

The Nutcracker

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Presenting

THE NUTCRACKER

**PENNSYLVANIA BALLET
CONSERVATORY**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTORS

We are excited to share with you and your family our third annual production of The Nutcracker. While the year has been full of unprecedented challenges, we find hope and light in our students' hard work and dedication. We are very proud of them, and deeply thankful to their families for all of their trust and support.

The Nutcracker is one of our favorite ballets. Two years ago, we were blessed to be able to recreate it in our own vision for the first time. Last year, we worked to build upon that groundwork and refresh each and every element from the choreography to the costumes, props and more. This year, we continue to develop our vision, re-imagining the entire production under a completely new and uniquely 2020 set of guidelines. We hope that the care, passion and artistry that has gone into this production comes through to delight our audience.

Thank you for watching this year's presentation of The Nutcracker and for supporting Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory. We look forward to 2021 and hope to see you at our spring performance!



ABOUT

PENNSYLVANIA BALLET CONSERVATORY



Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory is a classical ballet school located in Peters Township. Founded in August 2018, our mission is to develop and inspire healthy dancers in a positive and inclusive environment, while providing professional ballet instruction and instilling an appreciation for and a lifelong love of dance.

We have classes for ages 3 and up, including adult classes. An early dismissal program is available to our high school students; created to train those who wish to pursue a career in dance, either in a professional company or college.

Instruction primarily focuses on classical ballet, but to help round out dancers' skills, students also learn contemporary, jazz, flamenco and character.

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ABOUT

THE NUTCRACKER



The Nutcracker ballet is based on the story “*The Nutcracker and the King of Mice*” written by E.T.A. Hoffman in 1816 and revised by Alexandre Dumas in 1844. It is set to the music of composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and originally choreographed by Marius Petipa.

The Nutcracker premiered in Saint Petersburg at the Marinsky Theater in December 1892. Its first United States performance was in 1944 by the San Francisco Ballet. The ballet did not achieve popularity in the United States until The New York City Ballet first performed George Balanchine’s version of The Nutcracker in 1954. Its popularity became even more widespread after a 1958 television airing of the ballet. The now beloved ballet has become a holiday tradition for many families across the globe for more than 60 years.



NUTCRACKER SYNOPSIS

ACT I



Scene I - The Party

It is Christmas Eve in the Stahlbaum house in the mid-1800's. The Stahlbaums are hosting their annual Christmas party, welcoming the arrival of their family and friends. The children, Clara and Fritz, are dancing and playing as they welcome their friends too.

The party grows festive with music and dancing. Presents are given out to the children. Suddenly, a mysterious figure enters the room. It is Herr Drosselmeyer, Clara's godfather. He is also a talented toymaker and is always full of surprises. He has brought gifts for the children, including several lifelike dolls. They are the delight of the party, each taking a turn to dance.

Drosselmeyer presents Clara with a wooden Nutcracker toy carved in the shape of a soldier. Clara loves the Nutcracker, but Fritz is jealous. He snatches the Nutcracker from Clara and breaks it. Clara is heartbroken. She looks on as Drosselmeyer quickly repairs the Nutcracker with a handkerchief he magically draws from the air. After the party

has ended, Clara puts the Nutcracker to bed under the Christmas tree.



Scene II - The Battle Scene

During the night, after everyone else has gone to bed, Clara returns to the parlor to check on her beloved Nutcracker. Then, as the clock strikes midnight, strange things begin to happen. Drosselmeyer returns, and to Clara's astonishment, he magically makes the Christmas tree grow high above her and brings the Nutcracker to life.

The toy soldiers come alive while the room fills with an army of mice, led by the fierce Mouse King and Rat Queen. The Nutcracker leads his army of toy soldiers into battle against the mice. After the Nutcracker has fallen and all hope seems lost, Clara throws her slipper at the Rat Queen and the Nutcracker then kills her. Drosselmeyer reappears and transforms the Nutcracker into a handsome young prince. The Prince invites Clara to journey with him to his home — the Land of Sweets.



Scene III - The Enchanted Forest

On their journey to The Land of Sweets, Clara and the Prince travel through the Land of Snow, an enchanted forest wonderland where they are welcomed by beautiful, dancing snowflakes.



INTERMISSION



ACT II



The Land of the Sweets

Clara and the Prince soon reach the Land of Sweets, where they are greeted by Angels. Once they reach the Prince's palace, they meet the beautiful Queen of Sweets. The Prince recounts for her how he had been saved from the Mouse King by Clara and transformed back into himself.

In honor of the young heroes, Clara is presented with a crown and the Prince with a red handkerchief. A celebration of sweets from around the world is called upon to entertain Clara: chocolate from Spain, coffee from Arabia, tea from China, and candy canes and dolls from Russia all dance for their amusement; Marzipan and tiny Gumdrops also dance; and a string of beautiful flowers perform a waltz. To conclude the night, the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier perform a Grand Pas de Deux that is lighter than air.

As the time arrives for Clara to leave, all of the dancers bid her farewell. Clara leaves the palace and awakens in her home. Clara realizes that the dream was not completely unreal when she notices the crown on her head and the red handkerchief around the Nutcracker's neck.



CAST

ACT I - PARTY SCENE

	<i>Dec. 5, 1pm</i>	<i>Dec. 6, 1pm</i>
Clara	Wellesley Miracle	Sydney Pensock
Fritz	Diego Martinez	Diego Martinez
Prince	William Damon	William Damon
President	David Martinez	David Martinez
Mrs. Stahlbaum	Alexa Pierce	Alexa Pierce
Drosselmeyer	Hansel M. Correa	Hansel M. Correa
Nieces	Sophia Cerminara	Sophia Cerminara
	Grae Chalovich	Grae Chalovich
	Elliette Helms	Elliette Helms
	Murphy Henninger	Murphy Henninger
	Ellie Thomas	Ellie Thomas
	Aubrie Eismont	Aubrie Eismont
Maids	Juliette Churchill	Juliette Churchill
	Mariah Strnisha	Mariah Strnisha
	Keri Radonovich	Keri Radonovich



CAST

ACT I - PARTY SCENE

	<i>Dec. 5, 1pm.</i>	<i>Dec. 6, 1pm</i>
<i>Adult Ladies</i>	Brooke McCarthy Ava Rieger Anna Young Caden Stover Abby Thomas Sophia Belusko	Brooke McCarthy Ava Rieger Mia Semieraro Caden Stover Abby Thomas Sophia Belusko
<i>Muller Family</i>	Addison Ward Elizabeth Keller Madison Norton Makayla Bradley Leizel Smith	Addison Ward Elizabeth Keller Madison Norton Makayla Bradley Leizel Smith
<i>Weber Family</i>	Ayaka Hayashi Charlotte Gagatko Emma Ferguson Sophia Berzansky	Ayaka Hayashi Charlotte Gagatko Emma Ferguson Sophia Berzansky



CAST

ACT I - PARTY SCENE

	<i>Dec. 5, 1pm.</i>	<i>Dec. 6, 1pm</i>
<i>Little Dolls</i>	Kassidy Ray Brye Chalovich Everly Helms Sydney Heinen Taylor Lasser Tessa Salsi	Kassidy Ray Brye Chalovich Everly Helms Sydney Heinen Taylor Lasser Tessa Salsi
<i>Columbine Doll</i>	Hannah Damon	Molly Henninger
<i>Flower Doll</i>	Addison Shoub	Emma Sias
<i>Soldierette Dolls</i>	Adien Carmichael Adelina Belusko	Emma Bell Kaitlin Natili



CAST

ACT I - BATTLE SCENE

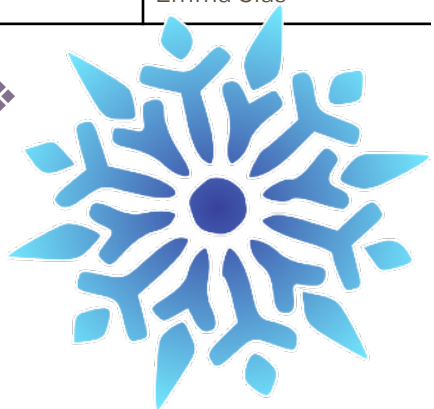
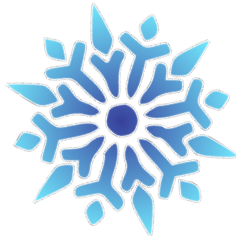
	<i>Dec. 5, 1pm.</i>	<i>Dec. 6, 1pm</i>
<i>Mouse King</i>	Juliette Churchill	Hannah Damon
<i>Rat Queen</i>	Mia Semieraro	Anna Young
<i>Big Mice</i>	Addison Wolstoncroft	Addison Wolstoncroft
	Grace Mychalishyn	Grace Mychalishyn
	Ysabelle Smith	Ysabelle Smith
	Willa Kirk	Willa Kirk
<i>Baby Mice</i>	Emelia Doerr	Emelia Doerr
	Lena Welsch	Lena Welsch
	Mia Winovich	Mia Winovich
	Caitlyn Seibert	Caitlyn Seibert
<i>Soldierettes</i>	Amelia Sias	Amelia Sias
	Breena Carmichael	Breena Carmichael
	Mia Salsi	Mia Salsi
<i>Soldiers</i>	Russell Damon	Russell Damon
	Marshall Damon	Marshall Damon
	Diego Martinez	Diego Martinez



CAST

ACT I - SNOW SCENE

	<i>Dec. 5, 1pm.</i>	<i>Dec. 6, 1pm</i>
<i>Snow Queen</i>	Anna Young	Ava Rieger
<i>Snow Cavalier</i>	David Martinez	David Martinez
<i>Snow Demis</i>	Caden Stover Ava Rieger	Sophia Belusko Mia Semieraro
<i>Snowflakes</i>	Emma Bell Adelina Belusko Adien Carmichael Molly Henninger Kaitlin Natili Sydney Pensock Addison Shoub Emma Sias	Emma Bell Adelina Belusko Adien Carmichael Molly Henninger Kaitlin Natili Wellesley Miracle Addison Shoub Emma Sias



CAST

ACT II - LAND OF SWEETS

	<i>Dec. 5, 1pm.</i>	<i>Dec. 6, 1pm</i>
<i>Angel Lead</i>	Kaitlin Natili	Adelina Belusko
<i>Angel Demis</i>	Amelia Sias Mia Salsi	Amelia Sias Mia Salsi
<i>Angels</i>	Addison Wolstoncroft Grace Mychalishyn Ysabelle Smith Willa Kirk Breena Carmichael	Addison Wolstoncroft Grace Mychalishyn Ysabelle Smith Willa Kirk Breena Carmichael
<i>Queen of Sweets</i>	Alexa Pierce	Mia Semieraro
<i>Spanish Lead</i>	Caden Stover	Anna Young
<i>Spanish Corp</i>	Juliette Churchill Molly Henninger Keri Radonovich Addison Shoub	Juliette Churchill Molly Henninger Keri Radonovich Addison Shoub



CAST

ACT II - LAND OF SWEETS

	<i>Dec. 5, 1pm.</i>	<i>Dec. 6, 1pm</i>
<i>Arabian Lead</i>	Ava Rieger	Sophia Belusko
<i>Arabian Male</i>	David Martinez	David Martinez
<i>Chinese Leads</i>	Molly Henninger	Emma Bell
	Sydney Pensock	Wellesley Miracle
<i>Chinese Corp</i>	Addison Ward	Addison Ward
	Elizabeth Keller	Elizabeth Keller
	Madison Norton	Madison Norton
	Makayla Bradley	Makayla Bradley
	Leizel Smith	Leizel Smith



CAST

ACT II - LAND OF SWEETS

	<i>Dec. 5, 1pm.</i>	<i>Dec. 6, 1pm</i>
<i>Russian Lead</i>	Addison Shoub	Abby Thomas
<i>Russian Demis</i>	Keri Radonovich Juliette Churchill	Mariah Strnisha Hannah Damon
<i>Russian Corp</i>	Ayaka Hayashi Charlotte Gagatko Emma Ferguson Aubrie Eismont Hannah Damon Sophia Berzansky	Ayaka Hayashi Charlotte Gagatko Emma Ferguson Aubrie Eismont Juliette Churchill Sophia Berzansky



CAST

ACT II - LAND OF SWEETS

	<i>Dec. 5, 1pm.</i>	<i>Dec. 6, 1pm</i>
<i>Candy Cane Lead</i>	Emma Sias	Adien Carmichael
<i>Candy Canes</i>	Sophia Cerminara Grae Chalovich Elliette Helms Murphy Henninger Molly Henninger Ellie Thomas	Sophia Cerminara Grae Chalovich Elliette Helms Murphy Henninger Molly Henninger Ellie Thomas
<i>Mini Candy Canes</i>	Kassidy Ray Greta Lasky Brye Chalovich Everly Helms Sydney Heinen Taylor Lasser Tessa Salsi	Kassidy Ray Greta Lasky Brye Chalovich Everly Helms Sydney Heinen Taylor Lasser Tessa Salsi



CAST

ACT II - LAND OF SWEETS

	<i>Dec. 5, 1pm.</i>	<i>Dec. 6, 1pm</i>
<i>Polichinelle Lead</i>	Mariah Strnisha	Mariah Strnisha
<i>Polichinelle Corp</i>	Ayaka Hayashi Charlotte Gagatko Emma Ferguson Aubrie Eismont Hannah Damon Sophia Berzansky	Ayaka Hayashi Charlotte Gagatko Emma Ferguson Aubrie Eismont Hannah Damon Sophia Berzansky
<i>Gum Drops</i>	Emelia Doerr Lena Welsch Mia Winovich Caitlyn Seibert	Emelia Doerr Lena Welsch Mia Winovich Caitlyn Seibert



CAST

ACT II - LAND OF SWEETS

	<i>Dec. 5, 1pm.</i>	<i>Dec. 6, 1pm</i>
<i>Marzipan Lead</i>	Sophia Belusko	Caden Stover
<i>Marzipan Corp</i>	Emma Bell	Emma Bell
	Adelina Belusko	Adelina Belusko
	Adien Carmichael	Adien Carmichael
	Kaitlin Natili	Kaitlin Natili
<i>Sugar Plum Fairy</i>	Brooke McCarthy	Alexa Pierce



CAST

ACT II - WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS

	<i>Dec. 5, 1pm.</i>	<i>Dec. 6, 1pm</i>
<i>Dew Drop</i>	Mia Semieraro	Brooke McCarthy
<i>Waltz Demis</i>	Anna Young Sophia Belusko	Ava Rieger Caden Stover
<i>Waltz</i>	Juliette Churchill Hannah Damon Kaitlin Natili Sydney Pensock Keri Radonovich Adien Carmichael Mariah Strnisha Abby Thomas	Juliette Churchill Hannah Damon Adelina Belusko Wellesley Miracle Molly Henninger Addison Shoub Emma Bell Abby Thomas
<i>Rose</i>	Emma Sias	Emma Sias
<i>Rosebuds</i>	Sophia Cerminara Grae Chalovich Elliette Helms Murphy Henninger Ellie Thomas Aubrie Eismont	Sophia Cerminara Grae Chalovich Elliette Helms Murphy Henninger Ellie Thomas Aubrie Eismont

Waltz of the Flowers



CAST

ACT II - GRAND PAS DE DEUX

	<i>Dec. 5, 1pm.</i>	<i>Dec. 6, 1pm</i>
<i>Sugar Plum Fairy</i>	Brooke McCarthy	Alexa Pierce
<i>Cavalier</i>	David Martinez	David Martinez



THANK YOU



2020 has been a year like no other in our collective experience. We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have performed The Nutcracker for you this year. We wish to thank The Palace Theatre for working with us to provide a phenomenal world stage. We also wish to extend our most sincerest of thanks to all the families who have entrusted us with the health and safety of their young dancers. This production would have simply been impossible without your support. Finally, we are deeply thankful for all of our patrons who have embraced the era of digital streaming. Thank you for making us a part of your holiday experience. We are hopeful for what the future holds and we very much look forward to sharing this wonderful holiday classic with you for years to come.