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.

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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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The Director Wishes to Give Special Thanks to:
Joseph Fletcher, Noah Penley, Robert Schulz, Katrina Toups,
Dana Welch, Derrick Wydick, and the Stage Crew.
DAVIS CHILDREN’S NUTCRACKER

Performed at the Veterans Memorial Theater
December 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15

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

Director
Ann Smalley

Producer
Dana Welch

Original Music
Peter Tchaikovsky

Technical Production Staff
Technical Director Robert Schulz
Stage Manager Christopher Sortor
Assistant Stage Manager Sam Wheeler
Lighting Design & Director Joseph Fletcher
Costumers Janet Flores, Emily Sutcliffe, Christina Tan, Maya Tirumurti
Sound Engineer Derrick Wydick

Production Coordination Staff
Assistant Producer Jennifer Schultze
House Manager Noah Penley
MPR Monitors Katrina Toups
VMC office Christian Garcia, Jennifer Schultze, Katrina Toups
Photos Karen Froyland
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Pre-Production and Stage Crew: Joseph Fletcher, Noah Penley, Robert Schulz, John Schuster, Christopher Sortor, Cliff Tsai, Sam Wheeler

Registration and Ticket Sales: Amy Brugger, Sonia Chavez, Maria Gladden, Tamiko Kwak, Jennifer Schultze, Hollay Shayegi, Lisa Yoakum, Christina Wood

THE 2019
DAVIS CHILDREN’S NUTCRACKER

Nutcracker Cast

Leads
Clara Isabella Fahrni
Nutcracker/Prince Anderson Luft
Fritz Owen Withrow
Mother Adelina Wehner
Father Hafez Elfarra
Grandmother Emelyne Arnold
Grandfather Joey Bertolero
Drosselmeyer Noah Hollar
Nanny Gracie Luft

Mouse Queen Siena Calciano
Sugar Plum Fairy Nisha Chander
Forest Fairy Daphne Roe
Gnome Queen Lucy Bolz
Narrator Scarlett Ortega

Leaders: Andrew Montano, Braeden Ingram, Dean Fulks, Mollie Dyer
Dance Leaders: Maya Alexander, Alicia Joo

Big Party Guests
Madeline Doherty, Maya Gagnon, Yoko Myojin, Ty Phillips, Hannah Porter, Rose Rasmussen, Dina Reynolds, Rico Romero, Rylan Sull, Emily Wilson, Dashel Voskuhl, Calvin Zwahlen
Leaders: Owen Carr, William Sutcliffe, Emma Thompson

Little Party Guests
Ellery Adams, Abigail Alvarado, Kady Carter, Natalie Edworth, Hope Heringer, Elena Hollar, Amelia Itoi, Phoebe Kasuga, Lilly Martinez, Olivia Pattison, Jasmine Rasmussen, Lily Sronce
Leaders: Jenna Dyer, Halla Sorensen, Savana Sull

Dolls
Maya Clossick, Erin Lemmo, Michelle Pro, Sophie Sulenta
Leaders: Thomas Doherty, Molly Dunning, Lindsey Su

Teddy Bears
Lorelei Darbee, Isabella Gossett, Olivia Hallinan, Ty Herrington, Latica Kepner, Maisie Raffuse
Leaders: Thomas Doherty, Molly Dunning, Lindsey Su
Cats
Violet Baker, Winter Davis, Norah Ecklund, Lily Edmonds, Lilyana Harris, Brooke McNaughton, Brandi Peters, Lauren Plumer, Lily Richmond, Catherine Popescu, Danica Steen, Aubrey Wilson
Leaders: Alexandra Freedland-Wolford, Hazel George, Jacob Hertz, Sawyer Schoen

Mice
Parker Blankenship, Joaquin Dersch, Kamila Ehrlich, Avery Hales-Yang, Rubie Kasuga, Kate Kwak, Jasper Ott, Ryan Richmond, Levi Shapiro, Graham Stevens, Matias Wehner
Leaders: Caroline Chilcott, Satya Jackson-Dunning, Parker Johnson

Soldiers
Leaders: Lucia Mendez-Nunez, William Phillips, Katie Stachowicz

Gnomes, Trees, Frogs
Leaders: Alexandra Freedland-Wolford, Brody Welsh

Snowflakes
Leaders: Katherine Phillips, Aleena Yarovaya

Bugs, Bees, & Insects
Marley Chambers, Mabel Davis, Pier Griffith, Pia Sternad, Beatrix Woods
Leaders: Elizabeth Barger, Gracie Hartsough

Spanish Dancers
Aylin Alassaad, Cambria Bertolero, Scarlett Gillet-Kalisky, Emily Hayden, Carmen Mas, Ana Mendez-Nunez, Ixchel Moreno-Nyholm, Kate Napolitan, Marjorie Samuels, Hailey Stevens, Brynley Tyson
Leaders: Gracie Hartsough, Olivia Gonzalez, Sophia Leamy

Chinese Dancers
Abigail Greene, Maggie Loscutoff, Lucy Spang, Isaac Spencer, Courtney Waterson, Lily Williams, Layla Wolk
Leaders: Parker Johnson, Lindsey Su, Owen Tessier

Russian Dancers
Elsie Blankenship, Cooper Carter, Kendal Casterline, Farouk Elfarra, Foster Griffith, Nika Guy, Natalie Jonas, Judah Kepner, Emma Lesho, Caitlin Luft, Maya Nosek, Finley Rodden, Maria Ross
Leaders: Rosie Mariano, William Sutcliffe, Aleena Yarovaya

Hawaiian Dancers
Liam Anderson, Enzo Cacciatore, Sophia Cross, Ian R.C. Erbacher, Faith Heringer, Addison Milner, Ruvi Rajapaksha, Alex Richmond, Olivia Sanchirico, Noah Spencer, Emma Withrow
Leaders: Mason Johnstone, Peyton Schoen, Austin Wilcox

Swing Dancers
Emily Anderson, Andrew Gonzalez, Everly Lovato, Margot Lubell, Emma O’Keefe, Cole Peters, Eloise Samuels, Katelyn Secrest, Jonah Spang, Kyla Steen, Kaylie Tessier
Leaders: Katherine Phillips, William Phillips, Katie Stachowicz

Sweets
Davis Bulman, Sufi Dunning, Katie Hayden, Alina Lorenzi, Masato Luke, Haylee Wise
Mother Marshmallow: William Phillips
Leaders: Jenna Dyer, Carsen Thompson

Pirates
Thomas Bolz, Miles Ligday, Miles Livingston, Leo McNicholas, Delilah Perkins, Lauren Pratt, Nova Fadtke, Jack Roberts, Maya Terning.
Leaders: Tyler Cross, Maya Sortor, Emily Sutcliffe, Emma Thompson

Clowns
Lilia Duey, Maesen Galas, Griffin Jones, Ben Lovato, Raquel Miller, Sean Porter, Amelia Roberts, Garrett Tessier, Arshan Zarghami, Kevan Zarghami
Leaders: Dante Peri, Halla Sorensen, Maya Sortor, Owen Tessier

Arabian Dancers
Lily Batista, Brady Coleman, Nora Elliott, Emilee Jones, Lily Kahn, Anna Profaci, Natalie San Souci, Finn Sweeney, Henry Thompson, Isla Urena
Leaders: Amelie Ingram, Joshua Nance, Cooper Welsh

Flowers
Adeline Jones, Esther Kapovich, Amy Karim, Sofia Kelly, Bethany Kepner, Kara Shigematsu, Julia Tsai
Leaders: Maya Alexander, Alicia Joo