, Allegra Star, Lilja Jelks**

## Mice

Alden McCabe, Alexander Ristenpart, Brooke Noren, Calum McCarter, Cameron St. Andre, Dante Peri, Donovan Wood, Logan Lacoste, Mia Fong, Miller Traum, Miya Cech, Myla Dale, Oscar Wisnia, Piper Welsh, Rune McNaughton

**Leaders: Amelia Ziegler, Justin Reno, Madeline Price**

## Soldiers

Alexander Waterson, Blake Niva, Cody Parker, Davin Bunfill-Scott, Everett Watterson, Jerah Wilkinson, Job Wilkinson, Mitch Niva, Nikolas Cech, Ryan Coleman, Truman Roe, Tyler Cross, Vamsi Chilamkur, Xion Nichols

**Leaders: Lindsay Brandt, Sydney Johnstone, Byron McConnell**

## Gnomes, Trees, Frogs

Brody Welsh, Carsen Thompson, Hazel George, Jack Eastham, Kyle Watkins, Kyle Parker, Liam Langley, Luca Del Bene-Kyhos, Makena Fix, Mason Ruiz, Nicole Holt, Olivia Kim, Shea Kordana, Sophia Leamy, Thomas Doherty

**Leaders: Elli Meinert, Meg Robinson**

## Snowflakes

Alice Roggenbuck, Brooklin CienFuegos, Emily Anderson, Emily Schneider, Emma Withrow, Hayli Thomas, Katelyn den Dulk, Lola Samrick, Marie Candelo, Maya Gagnon, Maya Terning, Michele Cota Joyce, Mila Kimball, Nova Fadtke, Rylan Sull, Sahda Bhinder, Sofie Hietbrink

**Leaders: Carolina Sturla, Lauren Tull, Adrianna Young, Katrina Toups**

## Bugs, Bees, & Insects

Cody Walsh, Julia Noel, Max Brennan, Roman Mariano, Rose Rasmussen

**Leaders: Brian Johnstone, Hallie Tobia**

## Spanish Dancers

Audrey Portello, Charlotte Sloane, Colin Walsh, David Shigematsu, Ethan Trinidad, Isabelle Whitehead, Mia Acosta, Paige Lacoste, Ridley Silva, Zachary Ayers

**Leaders: Ryan Gomez, Jasmine Brayton**

## Chinese Dancers

Anna Harrison, Charlotte Lee-Smith, Dakota Rutherford, Elise Wyman, Kalista Toups, Kelsey Lindquist, Mary Bingle, Mollie Dyer, Reese Mathison, Sydney Eberhardt

**Leaders: Aaron Hirst, Kendall Warnack**

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## Russian Dancers

Anna DeJong, Anya Rene, Devin Gagnon, Johnny Zhiyang Jiang, Kathleen Duffy, Lucas Cardenas, Matthew Bell, Nina Bozorgchami, Sarah Son, Sawyer Schoen

**Leaders: Sally Spinardi, Cooper Hosley, Hana Wood**

## Hawaiian Dancers

Anna Lovely, Cameron DeMasi, Carson Zenner, Cedric Hughes, Clara Ault, Corinne DeJong, Demetrius Hyder, Griffin Szymomak, Jillian Watkins, Katie Wydick, Kelly Meyerhoff, Laila Becker Golde, Lauren Wilcox, Maya Wood, Megan Mullin, Mia Panelli, Padyn Den Dulk,

**Leaders: Justin McGrew, Madeline Stanley, Jordyn Micke**

## Swing Dancers

Alejandro Johnson, Antonio Zaragoza, Brittany Steenbergen, Clay Ballard, Emma Nance, Garrett Milner, Isabella Hyder, Kate Meinert, Libby Slater, Luke LLorens, Max Samrick, Maya Alexander, Shayleigh Thompson, Will Phillips

**Leaders: Giuliana Salerno, Claire Michael**

## Mother Marshmallow: Spencer Zenner

**Sweets: Darius Kim, Julianna Elliot, Juliet Jones, Madeline Doherty, Natalie Hewit**

**Leaders: Kelsey McMorrow, Audrey Zenner**

## Bakers

Alexandra Zurborg, Alexis Concolino, Alyssa Waterson, Bea Bastino, Devan Langley, Diana Martin, Elle Motekaitis, Emma Thompson, Jennie Aubert, Kaitlyn McElhern, Madelyn Paschal, Elizabeth McConnell, Molly Mahoney, Paige Jones, Rosie Mariano, Sofia Pereira, Sofia Eberhardt, Stella Cardenas, Sydney Booth

**Leaders: Spencer Zenner, Aloe DeMichiel, Jasmine Casillas**

## Clowns

Aiden Grow, Colin Grow, Cooper Ferguson, Dean Fulks, Elliot DeJong, Gracie Hartsough, Jackson Mank, Maya Sortor, Nicholas Sokolov, Owen Watkins, Peyton Schoen, Sarah Griffiths, Teddy Bastino, Truman Duren, William Dunne

**Leaders: Nora Hall, Madeline Stanley, Julia Kelsch**

## Arabian Dancers

Allison Beauchamp, Anna Skinner, Austin Wilcox, Caroline Chilcott, Chase DeMasi, Francesca Bastino, Gretchen Richter, Isabella Johnson, Jack Jessen, Joaquin Campbell-Holguin, Jonah Demmin, Mason Johnstone, Reagan Cusi, Zander Pollack, Zheyuan Fu

**Leaders: Heather Huston, Cassie Archer, Abigail Sutcliffe**

## Flowers

Emily Chiang, Emily Haws, Emily Sutcliffe, Jillian Fahey, Sarah Lagattuta, Veronica Roe

**Leaders: Sarah Nguyen, Leila Roberts**