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!

NUTCRACKER ONLINE
Over 30 years of Nutcracker photos, videos, programs, and newspaper articles:
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 awaken's 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

The Director Wishes to Give Special Thanks to:
Ajay Raj, Jennifer Schulzte, Catherine Vang, Derrick Wydick, Robert Schulz, Sam Wheeler, the Tech Crew.

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DAVIS CHILDREN’S NUTCRACKER

Performed at the Veterans Memorial Theater
December 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th

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

Director
Ann Smalley

Producers
Ajay Raj

Original Music
Peter Tchaikovsky

Technical Production Staff
Technical Director Robert Schulz
Stage Manager Ethan Hall
Assistant Stage Manager Sam Wheeler
Lighting Design & Director Ajay Raj
Costume Design & Costumer Catherine Vang
Costume Assistants Emily Sutcliffe, Shayleigh Thompson
Sound Engineer Derrick Wydick

Production Coordination Staff
Assistant Producer Jennifer Schultze
House Manager and House Assistant Ajay Raj
MPR Monitors Abby Sutcliffe, Sophia Sears, Tarin McMorrow
Group Photos Karen Froyland
Video Production Tom Estes

Pre-Production and Stage Crew: Ajay Raj, Derrick Wydick, Ethan Hall, Eli Smith, John Schuster, Jackson Turning, Logan Wershing, Nick Ehnat, Ricki Dowling, Robert Schulz, Sam Wheeler, Stephen Schultz, Tom Vinik

Registration and Ticket Sales: Ajay Raj, Christina Wood, Elodia Alvarez, Emma McNeil, Ethan Hall, Jennifer Schultz, Maria Gladden, Sonia Chavez, Tamiko Kwak

THE 2017
DAVIS CHILDREN’S NUTCRACKER

Nutcracker Cast

Leads
Clara Charlotte Sloane
Nutcracker/Prince Henry Hutchings
Fritz Hafez Elfarra
Mother Caroline Carrie
Father Cody Walsh
Grandmother Emma Withrow
Grandfather Dante Peri
Drosselmeyer Truman Roe
Nanny Maya Gagnon
Mouse King Sawyer Schoen
Sugar Plum Fairy Nora Aubert
Forest Fairy Bethany Mcelhern
Gnome Queen Piper Welsh
Narrator Kyla Steen

Leaders: Allison Ayers, Andrew Montano, Ryan Fulks, Tarin McMorrow, Zach Purnell

Dance Leader: Kendall Warnock

Big Party Guests
Alice Roggenbuck, Emily Schneider, Jacob Hertz, Joshua Nance, Madaline Williams, Madison Wohlgemuth, Max Brennan, Mollie Dyer, Owen Tessier, Satya Dunning, Siri Steger, Tessa Gillet-Kalisky

Leaders: Christopher Sortor, Gabriela Acosta, Hana Wood

Little Party Guests
Courtney Waterson, Fadzai Gides, Hailey Stevens, Harlow Hamilton, Joseph Thomas, Kaitlyn (Katie) Dolcini, Kira Kelly, Laura Kay, Lillian Facciotti, Nella Barrett, Owen Arnold, Zora Bennett

Leaders: Hana Wood, Maya Alexander, Molly Burke, Owen Carr

Dolls
Faith Heringer, Isla Urena, Linden Perkins, Siena Cooper, Taylor Anderson

Leaders: Austin Aquino-Harrison, Devin Gagnon, Parker Johnson, Sophie Brennan

Teddy Bears
Eli Williams, Isabella Dunphy, Lyla Drabkin, Reed Sorenson, Walker Thompson

Leaders: Austin Aquino-Harrison, Devin Gagnon, Parker Johnson, Sophie Brennan
Nutcracker Cast

Cats
Elena Facciotti, Emily Kim, Julia Auwarter, Kara Shigematsu, Lilah Shapiro, Maya Nosek, Mia Dhingra, Michelle Pro, Scarlett Gillet-Kalisky, Tera Medeiros, Byron McConnell, Xyla Close
 Leaders: Braeden Ingram, Shayleigh Thompson

Mice
Alejandra Sequeira, Charlotte Dockter, Insee Ekstrom, Isaac Spencer, Isla Robertson, Kate Napolitan, Liam Doan, Natalie San Souci, Owen Mayor, Sophia Brenner, Summer Engleby, Thomas Bolz
 Leaders: Christopher Sortor, Jack Walsh, Kalista Toups

Soldiers
Anna Profaci, Brady Coleman, Cooper Carter, Derek Stephenson, Desmond Jones, Elijah Brenner, Farouk Elfarra, Foster Griffith, Josie Schneider, Julia Tsai, Max Pandeleos
 Leaders: Emma Nance, Hana Wood, Hugo Swanepoel

Gnomes, Trees, Frogs
Addison Perkins, Alex Richmond, Beatrice Carvajal, Chris Border, Henry Thompson, Noah Spencer, Norah Roessler, Oliver Reinhart, Royce Hampton, Siena Calciano, Theo Carvajal, Ty Phillips
 Leaders: Cameron Hussey-Thompson, Parker Johnson, Shayleigh Thompson

Snowflakes
Alayna Difuntorum, Ana Mendez-Nunez, Aubrey Hibbard, Casey Kuhner, Elena Hollar, Elsie Blankenship, Hattie Reasenberg, Hope Heringer, Kayla Mulhern, Layla Vidaurre, Maggie Loscutoff, Phoebe Kasuga, Rowan Peterson, Sofia Dionisi, Sonali Holbrook
 Leaders: Aiyana Hicken, Alicia Joo, Carina Fettinger

Bugs, Bees, & Insects
Ansel Le, Jasmine Rasmussen, Joaquin Dersch, Liam Engleby, Ryan Richmond, Santiago Wehner
 Leaders: Austin Wilcox, Christopher Sortor, Katie Stachowicz, Paige Carlock

Spanish Dancers
Aida Bozorgchami, Amy Garvey, Anna Kimball, Damian Jaime, Donica Sisco, Isabella Fahnni, Madeline Miller, Noelle Sorenson, Priya McKinney, Summer Coppola, Adelina Wehner
 Leaders: Holly McGuinness, Molly Burke, Kyla Burmester

Chinese Dancers
Delilah Perkins, Dina Reynolds, Emily Wilcox, Emily Wilson, Everly Lovato, Gracie Luft, Hannah Porter, Hayden Perkins, Katherine Berdovskyi, Margot Lubell, Zoey Dockter
 Leaders: Carson Zenner, Peyton Schoen, William Phillips

Russian Dancers
Abigail Greene, Amelia Roberts, Clayton Brizee, Emma O'Keefe, Henry Candelo, Henry Eich, Hayla Davis, Maesen Galas, Reese Watterson, Sophia Cross, Tristan Mcelhern, Winter Davis
 Leaders: Averi Brayton, Kate Meinert, Maya Sortor

Hawaiian Dancers
Amy Karim, Brody Welsh, Hayli Thomas, Isabella(Bella) Dolcini, Juliet Jones, Katherine Dowling, Lucy Anderson, Marie Candelo, Niko Cech, Roman Mariano, Thomas Doherty, Truman Duren
 Leaders: Brittany Steenbergen, Jenna Dyer, Mason Johnstone

Swing Dancers
Donovan Wood, Elizabeth Barger, Emily Anderson, Emma Engstrom, Erik Kimball, Everett Watterson, Juliana Elliott, Madeline Doherty, Nicola Davis, Nisha Chandler, Ridley Silva, Rose Rasmussen, Rylan Sull, Savana Sull, Sweden Carlson, Tyler Cross
 Leaders: Aiyana Hicken, Emily Sutcliffe, Holly McGuinness, Katrina Toups

Sweets
Caitlin Luft, Evan Wise, Kaila Cech, Lily Edmonds, Sydney Dhingra
 Mother Marshmallow: Byron McConnell
 Leaders: Aleena Yarovaya, Lindsey Su

Pirates
Any Rene, Cameron Lau, David Shigematsu, Enzo Cacciatore, Evan Barker, Jack Roberts, Owen Williams, Roman Cacciatore, Sierra Baptiste, Tristan Smalley, Will Sutcliffe
 Leaders: Byron McConnell, Caroline Chilcott, Dean Fulks, Lindsey Su

Clowns
Anderson Luft, Davin Bunfill-Scott, Eliana Augustine, Etienne Williams, Kaylie Tessier, Lauren Pratt, Liam Anderson, Maya Terning, Natalie Roessler, Nika Augustine, Nova Fadtke, Owen Withrow, Sarah Border, Tessa Clearwater, Tucker Elliott
 Leaders: Brittany Steenbergen, Elodia Alvarez, Natalie Hussey-Thompson

Arabian Dancers
Anna Coleman, Cole Abrams, Emily Royalty, Gillian Brizee, Hannah Engleby, Kate Phillips, Katelyn Secrest, Takeshi Luke
 Leaders: Chloe Sears, Hazel George, Mason Johnstone, Sophia Leamy

Flowers
Catherine Carrie, Daphne Roe, Ella Heringer, Emelyne Arnold, Esther Kapovich, Kristen Kay, Lucy Bolz, Nathalie Stem, Sofia Kelly
 Leaders: Chloe Sears, Holly McGuinness, Katrina Toups, Kendall Warnock