



THE NUTCRACKER

December 8, 2023 7pm Holiday Cheer
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The Nutcracker Production Staff

Choreography	Kathleen Burnett after Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov
Staged by	Kathleen Burnett, Tracie Phillips, KD Reilly-Lewis
Music	Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Scenic Designer	Antoinette De Paiva
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THE STORY OF THE NUTCRACKER

Act One

Scene 1 The story unfolds with a Christmas party at the Stahlbaum's home. The guests arrive, they dance, play, and open gifts. The excitement begins with the arrival of Drosselmeyer, the godfather of Clara, who presents toys and mechanical dolls. He gives Clara a Nutcracker. Her spiteful brother Fritz breaks it, but Drosselmeyer mends it at once. The party ends and Clara falls asleep with her toy Nutcracker.

Scene 2 As the clock strikes midnight, the Christmas tree grows larger along with the Nutcracker, toy soldiers and an army of mice. The Nutcracker and his soldiers battle to rescue the Snow King and Queen and defend Clara against the mice and their Mouse King. Grateful for the rescue, the Snow King and Queen turn the Nutcracker into a handsome prince who takes Clara on a magical journey.

Scene 3 Clara and her Nutcracker Prince travel through the Land of Snow where they dance among the snowflakes. The Snow King and Queen guide them to the Land of Sweets.

20 Minute Intermission

Act Two

The Sugar Plum Fairy welcomes Clara and the Nutcracker Prince and dances are performed in their honor. For the grand finale, the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier dance a pas de deux. As their dance concludes, so does Clara's adventure and she awakens.

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The Cast of The Nutcracker

~ Act One ~

Clara	Alexis McGaughey
Fritz	Nigel Bruce
Mr. Stahlbaum	Marq Pendley
Mrs. Stahlbaum	Amy Manley
Auntie	Andi O'Connor
Drosselmeyer	John Brian Gaylord
Party Guests	Emanuel Compito, Isabella Compito, Antoinette De Paiva, Kimberly Di Domizio, Jerry Figueroa, Myla Fisher, Ahjai Foster, Logan Gocke, Savannah Gocke, Myca Hertz, Dylan Jones, Scarlett Lewis, Ray Pica, Aidan Rucker, Kayla Sweany, LaDonna Wille
Governess	Veronica Alvine
Maids	Nyomi Bower, Elizabeth Clark
Ballerina Doll	KD Reilly-Lewis
Soldier Doll	Andrew Hunt
Owls	<i>Fri 7pm, Sat 7pm</i> ~ Calissa Casuncad, Eowyn Gue, Emma Guzman <i>Sat 2pm, Sun 2pm</i> ~ Emma Guzman, Savannah Hinckley, Annabelle Miller
Nutcracker	Elijah Coomes
Lt. Soldier	Norah Garrick
Soldiers	Rebecca Acevedo, Brielle Alexander, Finley Andersen, Imogen Gue, Victoria Navarro, Violet Quintanilla, Eleanore Rasmussen, Ariana Viera
Mouse King	MaKenna Hertz
Lt. Mouse	Avery Santiago
Mice	Maylea Bruce, Madelyn Demedio, Kinsleigh Harper, Kristen Jones, Ellie Martin, Clara Panossian, Kylee Weil <i>Fri 7pm, Sat 7pm</i> ~ Griffin Gue <i>Sat 2pm, Sun 2pm</i> ~ Josselyn Protting
Snow Queen	Hayley Bieganski
Snow King	Myca Hertz
Snow Demi Soloists	Violet Pinedo, KD Reilly-Lewis
Snowflakes	Makenna Betzer, Abigail Boudreau, Nyomi Bower, Elizabeth Clark, Annalise Essers, Alyssa Gridler, Gabrielle Hooper, Riley Jones, Payton Kimmel, Emmalina Jackson, Alexandra Lopez-Salazar, Rebekah Manley, Mataina Punefu, Amara Rhone, Amber Stewart, Judith Thorne
Horses	Abigail Alvine, Zennia Anguiano, Ava Banuelos, Lilly Galvan, Sofia Gomez-Herrerra, Raileigh Kirk

The Cast of The Nutcracker

~ Act Two ~

Dew Drop Fairy	Nyomi Bower
Dew Drop Cavalier	Myca Hertz
Flowers	Makenna Betzer, Hayley Bieganski, Annalise Essers, Alyssa Gridler, Gabrielle Hooper, Emmalina Jackson, Payton Kimmel, Elizabeth Manley, Ellie Martin, Maitaina Punefu, Amara Rhone, Kylee Weil
Toffee	Xymena Acevedo, Neveah Banuelos, Olivia Daugherty, Hailey Franquez, Bridget Lundquist, Sophia Murrieta, Heidi Viera, Savannah White
Spanish Chocolate	Alexandra Lopez-Salazar, Violet Pinedo, KD Reilly-Lewis
Arabian Coffee Couple	Ray Pica, Clover Stepro
Coffee Beans	<i>Fri 7pm, Sat 7pm</i> ~ Athena Banda, Cadence Johnson, Emmalyn Mason, Savannah Salazar, Calley Ann Valenzuela <i>Sat 2pm, Sun 2 pm</i> ~ Everly Acevedo, Juliette Appleton, Dahlia Banuelos, Charlotte Bouterbaugh
Tea	MaKenna Hertz
Dragon	Maylea Bruce, Isabelle Castro, Madelyn Demedio, Clara Panossian, Samantha Partida, Aurora Raffeo, Savannah Sherman
Russian Licorice	Griffin Gue, Judith Thorne, Riley Jones, Abigail Boudreau
Ribbon Candy Leads	Rebekah Manley, Amber Stewart
Ribbon Candy	Kylee Appleton, Sofie Capko, Rylee Guevara, Jodi Elefano, Morgan Di Domizio, Mackenzie Hernandez, Dior Patterson, Daylyn Ortiz-Hill, Marlaya Fisher, Riane Wille
Mother Ginger	Marq Pendley
Cookies	<i>Fri 7pm, Sat 7pm</i> ~ Robin Negrete Carranza, Abigail Cristerna, Charlie Farmer, Kaila Holliday, Keira Kaufmann, Madelyn McGee, Lorelai O'Connor, Cheyenne Salazar <i>Sat 2pm, Sun 2pm</i> ~ Kaylyna Acosta, Adalynn Appleton, Vivianna Cardenas, Jasmine Graham, Violetta Kaine, Avery Rivera, Sutton Vincent
Sugar Plum Fairy	Elizabeth Clark
Cavalier	Andrew Hunt



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Kathleen Burnett, Founding Artistic Director, holds a BA in dance from Point Park University and MFA in Ballet from the University of Oklahoma. She began dancing at the age of five, performing throughout the United States, as well as in France, Ecuador, Mexico, and Taiwan with several ballet companies including The Bristol Ballet, American Dance Ensemble, Playhouse Dance Theatre, the Pittsburgh Opera, and the Oklahoma Festival Ballet. Ms. Burnett has taught ballet and choreographed extensively across the United States. A former faculty member of the University of Oklahoma, Allegheny Community College, and Tremaine Dance Conventions, Ms. Burnett's choreographic accomplishments include full-length ballets such as *The Nutcracker*, *Romeo & Juliet*, *Peter Pan*, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, *Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Cinderella* and *Alice in Wonderland*. She has also successfully restaged the full-length classic ballets *Swan Lake*, *The Sleeping Beauty*, *Coppelia* and *Giselle*. Ms. Burnett currently teaches at Antelope Valley College and Dance Magic.



Tracie Phillips, Ballet Mistress, has been featured in many AVB productions such as a Friend in *Coppelia*, one of the Step Sisters in *Cinderella*, the White Rabbit in *Alice In Wonderland*, one of Prince Siegfried's sisters, a Little Swan and Spanish in *Swan Lake*, one of Giselle's friends in *Giselle*, the Songbird Fairy in *The Sleeping Beauty*, Spanish and Clara in *The Nutcracker*. Tracie teaches at Dance Magic.



KD Reilly-Lewis, Ballet Mistress and Principal Dancer, first appeared with AVB as a Cookie in our 2000 production of *The Nutcracker*. Since then audiences have enjoyed her performances as Swanhilda in *Coppelia*, the Fairy of the Golden Vine in *The Sleeping Beauty*, Hermia in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a Little Swan in *Swan Lake*, the Dew Drop Fairy in *The Nutcracker*, the Canary and Tinkerbell in *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, a Step Sister in *Cinderella*, and as Alice in *Alice in Wonderland*.

AV Ballet Guest Artists



John Brian Gaylord, Drosselmeyer, was our original Drosselmeyer in 1999 when AV Ballet premiered *The Nutcracker*. Antelope Valley Ballet audiences will remember John as the evil sorcerer Von Rothbart in *Swan Lake* and as Dr. Coppelius in *Coppelia*. He has appeared in many theatre and dance productions, including those for the San Diego Film Festival, Desert Opera Theatre, Cedar Street Theatre, Palmdale Repertory Theatre, and the AV College.

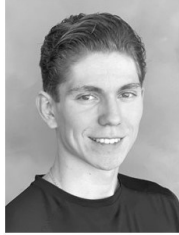


Marq Pendley, Mr. Stahlbaum and Mother Ginger, is perhaps best known to our audiences for his role of Mother Ginger in *The Nutcracker*. Marq has also danced with AV Ballet as the Tutor in *Swan Lake* and as the Mayor in *Coppelia*. Marq has been celebrated in many theatre productions here in the Lancaster Performing Arts Center.

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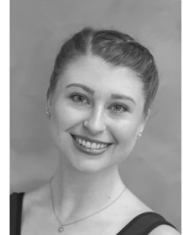
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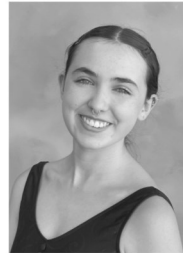
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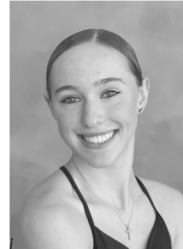
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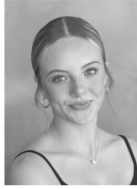
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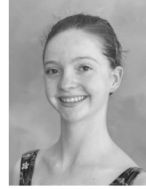
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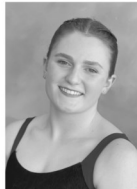
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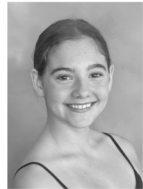
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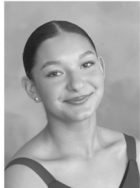
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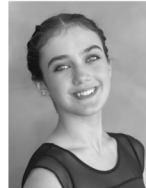
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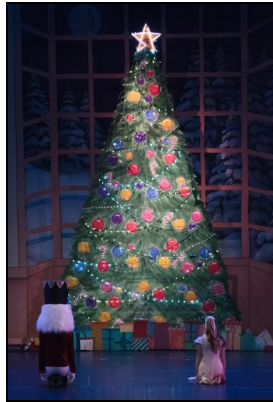
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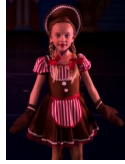
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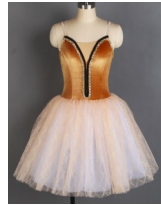
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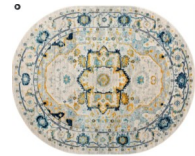
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