

THE DANCE ACADEMY OF LOUDOUN
AND LEESBURG CIVIC BALLET PRESENT



THE NUTCRACKER



BALLET



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The Story of the Nutcracker

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Snow was falling gently on the street as people were hurrying home, their arms filled with gaily wrapped boxes and paper parcels from toy stores, candy shops and bakeries. For it was Christmas Eve, and as twilight fell, the children waited in hushed expectation for the night to arrive.

Inside the home of Dr. Stahlbaum, Fritz and his older sister, Clara, had stationed themselves at the door waiting for the guests to arrive. As they arrived, excitement filled the house. Presents were under the tree, drinks were passed around, and people were dancing. Uncle Drosselmeir made his usual magical entrance. He was an awesome man in both his appearance and accomplishments. He was a lovely uncle to the children. Never did he visit without bringing Clara and Fritz delightful toys he had invented. This Christmas he brought a wind up soldier that marched and saluted, and dolls that moved their arms up and down. It was a remarkable display, but Clara preferred the little man made out of wood wearing a military uniform with brass buttons and trousers to match. Clara fell in love with the toy at first sight. The longer she studied him the more clearly she saw what a sweet nature he had. Fritz saw the ugly little doll and slammed it on the floor and cracked it. Clara snatched it from her brother and cradled it in her arms. Clara's mother said it was very late; that perhaps they had had too much Christmas and it was time for the party to end.

After their guests said goodnight and departed, Clara and her family went upstairs to bed. As soon as everyone was asleep, Clara went back down to the drawing room to examine the Nutcracker's wounds. Just then the grandfather clock started wheezing and whirling, signaling its preparation for striking the hour. Then started the most extraordinary squeaking and scampering and glittering of, no, not lights, but tiny eyes from scores of mice and rats as they squeezed themselves through the cracks in the baseboard. As Clara ran for cover, the King of Rats appeared and piped his commands to his army of rats. Drum beat and trumpets blared as the toys came to life. The soldiers tried to fight off the rats. Then out leapt the Nutcracker leading the soldiers to battle. Deafening sounds of rifles and artillery rang out. Clara watched in horror as the Nutcracker's small army was pushed back further by the rats. The end was not a pretty sight, with both the King of the Rats and the Nutcracker slain by each other's swords. Clara wept with sorrow, but Drosselmeir knew what to do and soon the Nutcracker was brought back to life to dance with Clara.

The snow was falling thickly now, but it was not in the least bit cold. The Nutcracker had led Clara through the pine forest of dancing snowflakes to a kingdom with towers of marzipan, gates of candy canes, and the most beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy to greet her. In the courtyard, Clara was greeted by dancers with gifts of Spanish Hot Chocolate, Arabian Coffee, Chinese Tea, Prussian Candy Canes, Trepak, Dutch Polichinelle, and Swiss Marzipan. The Sugar Plum Fairy led Clara to her throne to enjoy the lovely entertainment as they danced for her. Clara thought, "Everything and everyone is so lovable, wonderful and full of life. I wish I could stay forever." She knew; however, it must come to an end, so she waved goodbye to all her new friends to return home.

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December 2020 Cast 1

Act I

Party Scene

CLARA – Bailey Sadler

FRITZ – Spencer Rahim

DROSSELMEIR – Eric Sutton

CLARA'S FRIEND – Aubrey Hartman

PARTY GIRLS – Brianna Carey, Emilee Mansoor, Katelyn Marrone

PARTY GUESTS – Kaleigh Augustine, Amy Coppa, Kyra Lee, Nichole Mallette, Igor Sapotko

HARLEQUIN DOLL – Domina Mallette

COLUMBINE DOLL – Alaina Janet

Clara's Dream

RAT KING – Kyra Lee

THE PRINCE – Levi White

SNOW QUEEN – Brianna Horner

Snow Scene

LEAD SNOW – Angelina Coppa, Audrey Nitta

SNOW – Brianna Carey, Hadley Davis, Angela Dignan, Aubrey Hartman, Emilee Mansoor, Katelyn Marrone, Melissa Vantine

Intermission

Act II

Land Of Sweets

SPANISH HOT CHOCOLATE – Isabel Frigault, Alexis Leung, Katelyn Matteson

ARABIAN COFFEE – Hailey Goodwin, Enia Wilson

CHINESE TEA — Hadley Davis, Melissa Vantine

GUMDROPS – Sonia Arbab, Eleanor Goddard, Kyra Gordon, Nikka Mallette, Emma Moreno

FLOWER CORPS – Emma Bartels, Isabel Frigault, Olivia Gordon, Alexis Leung, Domina Mallette, Katelyn Matteson, Enia Wilson

LEAD FLOWERS – Angelina Coppa, Hailey Goodwin, Brianna Horner, Audrey Nitta, Erika Skulte

DEW DROP – Erin Thompson

MARZIPAN – Sophia Arbab, Alaina Janet, Spencer Rahim, Katie Tully, Katherine Waldman, Emma White

SUGAR PLUM FAIRY – Erika Skulte

Final Waltz – Finale



December 2020 Cast 2

Act I

Party Scene

CLARA – Emma Bartels

FRITZ – Spencer Rahim

DROSSELMEIR - Eric Sutton

CLARA'S FRIEND – Hayley Sutton

PARTY GIRLS – Emma Hale, Abigail McLellan, Allie Robertson

ADULT PARTY GUESTS – Robin Bartels, Elizabeth Boehnlein, Angel Chima-Orji, Kathy Sadler, Igor Sapotko

HARLEQUIN DOLL – Taylor Keys

COLUMBINE DOLL – Brayden Szuch-Gantick

Clara's Dream

RAT KING – Erin Thompson

THE PRINCE– Levi White

SNOW QUEEN – Sophia Steele

Snow Scene

LEAD SNOW – Kyra Lee, Melody Williamson

SNOW – Nicole Chima-Orji, Kiley Forlenza, Iryne Jackson, Nirali Kandarpa, Gretchen Mayo, Reagan Sutton, Brayden Szuch-Gantick, Simone Tidwell

Intermission

Act II

Land Of Sweets

ANGELS – Kayleigh Castleman, Lucy Fasenmyer, Sidney Keppler, Giuliana McKeon, Peyton Reckner, Bethany Sutton, Morgynn Szuch-Gantick

SPANISH HOT CHOCOLATE – Chloe Jackson, Abigail Taliaferro

ARABIAN COFFEE – Hailey Goodwin, Madison McKeon

CHINESE TEA – Kiley Forlenza, Reagan Sutton

GUMDROPS – Danielle Chima-Orji, Gianna Cucchi, Olivia Hale, Emma Millar, Katherine Smith

FLOWER CORPS – Elaina Crabtree, Chloe Jackson, Taylor Keys, Madison McKeon, Hayley Sutton, Abigail Taliaferro

LEAD FLOWERS – Emmaline Fontanilla, Kyra Lee, Bailey Sadler, Sophia Steele, Melody Williamson

DEW DROP – Bella Jackson

MARZIPAN – Sariah Elliott, Brooke Engle, Emma Hale, Abigail McLellan, Allie Robertson

SUGAR PLUM FAIRY – Emmaline Fontanilla

Final Waltz – Finale



LEADING PERFORMERS



Emma Bartels (Clara) is an eighth grader at Simpson Middle School. It's not the holidays without the DAL Nutcracker. This is her eighth year participating. She also competes at the Youth American Grand Prix. She thanks her teachers and wishes her dancer friends good luck and happy holidays!

Brianna Carey (Party Girl) has loved to perform since she was five years old. She is so excited to finally be back on stage with her first lead role in the Nutcracker. Thank you to her family, friends, and teachers for all their support.



Angelina Coppia (Lead Snow) has been dancing at DAL since she was four. She was very happy to get the role of Lead Snow this year. She hopes everyone enjoys the show and can't wait to dance in the Nutcracker this year with her friends.

Hadley Davis (Chinese Tea) is twelve years old and in the seventh grade. She is super excited for her first lead role as Chinese Tea. She would like to thank her mom for always being there for her. She wishes all the best to her fellow dancers.



Emmaline Fontanilla (Sugar Plum Fairy) is fifteen years old and currently a sophomore at Loudoun Valley High School. In past Nutcrackers she has been Tea, Clara's Friend, Spanish, Clara, and is so excited to perform the role of Sugar Plum this year. She is very grateful that she will be able to perform on stage and she wishes all her fellow castmates good luck.

Kiley Forlenza (Chinese Tea) goes to Simpson Middle School. She has been dancing since she was two years old. She loves going to her dance studio and learning new things. She is very excited to be dancing in her very first lead role.



Isabel (Izzy) Frigault (Spanish Hot Chocolate) is an eighth grader at Smarts Mill and in her tenth year of dance at DAL. Izzy looks forward to performing in the Nutcracker each year and is excited for her role as Spanish. Izzy will also be performing as a flower this year.

Hailey Goodwin (Arabian) is a ninth grader at Broad Run High School. Hailey is a member of DAL's Ballet Company and Competition team. Hailey will compete in the Youth American Grand Prix for the fourth time this year. She has attended summer intensives with The Washington School of Ballet and the Joffrey School of Ballet-NYC. She wishes her fellow dancers "Merde!"



LEADING PERFORMERS



Emma Hale (Party Girl) is in the eighth grade at St. Joseph School, and she loves to dance, read, and draw. She loves everything about dance from the amazing environment in the studio to telling a story on stage, but her favorite is the ability to express herself by dancing. She wishes the best of luck to everyone dancing in the Nutcracker, and can't wait to join everybody on stage!

Aubrey Hartman (Clara's Friend) is an eighth grader at Blue Ridge Middle School. She's so excited to perform as Clara's Friend in the Nutcracker this year. You'll also see Aubrey dancing as Snow. Good luck to all the dancers. She wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



Brianna Horner (Snow Queen) is eighteen years old and a senior at Briar Woods High School. This will be Brianna's twelfth and last Nutcracker season. She is excited to perform as the Snow Queen this year. She wishes her teammates good luck in this year's Nutcracker.

Bella Jackson (Dew Drop) is a Senior at Tuscarora High School. Her favorite roles she has performed are Clara, Arabian, and Snow Queen. She is very excited to perform the role of the Dew Drop Fairy this year! She wishes all her fellow dancers good luck and a Merry Christmas!



Chloe Jackson (Spanish Hot Chocolate) is a seventh grader at Smarts Mill Middle School and she is happy to be a lead role in this year's Nutcracker. Chloe has been attending Youth American Grand Prix for the past two years. She wishes everyone the best of luck and she hopes everyone is staying safe!

Alaina Janet (Columbine Doll) is thirteen and an eighth grader at Simpson Middle School. This is her tenth year in the Nutcracker. She is so excited to have a lead role as the Columbine Doll, and also be a part of the Marzipan group. Alaina wishes all of her DAL friends good luck this year!



Taylor Keys (Harlequin Doll) is fourteen years old and an eighth grader at Simpson Middle School. She has been dancing at DAL since she was three years old. She is a member of the DAL competition team. She loves ballet and is so excited to perform the role of the Harlequin Doll.

Kyra Lee (Lead Snow and Rat King) is a junior at Heritage High School, and can't wait for this year's DAL Nutcracker performance. Kyra is very excited to perform as Rat King, Lead Snow, and Flowers. She wishes everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.



LEADING PERFORMERS



Alexis Leung (Spanish Hot Chocolate) is an eighth grader at Brambleton Middle School. She has been dancing at DAL since she was three years old and her favorite dance styles are contemporary and ballet. When not dancing, Alexis enjoys baking and spending time with her friends. She loves being a part of the DAL family.



Domina Mallette (Harlequin Doll) is a fourteen year old ninth grader at Loudoun Valley High School. Domina began dancing in 2011 and is very excited to perform as the Harlequin Doll this year. She will also be performing as Flowers. She hopes everyone enjoys the show and wishes luck to her friends.



Emilee Mansoor (Party Girl) is in the seventh grade at Blue Ridge Middle School. She has been dancing since the tender age of three and is excited to be performing in the Nutcracker this year. Emilee appreciates the love and support of her family and teachers and hopes everyone enjoys the show.



Katelyn Marrone (Party Girl) is thirteen years old and attends Smarts Mill Middle School. Katelyn has been dancing for nine years. In addition to ballet, she enjoys contemporary, lyrical, and jazz. Katelyn is excited to be dancing her first lead role in this year's Nutcracker.



Katelyn Matteson (Spanish Hot Chocolate) has been dancing in the Dance Academy of Loudoun's Nutcracker since she was five years old. She is super excited to be dancing the role of Spanish this year. Katelyn thanks her family for these amazing past years of dance. Have a happy holiday and enjoy the show!



Madison McKeon (Arabian) is a freshman at Woodgrove High School. She has been taking dance classes since she was two years old. She is very excited for her lead as Arabian this year in the Nutcracker (mask and all). She is very thankful for all of the support from her wonderful teachers, family, and friends.



Abigail McLellan (Party Girl) is an eighth grader at Harper Park Middle School. She has been dancing at the Dance Academy of Loudoun since she was three. She is very excited to perform her first lead role as a Party Girl. Abigail would like to thank her teachers for their encouragement and her friends and family for all their support.



Audrey Nitta (Lead Snow) is a freshman at Tuscarora High School. She loves the Nutcracker and dancing with her DAL family. She thanks her family and teachers for their support and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!

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Allie Robertson (Party Girl) is currently a Freshman at Heritage High School. She has been dancing at DAL for seven years, and is focusing on ballet. In her free time she enjoys reading, listening to music, and being with friends.

Bailey Sadler (Clara) is a freshman at Heritage High School. She has been dancing at Dance Academy of Loudoun since 2012. This year Bailey is excited to be performing the role of Clara and would like to thank her teachers for this opportunity. Bailey wishes her fellow dancers good luck with their performances and hopes everyone has a healthy holiday season!



Erika Skulte (Sugar Plum Fairy) has been dancing since she was three years old. She is so happy to be participating in her tenth Nutcracker as the Sugar Plum Fairy. She wishes everyone good luck and hopes they enjoy the show.

Sophia Steele (Snow Queen) is a freshman at Riverside High School. She enjoyed training this summer at the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and will be competing for her fifth time at the Youth American Grand Prix this year. Sophia is grateful for the support of her teachers, friends, and family, and wishes everyone happy holidays!



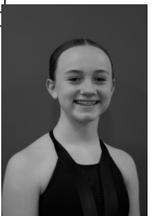
Hayley Sutton (Clara's Friend) is fourteen years old and attends Rock Ridge High School virtually. She enjoys all styles of dance. Her three favorite styles are Broadway Jazz, tap, and ballroom. She has been dancing since she was two and would love to thank her DAL family for this amazing opportunity.

Reagan Sutton (Chinese Tea) is thirteen years old and is attending Simpson Middle School. She has been dancing since the age of two, and does all styles of dance including her favorite, tap. She would like to thank her family and dance family for this opportunity.



Brayden Szuch-Gantick (Columbine Doll) is an eighth grade student at St. Joseph School. Her previous lead role was Chinese Tea. Brayden is excited to be performing the roles of the Columbine Doll and Snow this year. She is thankful for her friends and family for supporting her in dance and everyday life.

Abigail Taliaferro (Spanish Hot Chocolate) is an eighth grader at Simpson Middle School. She has been dancing at DAL since she was three years old. This is Abby's eighth year performing in DAL's Nutcracker. She is looking forward to being part of the Land of Sweets dancing as Spanish. Abby is thankful for the support of her teachers, family, and friends and wishes everyone good luck and a Merry Christmas!



LEADING PERFORMERS



Erin Thompson (Dew Drop and Rat King) is a sophomore at Tuscarora High School and has been dancing for over thirteen years. She is excited to perform the lead role of Dew Drop and Rat King this year. Previously, she has performed the lead roles of Clara, Sugar Plum, Doll, and Lead Party Girl. Erin would like to thank all her teachers for their support. She wishes her fellow dancers good luck and a Merry Christmas!

Melissa Vantine (Chinese Tea) is a seventh grader at Harper Park Middle School. Melissa has been dancing at DAL for nine years and her favorite part is to compete. She is very excited for her first lead role and she wishes good luck to all her fellow dancers and the happiest of holidays to everyone!



Levi White (Prince) is eleven years old and has attended DAL since moving to the area in 2017. His love for dance started when he was two years old! He loves every style of dance, contemporary being his favorite. This is his second year in DAL's Nutcracker and his first as the Prince.

Melody Williamson (Lead Snow) is a senior at Loudoun County High School and she has been dancing since she was six. This is her eleventh year dancing in the Nutcracker and she is excited to be performing the role of Lead Snow this year. She wishes her fellow dancers good luck and she hopes you enjoy the show.



Enia Wilson (Arabian) is fourteen years old and in the ninth grade. She has been dancing since she was four, and started at the Dance Academy of Loudoun at nine years old. Enia would like to thank her friends, family, and anyone who has supported her throughout her dance experience. Thank you.



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