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!

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https://cityofdavis.org/city-hall/parks-and-community-services/nutcracker-history
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 and 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 wonderfully magical Christmas.

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Ajay Raj, Jennifer Schultze, Derrick Wydick, Robert Schulz, John Schuster, the Tech Crew.
DAVIS CHILDREN’S NUTCRACKER

Performed at the Veterans Memorial Theater
December 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th

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

Director
Ann Smalley

Producer
Ajay Raj

Original Music
Peter Tchaikovsky

Technical Production Staff
Technical Director Robert Schulz
Stage Manager Christopher Sortor
Assistant Stage Manager Sam Wheeler
Lighting Design & Director Ajay Raj

Costumers
Agatha Scott, Emily Sutcliffe, Janet Flores
Katrina Toups, Shayleigh Thompson

Sound Engineer Derrick Wydick

Production Coordination Staff
Assistant Producer Jennifer Schultze
House Manager Emma Fotheringham
House Assistant Tarin McMorrow

MPR Monitors
Katrina Toups, Sophia Sears, Tarin McMorrow

Group Photos
Karen Froyland

Video Production Tom Estes

Pre-Production and Stage Crew: Ajay Raj, Christopher Sortor, Cliff Tsai, Derrick Wydick, Eli Smith, John Schuster, Robert Schulz, Sam Wheeler, Tom Vinik, William Phillips


Nutcracker Cast

Leads
Clara Emma Withrow

Nutcracker/Prince Dante Peri

Fritz Enzo Cacciatore

Mother Maya Terning

Father Sawyer Schoen

Grandmother Piper Welsh

Grandfather Hafez Elfarra

Drosselmeyer Jacob Hertz

Nanny Isabella Fahmi

Mouse Queen Myla Dale

Sugar Plum Fairy Bethany Kepner

Forest Fairy Vivian Li

Gnome King Alex Richmond

Narrator Maya Gagnon

Leads Leaders: Allison Ayers, Andrew Montano, Ryan Fulks, Zach Purnell

Dance Leaders: Chloe Sears, Kyla Bumster, Maya Alexander

Big Party Guests
Addison Milner, Adeline Jones, Elizabeth Claire Dombrowski, Elena Facciotti, Emalyne Arnold, Katelyn Secrest, Kaylie Tessier, Lucy Bolz, Madeline Miller, Madison Wohlgemuth, Michal Grosglik, Nova Fadtke, Owen Tessier
Leaders: Emma Nance, Parker Johnson, William Phillips

Little Party Guests
Ana Mendez-Nunez, Chelsea Heiser, Elizabeth Williams, Ellery Adams, Rory Fletcher, Santiago Wehner, Scarlett Gillet-Kalisby, Sophie Sulenta, Tinaye Mukome, Troy Erbacher
Leaders: Alexandra Freedland-Wolford, Amanda Soeth, Mason Johnstone, Peyton Schoen

Dolls
Kate Napolitan, Lilah Shapiro, Lyla Mankin
Leaders: Cooper Welsh, Elizabeth Barger, Hugo Swanepoel, Maya Sortor, Savana Sull

Teddy Bears
Antonia Chase, Evelyn Findlay, Harris Chase, Lawrence Chase, Owen Arnold, Sam Ostrem, Samuel Drabkin
Leaders: Cooper Welsh, Elizabeth Barger, Hugo Swanepoel, Maya Sortor, Savana Sull
Nutcracker Cast

Cats
Brandi Peters, Cambria Bertolero, Elena Hollar, Farallon McCormick, Ixchel Moreno-Nyholm, Kara Shigematsu, Lilia Duey, Maureen Cullison, Maya Nosek, Olivia Pattison, Olivia Tafolla, Quincy Alfar,
Leaders: Daniela Lane, Kalista Toups, Lindsey Su

Mice
Danica Steen, Elsie Blankenship, Finley Rodden, Hadi Elfarra, Isaac Spencer, Joaquin Dersch, Josie Schneider, Kevan Zarghami, Lily Sronce, Lucas Inderbitzin, Marjorie Samuels, Nika Guy
Leaders: Amelie Ingram, Emily Sutcliffe, Katie Stachowicz, Natalie Hussey-Thompson, Paige Carlock

Soldiers
Callum Lea, Courtney Waterson, Craig Heiser, Farouk Elfarra, Garrett Tessier, Grant Lee, Griffin Jones, Hattie Reesenberg, Liam Doan, Owen Mayor, Tai Tredennick
Leaders: Brittany Steenbergen, Jack Walsh, Mollie Dyer

Gnomes, Trees, Frogs
Abigail Greene, Adelina Wehner, Colin Campbell, Donica Sisco, Hayden Luten, Henry Thompson, Kyle Kwak, Lucian Voskuhl, Max Pandeleos, Noah Hollar, Oren Vinokurov, Sophia Cross, Thomas Bolz, William Findlay
Leaders: Austin Wilcox, Elodia Aivarez, Joshua Nance

Snowflakes
Annie Vellanoweth, Bella Smith, Catherine Popescu, Emily Hayden, Erin Lemmo, Ilona Parker, Jasmine Rasmussen, Kadylin Carter, Layla Wolk, Lily Edmonds, Lilyana Harris, Maria Ross, Reina Hess, Sophie Fahrni, Stella Hay
Leaders: Carina Fettinger, Emma Vellanoweth, Jessica Siu

Bugs, Bees, & Insects
Amelia Zellou, Caitlin Luft, Callum Buchanan-Cello, Charlotte Dockter
Declan Lee, Ryan Richmond
Leaders: Caroline Carrie, Maya Wood

Spanish Dancers
Alejandra Sequeira, Amelia Roberts, Avery Wolk, Brianna Lyon, Delilah Perkins, Dina Reynolds, Eloise Samuels, Emily Royalty, Eva Knudsen, Lucy Spang, Lyla Drabkin, Siena Cooper, Taylor Anderson, Winter Davis, Zoey Dockter
Leaders: Charlotte Sloane, Kacie Moneert

Chinese Dancers
Aubrey Hibbard, Entillee Jones, Faith Heringer, Lauren Pratt, Lillian Facciotti, Lily Batista, Maesen Galas, Michelle Pro, Natalie San Souci, Siena Calciano, Xochitl Torres
Leaders: Brittany Steenbergen, Molly Dunning

Swing Dancers
Leaders: Carina Fettinger, Devin Gagnon, Parker Johnson

Russian Dancers
Andrew Gonzalez, Annabelle Ruud, Brady Coleman, Hope Heringer, Kailla Cech, Kayla Mulhearn, Laura Kay, Margot Lubell, Nella Barrett, Phoebe Kasuga, Reed Sorenson, Ty Phillips
Leaders: Emily Sutcliffe, Grace Hartsough, Jessica Siu

Hawaiian Dancers
Abigail Paterniti, Catherine Carrie, Clayton Brizee, Cody Walsh, Donovan Wood, Emily Anderson, Emily Schneider, Hannah Porter, Madeline Doherty, Norah Roessler, Olivia Inderbitzin, Olivia Sanchirico, Ryan Sull, Tess Gillet-Kalsky, Truman Roe
Leaders: Brody Welsh, Caroline Chilcott, Carsen Thompson, Owen Carr, Thomas Doherty

Swiss Dancers
Leaders: Carina Fettinger, Devin Gagnon, Parker Johnson

Chinese Dancers
Andrew Gonzalez, Annabelle Ruud, Brady Coleman, Hope Heringer, Kailla Cech, Kayla Mulhearn, Laura Kay, Margot Lubell, Nella Barrett, Phoebe Kasuga, Reed Sorenson, Ty Phillips
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Pirates
Anya Rene, Eva Playter, Hayden Perkins, Judah Mukome, Madeline Moffitt, Natalie Roessler, Nicholas Hess, Nikko Cech, Noah Spencer, Sierra Baptiste, Will Sutcliffe
Leaders: Elodia Aivarez, Hazel George, Sophia Leamy

Clowns
Arshon Zarghami, Casey Kuhner, Cooper Carter, Dashiel Voskuhl, Foster Griffith, Henry Eich, Ian R.C. Erbacher, Jack Roberts, Kira Kelly, Miles Livingston, Oliver Reinhard, Owen Withrow
Leaders: Cameron Hussey-Thompson, Jenna Dyer, Tyler Cross

Arabian Dancers
Leaders: Dean Fulks, Emma Nance, Owen Carr

Flowers
Emma O'Keefe, Esther Kapovich, Julia Tsai, Kristen Kay, Lola Samrick, Nathalie Stem, Nisha Chander, Satya Dunning, Sofia Kelly
Leaders: Chloe Sears, Kyla Burmester, Maya Alexander