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AT THE HISTORIC SMOOT THEATER

THIRD
ANNUAL

Nutcracker Dreams



Music by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Choreography by Morgan Parsons

7:00pm December 13th, 2025

Synopsis

It is Christmas Eve at the Stahlbaum House and the family is preparing for their annual Christmas party. The children, Clara and Fritz, dance and play as they welcome their friends. The party grows festive with music and dance as their Uncle Drosselmeyer arrives. He is a skilled toy maker and always full of surprises. Drosselmeyer draws everyone's attention as he presents life-size dolls that dance throughout the party. As the children begin to open their gifts from him, Drosselmeyer gives Clara a beautiful nutcracker. Fritz becomes jealous and grabs the nutcracker from Clara and breaks it.

Clara is heartbroken, but Drosselmeyer quickly repairs the nutcracker with a handkerchief. As the evening grows late, the friends depart and Clara, worried about her beloved nutcracker, falls asleep with it in her arms.

As the clock strikes midnight, the room fills with hungry mice, led by the fierce Mouse King. The Mouse King insists that Clara pledge allegiance to him, and when Clara refuses, orders his mice to attack her. The Nutcracker comes to life and leads his army of toy soldiers into battle with the mice. The Nutcracker and his army are overpowered and are captured by the mice. The Mouse King corners the Nutcracker and battles him one-on-one. The Nutcracker seems to be no match for the Mouse King. Clara makes a daring charge and throws her slipper at the Mouse King, hitting him square on the head. This distraction allows the Nutcracker his chance to defeat the Mouse King once and for all.

Drosselmeyer finds Clara safe and sound, but then both notice the Nutcracker motionless after the battle. Clara rushes to her Nutcracker's side and Drosselmeyer heals the Nutcracker with his powerful magic. The Nutcracker escorts Clara to the Land of Snow where they are greeted by the Sugar Plum Fairy. She thanks the Nutcracker and Clara for their bravery and defeating the Mouse King and his army of mice. She rewards them with a celebration of dancing snowflakes.

Clara awakens from her dream and finds herself by her Christmas tree with her beloved Nutcracker. She notices that her once broken Nutcracker has been restored to its original condition.

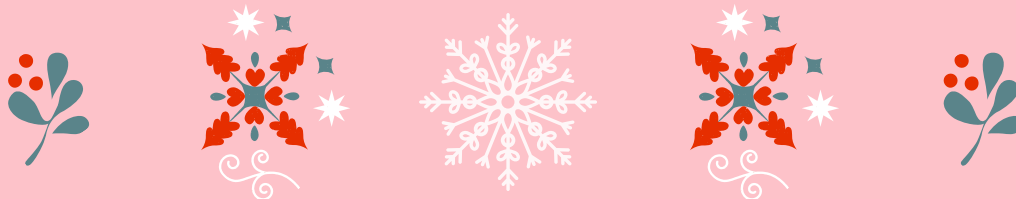
Was it all just a dream?

Cast

In Order of Appearance:

Clara	Ellie Wootton
Fritz	Evie Canterbury
Friends	Elyse Dowler, Zoey Hardman, Leighton Hescht, Callin Hudson, Audrey Leverett, Adeline Lewis, Peyton Mace, Brynn McClung, Olivia Nguyen, Ellie Roush, Arwyn Smith Evelyn Uhl, Harper Welch, Brielle Wilson
Drosselmeyer	Bob Heflin
Dew Drop	Paisley Alston
Waltz of Flowers	Maisy Booth, Madison Casto, Hannah Davis, Ava Flinn, Eliana Higgins, Ashlyn Life, Bayah Marlow, Clara Smith, Christina Wandling
Spanish	Averie Whitacre*
Bo Peep	Adriana Howard*
Sheep	Analeigh Givens, Sloane Patterson, Charlotte Theys, Emery Wingrove
Arabian	Madison Casto, Eliana Higgins, Brielle Winterstine
Chinese	Madison Lowers - Lead Maisy Booth, Bayah Marlow
Russian	Hannah Davis, Clara Smith
Soldiers	Lydia Doss, Madalynn Eaddy, Addison Gaston, Mia Higgins, Sarah Lantz, Vivian McGirr, Izabella Pogorelski, Jules Rodet, Madeline Seckman, Beretta Spurrier, Lilly Taylor, Hailey Thompson
Nutcracker	Declan Casey
Mice	Payton Cross, Analeigh Givens, Amelia Noland, Sloane Patterson, Ryleigh Shears, Magnolia Spurrier, Charlotte Theys, Madeline Wagner, Adilynn Watkins, Emery Wingrove
Mouse King	Madison Lowers
Angels	Charleigh Anderson, Sophia Curry, Adeline Daniell, Alexia Doss Tameron Hahn, Faye Hushion, Reagan Landers, Paisley Pendley, Emma Rutherford, Emma Santer, Brynlee Schramm
Sugar Plum Fairy	Averi Brannon
<i>Choreography</i>	George Balanchine
Snow	Paisley Alston, Eliana Higgins, Adriana Howard*, Madison Lowers, Bayah Marlow, Mia Snyder, Averie Whitacre*, Brielle Winterstine
<i>Choreography</i>	Duncan Noble

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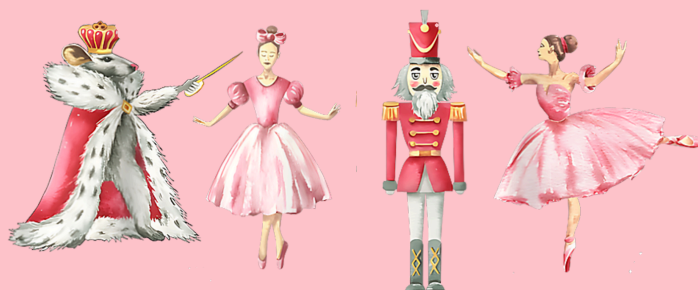
DeeAnn Florence

Callie Yoak

Jessica Marlow

Kristen Dowler

Audriana Smith



Note from the Director:

Thank you for supporting our production, studio, and most of all, our dancers! Time is the most precious resource and I am truly grateful that you choose to spend your time dancing at PACE.

We have been blessed this year with just over 60 dancers performing in our production this evening. This makes Nutcracker Dreams one of the largest youth productions in the MOV! As we continue to grow, so must our ideas!

I am already thinking of ways to accommodate our student's passion for performing next year so each dancer has their moment to shine on stage!

Thank you again for your continued support and investment for ballet in our community! Your commitment to getting your dancers to their weekly classes and rehearsals is how the magic truly happens!

See you next year!

- Ms. Morgan