

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

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*Ballet Caliente's*  
**THE NUTCRACKER**  
DECEMBER 2024

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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. Stahlbaum, 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. Clara is fearful but wants to help and throws her slipper at the Rat Queen, intervening at just the right time.

***The Land of Snow***

Magically, the Nutcracker turns into a Prince and leads Clara on a journey through an enchanted forest where they are welcomed by dancing snowflakes.

**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 sits 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?

## Act I Cast

### **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 Cast***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, Kolyene 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

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*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*

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