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. Hoffmann 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
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Pre-Production and Stage Crew: Ajay Raj, Christina Mora, Daniel Olivas, Derrick Wydick, Ehsan, Sarah, 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 Braedon Ingram
Nanny Jenna Dyer
Mouse King Zack Purnell
Sugar Plum Fairy Kyla Burmester
Forest Fairy Gabriela Acosta
Gnome Queen Katie Stachowicz
Narrator Chloe Sears

Leaders: Brycen Wershing, Tarin McMorrow, Sophia Sears

Dance Leaders: Serena Roberts, Kristy Nguyen

Big Party Guests
Amanda Soeth, Andrew Montano, Aspen Whitmer, Carina Fettinger, Georgia Eastham, Grace Heringer, Jackson Teming, 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, Aisise 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, Kailana 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 Wisnian, Piper Welsh, Rupe 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, Vansmi 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, Katselyn den Dulk, Lola Samnick, 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

Russian Dancers
Anya 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 Hyde, Griffin Szymonak, Jillian Watkins, Katie Wydick, Kelly Meyerhoff, Laila Becker Golde, Lauren Wilcox, Maya Wood, Megan Mullin, Mia Panelli, Padyen Dun Dulk
Leaders: Justin McGrew, Madeline Stanley, Jordyn Mcke

Swing Dancers
Leaders: Giuliana Salerno, Claire Michael

Mother Marshmallow: Spencer Zenner
Sweets: Darius Kim, Julianna Elliot, Juliet Jones, Madeline Doherty, Natalie Hewitt
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 McElhen, 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
Leaders: Heather Huston, Cassie Archer, A bigail Sutcliffe

Flowers
Emily Chiang, Emily Haws, Emily Sutcliffe, Jillian Fahey, Sarah Lagattuta, Veronica Roe
Leaders: Sarah Nguyen, Leila Roberts