

THE 2023 DAVIS CHILDREN'S VERSION OF
THE NUTCRACKER



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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NUTCRACKER CAST

Leads

Clara *Olivia Pattison*

Nutcracker/Prince *Liam Doan*

Fritz *Hadi Elfarra*

Mother *Kadyn Carter*

Auntie *Eloise Jasper*

Grandmother *Althea Stone*

Nana *Maisie Raffuse*

Drosselmeyer *Elena Hollar*

Nanny *Emily Hayden*

Mouse King *Amar Hastings*

Sugar Plum Fairy *Sufi Dunning*

Forest Fairy *Rory Fletcher*

Gnome Queen *Lola Bonneau*

Narrator *Ada Jacobs*

Leads Leaders: Nisha Chander, Whitney Heiser, Daphne Roe,
Truman Roe, Adelina Wehner

Big Party Guests

Lily Argumedo, Gerard Avila, Callum Buchanan-Cello,
Gabriella Harrington-Rosi

Leaders: Alexander McClintock, Truman Roe

Little Party Guests

Amanda Liao, Madeline Liao, Camilla Morris,
Emilia Samson, Logan Trinosky

Leaders: Elsie Blankenship, Rylan Sull



NUTCRACKER CAST

Dolls

Fiona Cordova-Simon, Ella Eich, Bailey Heise,
Jaylani Molina, Hajin Noh, Amy Sandler

Leaders: Gillian Briezee, Mila Kimball

Teddy Bears

Lucia Chavez, Anderson Glass, Reece Heise, Dominic Kurtural,
Jackson Merritt, Henry Vollmer

Leaders: Gillian Briezee, Savana Sull

Cats

Lucy Buchanan-Cello, Aurelia Chavez, Elizabeth Csontos,
Simone Justus, Maya MacLeod, Cozette Majestic, Blake Oleson,
Aurora Read, Trinity Starchild, Isla Woodruff

Leaders: Maya Gagnon, Abigail Grundy-Lucas

Mice

Titus Carter, Emerson Chuang, Logan Davis, Isla Hall,
Rosalie Hubbard, Hudson Lee, Max Russell, Atti Stone

Leaders: Jayce Guardado, Maya Terning

Soldiers

Sawyer Di Camillo, Benjamin Jones, Micah Shapiro, Loukas Yiaslas

Leaders: Gillian Brizee, Cooper Carter

Gnomes, Trolls & Trees

Parker Blankenship, Rory Doan, Andrés Echols,
Jacob Heringer, ZhiGuang Jin, Steven Pattison,
Matt Russell, Levi Shapiro, Conrad Vollmer, Lydia Zhang,

Leaders: Montse Perez, Dina Reynolds, Calvin Zwahlen

Snowflakes

Josephine Avila, Charlotte Baker, Ruby Brazil, Aidan Castelfranco,
Lynette Choi, Karina Harrington-Rosi Sofia Heath, ZhiLin Jin,
Amelia Nisson, Anjani Shimoda

Leaders: Mattie Doherty, Maya Terning, Julia Tsai



NUTCRACKER CAST

Sweets

Caitlyn Cahill, Aleena Hastings, Elizabeth Imbat, Madelynn Martin

Mother Marshmallow: Mattie Doherty, Truman Roe

Leaders: Mattie Doherty, Julia Tsai

Festival Dancers

Skyler Bruhn, Victoria Chuang, Natalie Edworth, Esmé Rowell

Leaders: Daphne Roe, Carli Schulz

Candy Cane Dancers

Andilyn Boulware, Caroline Brutlag, Savannah Brutlag,

Emma Christensen, Celeste Choi, Emerson Frank,

Dashiell Hubbard, Wihinapa Iron, Ona Portugal,

Marian Robinson, Madison Rogers, Fiona Zhang

Leaders: Whitney Heiser, Dina Reynolds

Beach Dancers

Troy Erbacher, Isadora Ferreira, Ryan Richmond, Adelaide Zwahlen

Leaders: Alexander McClintock, Truman Roe

Swing Dancers

Lily Edmonds, Katie Hayden, Estelle Justus, Catherine Popescu

Leaders: Jayce Guardado, Carli Schulz

Jewel Dancers

Annabel Csontos, Dahlia Drogemuller, Sophia Glass, Wren Jacobs,

Scarlett Martin, Iris McCaffrey, Madi Sortor

Leaders: Abigail Grundy-Lucas, Jayce Guardado

Flowers

Elizabeth Hartley, Estrella Moreno-Nyholm, Mariah Vela, Luyao Wang

Leaders: Nisha Chander, Daphne Roe

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Filmed at the Veterans Memorial Theatre

December 6th – 10th

Inspired by the original 1816 E.T.A. Hoffman story

“The Nutcracker and the Mouse King”

Director

Teresa Salas

Producers

Joseph Fletcher

Original Music

Peter Tchaikovsky

Technical Production Staff

Technical Director *Robert Schulz*

Stage Manager *Corinne Balmain*

Asst. Stage Manager *Josh O’Guinn*

Costume Design *Rose Curfman*

Lighting Design *Joseph Fletcher*

Master Electrician *Kelli Jones*

Sound Engineer *Derrick Wydick*

Stage Crew *Nick Cooper, Alex Club, Sam Cabbage,
Angelina McClung, Oliver Morgan*

Production Coordination Staff

VMC office *Gillian Brizee, Alexander McClintock,
Montse Perez, Savannah Sull*

MPR Manager *Micayla Valceschini*

Video Production *Tom Estes*

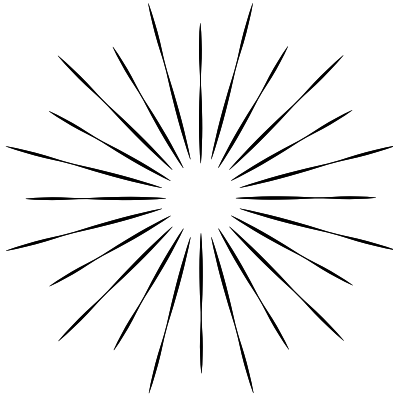
Pre-Production *Ryan Kane, May Murray*

Registration and Community Services Staff: *Janet Chaney, Tamiko Kwak,
Mari Lehmer, Deanne Machado, Caitlyn Valle, Christina Wood*

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DEAR FRIENDS,

The Davis Children's Nutcracker is a wonderful holiday tradition. It is you who make this a unique and enjoyable production.

Thank you so much for experiencing this with us. Have a wonderful holiday season!

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