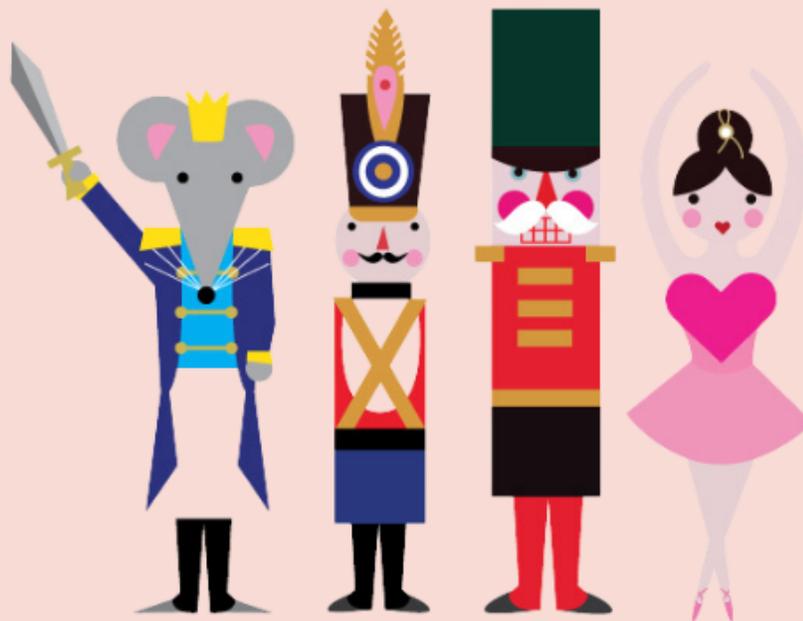




FIRST ANNUAL NUTCRACKER DREAMS



PACE



Sunday, December 10th 2023



Music by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Choreography by Morgan Parsons



Synopsis

It is Christmas Eve at the Stahlbaum House and the Stalbaums are hosting their annual Christmas party. The children, Clara and Fritz, are dancing and playing 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 which dance throughout the party. The children begin to open gifts from him when Drosselmeyer presents a beautiful Nutcracker to Clara. 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 on Clara pledging allegiance to him, and when Clara refuses, orders his mice to attack her. The Nutcracker awakens, 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 final 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. Was it all really just a dream?

Cast

In Order of Appearance:

- Clara** Paisley Alston
- Fritz** Averì Brannon
- Friends** Hannah Davis,
Alexia Fritz, Sarah Lantz, Bayah Marlow, Izabella Pogorelski,
Madeline Seckman, Clara Smith, Leighton Walker
- Drosselmeyer** Bob Heflin
- Spanish** Madison Lowers, Eleanor Van Hook
- Arabian** Shae Dellinger, Ameara
Mohwish, Averie Whitacre
- Chinese** Adriana Howard, Kaity
Ross, Sophie Yoke
- Russian** Averì Branon, Ellie Wootton
- Bo Peep** Brionna Roux
- Sheep**..... Olivia Nguyễn, Hailey
Thompson, Christina Wandling
- Soldiers** Sydney Brothers, Hadley
Edwards, Eliana Higgins, Paisley Metz, Sophie Smith, Mia
Snyder, Brielle Winterstine
- Nutcracker**..... Ellie Nedeff
- Mice** Bethany
Chaves, Lydia Doss, Elyse Dowler, Addison Gaston, Lilyanna
Harper, Leighton Hescht, Adeline Lewis, Olivia Nguyen, Cambria
Ott, Ellie Roush, Arwyn Smith, Lilly Taylor, Hailey Thompson,
Christina Wandling, Berkley Wilkinson, Brielle Wilson

Mouse King Alexis Atkins

Angels Sophia Curry, Atarah Hardbarger,
Gemma Martin, Brooke Meadows, Amelia Mugrage,
Sloan Patterson, Evelyn Uhl, Adilynn Watkins

Sugar Plum Fairy Iris Greenwalt
ChoreographyGeorge Balanchine

Snow Alexis Atkins, Averi Branon,
Shae Dellinger, Adrianna Howard, Madison Lowers,
Ameara Mohwish, Brionna Roux, Eleanor Van Hook,
Ellie Wootton, Sophie Yoke
Choreography..... Duncan Noble

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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. I am beyond proud of each of your dancers. They have taken on this challenge with me and were an absolute joy to work with every step of the way!

This production has been a vision of mine for many years and I am thrilled to finally see it come to life! I look forward to watching it and your dancers continue to grow each year.

Congratulations to all of our dancers! We did it!
Lots of love,
- Ms. Morgan