

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 &
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
AT 6:30PM

Ballet Caliente's
THE NUTCRACKER
DECEMBER 2024

DODGE PERFORMING
ARTS CENTER

*St. Mary's College
of Maryland*



**Dodge Performing Arts Center
at St. Mary's College of Maryland**

Ballet Caliente Presents
THE NUTCRACKER
Music - Pyotr Tchaikovsky

ACT I

The Party

It is Christmas Eve! Mrs. Stalbaum, and her children, Clara and Fritz, welcome their guests to a party. To everyone's delight, Clara's Godmother Drosselmeyer and her apprentice, present life-size dolls as gifts for all the children. Later, Drosselmeyer bestows Clara with a beautiful Nutcracker that delights everyone. Precocious Fritz grabs the Nutcracker and promptly breaks it. Clara is of course heartbroken; however, Drosselmeyer magically repairs the Nutcracker and the dancing resumes. As the evening grows late, guests depart and the family retires for the evening. With all the excitement, Clara inadvertently leaves her Nutcracker under the Christmas tree.

The Dream

Clara creeps downstairs to retrieve her Nutcracker, then falls asleep with him in a chair. As the clock strikes midnight, strange things begin to happen. The room fills with an army of mice, led by the fierce Rat Queen. The Nutcracker and toy soldiers grow to life-size and draw the rats into battle. They do their best to defend the household from the evil Rat Queen.

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ACT II

The Land of Sweets

Quickly, the word spreads that visiting royalty has entered the Candy Kingdom. Queen of the Land, the Sugar Plum Fairy dances for her guests and invites them to enjoy a candy cane feast. Later, all the inhabitants entertain Clara and the Prince with dancing.

Apotheosis

In the early morning, Clara awakens and is by herself in a chair by the Christmas tree with her beloved nutcracker. We are left to wonder... was it a dream or was it Christmas magic

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| WAS IT CHRISTMAS
MAGIC? |

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ACT I

Clara

Grace Snyder or Aspen Ellerbe

Fritz

Emily Rudd or Alex Thompson

Mother

Lillian Darrow

Father

Kate Kelly

Godmother Drosselmeyer

Sarah Humphreys or Abigail Ching

Drosselmeyer's Apprentice

Cole Cooper

*guest dancer from Gracie's Guys and Gals
Dance Studio*

Aunts

Koleyne Fiske, Lauren Vandergrift,
Michelle Liston, Kristen Gyorgy, Jennah
Watters

Grandfather

Kenzie Havens

Grandmother

Azalea Smith

Maid

Angela L'Heureux

Party Girls

Mattie Farmer, Amelia Fowler, Addy Jones,
Maddie Noe, Mackenzie Harris

Party Boys

Vivian Carey, Ella Hamm, Isabella Hampton, Keelin Miller, Alex Thompson or Emily Rudd

Morris Dancers

Paige Bankston, Emma Darrow, Molly Filippini, Kaitlyn Porter, Mia Rogers, Antonia Ruminski, Madeleine Smith, Aria Walsh, Chelsea Willis

Military Puppets

Katie Johnson or Rebecca Heasley

Ballerina Doll

Delanie Whitlock

Harlequinade

Tessa Gift, Rebecca Heasley or Katie Johnson, Kate Kelly, Madison Urich

Christmas Fairy

Lauren Vandergrift or Koleyne Fiske

Little Mice

Brooke Bradburn, Sophia Mason, Eleanor Burch, Margaux Dobson, Leia Faull, Hazel Holbert, Calla Jones, Nina Kelly, Coralie Obenski

Christmas Tree Ornaments

Margaret Brindza, Isabel Duncan, Grace Dyckman, Mary Ann Florip, Amelia Haslem, Lola Kennan, Emma McKamey, Marie Mousseau, Victoria Walter

Queen Rat

Kenzie Havens or Sarah Humphreys

Rat Army

Lillian Darrow, Koleyne Fiske,
Tessa Gift, Kate Kelly, Madison Urich,
Lauren Vandergrift

Soldiers

Aspen Ellerbe or Grace Snyder, Abigail
Ching or Sarah Humphreys, Rebecca
Heasley, Katie Johnson, Michelle Liston,
Delanie Whitlock

Nutcracker

Abigail Ching or Kenzie Havens

Snow Queen

Katie Johnson or Michelle Liston

Snowflakes

Genevieve Baum, Margot Boonchaisri,
Amelia Ching, Elliana Cox, Love Estelus,
Alexandra Gill, Lillianna Griggs, Stella
Isleib, Bryn Jones, Eva Katzenberger,
Ava Kirschke, Aliana Long, Rosalyn
Marschall, Mia Olekson, Delaney Ray,
Riley Rea, Anna Russell, Frances Salamon,
Christina Sullivan, Elin Swavely, Olivia
Vasquez, Evelyn Velazquez

Snow

Abigail Ching, Lillian Darrow, Aspen
Ellerbe or Grace Snyder, Kolyene Fiske,
Tessa Gift, Kenzie Havens, Rebecca
Heasley, Sarah Humphreys, Kate Kelly,
Michelle Liston or Katie Johnson, Madison
Urich, Lauren Vandergrift, Delanie
Whitlock

ACT II

Angels

Adaline Allen, Gilbert Brindza, Rowan Dunaway, Valentina Juarez, Rosie Leyba, Adelaide Sorroche, Shiro Montells, Evelyn Olszewski, Coraline DeFelice, Elani Calhoun, Elouise Ludwig

Sugar Plum Fairy

Michelle Liston or Katie Johnson

Candy Canes

Brooke Bradburn, Adelaide Faidley, Elise Frost, Skylar Gillette, Greta Isom, Jazmyn Johnson, Victoria Leonard, Sophia Mason, Evelyn Reffett, Lauren Velez, Emma Wich, Alexandra Wrightson

Peppermint Fairy

Delanie Whitlock or Rebecca Heasley

Chocolate

Lillian Darrow, Aspen Ellerbe or Grace Snyder, Koleyne Fiske, Lauren Vandergrift
soloist: Katie Johnson or Michelle Liston

Tea

Vivian Carey, Evelyn Ching, Mattie Farmer, Amelia Fowler, Addy Jones, Maddie Noe

Dragon

Paige Bankston, Madeleine Smith, Aria Walsh

Mirlitons

Abigail Ching, Kenzie Havens, Rebecca Heasley

Wolf

Sarah Humphreys

Little Lambs

Kacie Annen, Wren Blosser, Madden Errington, Zoe Faulkner, Reese Fraley, Cecilia Mancinelli, Aya Witt, Tayleigh Costa, Natalie Hattery, Ellena Olea, Alaina Wrightson

Coffee

Aspen Ellerbe or Grace Snyder

Russian Folk

Lillian Darrow, Kenzie Havens, Sarah Humphreys, Alex Thompson, Madison Urich

Mother Ginger

Mia Rogers

Baker

Molly Filippini

Polichinelles

Girls: Evelyn Ching, Mackenzie Harris, Emily Rudd, Chelsea Willis

Boys: Ella Hamm, Isabella Hampton, Keelin Miller, Antonia Ruminski

Dew Drop Fairy

Rebecca Heasley or Delanie Whitlock

Waltz of the Flowers

Abigail Ching, Aspen Ellerbe or Rebecca Heasley, Tessa Gift, Koleyne Fiske, Kate Kelly, Lauren Vandergrift, Vivian Carey, Mattie Farmer, Amelia Fowler, Ella Hamm Addy Jones, Maddie Noe
soloists: Katie Johnson or Michelle Liston and Delanie Whitlock or Grace Snyder

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to all of my incredible instructors, who have been with me for years, and gracefully guided countless students toward their dreams. Thank you to our dance captains and seniors, who have grown into wonderful leaders, dancers and young women. Finally, thank you to all of our hardworking, selfless volunteers, who sew, glue, gather and dream with us year after year. Your continued support means everything.

*Dancingly,
Sheryl-Marie Dunaway*

*Praise the Lord with Tambourine and Dancing...
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
- Psalms 150*