



Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Story Based On

E.T.A. Hoffman's 1816 Tale

The Nutcracker & The Mouse King"

Artistic Directors

Tara Micciche, Patricia Sloan Salvatore

Production Assistants

Madelyn Growney, Julie Schell, Faith Veigel, Taylor Veigel

#### Costumes

Amy Pierce, Patricia Sloan Salvatore, Patricia Sloan, Shannon Araujo

Stage Managers

Kevin Salvatore, Miranda Salvatore, Talia Sallom

Technical Crew

John Andraka, Jeff Bettencourt, Brad Giroux, Anthony Salvatore, Joe Schramm Graphic Art & Program Design James Sloan, Timothy Sloan

# SYNOPSIS

ACT I The Stahlbaums are entertaining family and friends at their annual Christmas Eve Party. The children are filled with excitement as they play and dance together. Clara's little brother, Fritz, teases her at every opportunity.

Herr Drosselmeyer arrives with his nephew and performs magic tricks for the children. He then entertains the guests with life-size mechanical dolls. Drosselmeyer then presents Clara with a Nutcracker. Fritz is jealous of Clara and snatches the Nutcracker away from her. As they fight over it, the Nutcracker drops to the ground and breaks. Drosselmeyer bandages the doll and places it back in Clara's care.

The guests begin to leave and the Stahlbaum children go off to bed. Clara is worried about her Nutcracker and returns to the parlor, to find her doll and falls into a deep sleep on the sofa, her head full of dreams!

Suddenly the room fills with Little Mice! Toy Soldiers come to life along with the Nutcracker and a battle takes place against the mice and their Rat King. At the end of the battle, Clara faints and falls asleep. Magically the Nutcracker is transformed into a handsome Prince who takes Clara on an enchanting journey to the Land of Snow.

ACT II Clara and the Prince enter the Land of Sweets and are greeted by the Sugar Plum Fairy. Clara tells the story of the battle between the Nutcracker and the Rat King. The Sugar Plum Fairy summons the subjects of her Kingdom to perform for their special guests. When the entertainment is concluded, Sugar Plum and Cavalier bid Clara and the Prince farewell. They sadly leave the Land of Sweets. Clara awakens from her dream on the sofa with her beloved Nutcracker by her side.

# CAST SPOTLIGHT



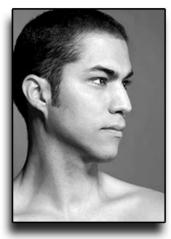
Madelyn Growney



Tullio Cata



Timothy Sloan



Yosbel Delgado



Micah Geyer



Benjamin Tannis

# CAST SPOTLIGHT (CONI.)



Faith Veigel



Taylor Veigel



Kara Eisenschink



Michaela Taylor



Grace Aglialoro



Emily Cooney



Peter Del Collo



Ethan Cooney

#### **The Nutcracker Cast**

#### **ACT I: The Party**

#### 19th Century. Christmas Eve, Stahlbaums' home

	Timothy Sloan
	Fri. 7PM & Sat. 7PM Brandy Sims Sat. 2PM & Sun. 2PMJulie Schell
	Fri. 7 PM Delaney Cantermen
	Sat. 2 PM Kate Clune
	Sat. 7 PM Abigail Williams
	Sun. 2 PM Sophie Sharp  7 PM & Sat. 7 PM Xavier Araujo
	t. 2 PM & Sun. 2 PMRyan Schell
	Micah Geyer
The Nephew & The Prince	Ethan Cooney
The Nanny	Emily Cooney
Maids Ava Patel, Sloan Salv	vatore, Alyssa Scandura, Casey Sell
Party GuestsGrace Ag	lialoro, Christian Bruno, Ron Curcio
·	gado, Kara Eisenschink, Evan Fjellin
	a Morace, Julie Schell, Brandy Sims
	kes, Robert Sykes, Benjamin Tannis or Veigel, Nathan Weid, Tyler Yates
•	Guesly Pierre
	Baron, Ariella Lada, Madeline Lada
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	PM & Sat. 7 PM Ryan Schell PM & Sun. 2 PM Xavier Araujo
Aliya Duckwort Kendall Li Paloma M Elizabeth Pritchett, Quinn	Aleeyah Carlson, Gabrielle Carlson h, Aspen Kingstad, Emma Kunsaitis eberum, Molli McDonald, Layla Meil lerinos, Kaytlynn Neal, Naelle Pierre Ross, Amber Santucci, Morgan Sell se Squillace-Thomas, Adelyn Wright
DebutantesC	harlotte Aglialoro, Mercedes Araujo
Hannah I Lyla Fecl Madelyn Hal Nevaeh Klim	Barron, Emma Cappo, Sara Deacon nt, Madelyn Fjellin, Hannah Habashi bashi, Alaina Hemphill, Julia Joseph nczak, Bella Lemauro, Lila Minichino ophia Santillo, Ava Sharp, Gia Talley

Lead Porcelain Dolls Fri. 7 PMAndrea Mistichelli, Olivia Valente	
	Sat. 2 PM Arianna Ferretta, Makenzie Kunsaitis Sat. 7 PMCaroline Aglialoro, Olivia Valente
	Sun. 2 PMMalena Cali, Grace Zikowski
Porcelain Dolls	Fri. 7 PM Jenna Callan, Zoey McKay Addison Wiegand, Kayla Zlatkin
	Sat. 2 PM Stella Ace, Evangeline Czechura Emma Miller, Kendall Ross
	Sat. 7 PM Avery Dolson, Rachel Ragonese Payton Sims, Francesca Varano
	Sun. 2 PM Adrienne Cali, Marykate McGuigan Isla Pratts, Zhili Yates
Harlequin Dolls	Fri. 7 PMLucy Millard
	Sat. 2 PMCaitlyn Snyder Sat. 7 PMTeagan Franchetti
	Sun. 2 PMAdriana Zikowski
Ballerina Dolls	Fri. 7 PMAlexa Sierzega Sat. 2 PM Maya Helmbrecht
	Sat. 7 PMShayla Singh Sun. 2 PMSarah Markham
Puppet Dolls	Fri. 7 PMCara Murphy
	Sat. 2 PMMarissa Staino Sat. 7 PMSofia Del Quadro
	Sun. 2 PMJoleen Zinkevich
	The Battle
The Nutcracker	Ethan Cooney
King Rat	Peter Del Collo
Mice	Xavier Araujo, Aliya Duckworth, Aspen Kingstad Molli McDonald, Paloma Merinos, Melaniya Ramsay Ryan Schell, Morgan Sell, Adelyn Wright
Soldier Captains	Merry Ferla, Summer Ferla
Soldiers	Elena Christensen, Carmelina Colonna, Ariana King Ariella Lada, Giovanna Miller, Kayla Mistichelli Madeline Phillips, Madelyn Reim Savanna Sparti

#### The Land of Snow

Snow Queen	Fri. 7 PM, Sat. 7 PM, Sun. 2 PMFaith Veigel
	Sat. 2 PM Arianna Ferretta
Snow King	Fri. 7 PM, Sat. 7 PM, Sun. 2 PMYosbel Delgado
	Sat. 2 PM Timothy Sloan
	Caroline Aglialoro, Sofia Del Quadro
	Teagan Franchetti, Maya Helmbrecht; Sarah Markham Murphy, Alexa Sierzega, Shayla Singh, Caitlyn Snyder
	no, Olivia Valente, Adriana Zikowski, Joleen Zinkevich
	Stella Ace, Adrienne Cali, Malena Cali
Onownanc	Jenna Callan, Evangeline Czechura, Avery Dolson
	Arianna Ferretta, Avery Kingstad, Makenzie Kunsaitis
	Marykate McGuigan, Zoey McKay, Lucy Millard
	Emma Miller, Andrea Mistichelli, Ava Patel, Isla Pratts
	Rachel Ragonese, Kendall Ross, Sloan Salvatore
	Alyssa Scandura, Casey Sell, Payton Sims Michaela Taylor, Francesca Varano, Abbi Vare
Addiso	on Wiegand, Zhili Yates, Grace Zikowski, Kayla Zlatkin
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	15 Minute Intermission
ACT I	II - The Kingdom of Sweets
Prince	Ethan Cooney
Lead Fairies	
All 4 Performa	nces Grace Aglialoro, Emily Cooney
	senschink, Michaela Taylor, Faith Veigel, Taylor Veigel
Fairies	
All 4 Performa	ances Elena Christensen, Carmelina Colonna
	Merry Ferla, Summer Ferla, Ariana King
	Kayla Mistichelli, Madeline Phillips
	Melaniya Ramsay, Madelyn Reim, Savanna Sparti
_	Kate Clune, Sophie Sharp, Abigail Williams
	Delaney Cantermen, Sophie Sharp, Abigail Williams
	Delaney Cantermen, Kate Clune, Sophie Sharp
Sun. @ 2 PM	Delaney Cantermen, Kate Clune, Abigail Williams
Angels	Riley Baron, Ariella Lada, Madeline Lada Giovanna Miller, Maelie Pierre, Brooklyn Roberts
Cherubs	Lillian Delia, Gloria Dowiak, Nora Friedburg
	Guesly Pierre, Aubrey Rode, Michaela Sakoff Lila Squillace-Thomas, Natalie Stephens

## The Kingdom of Sweets (continued)

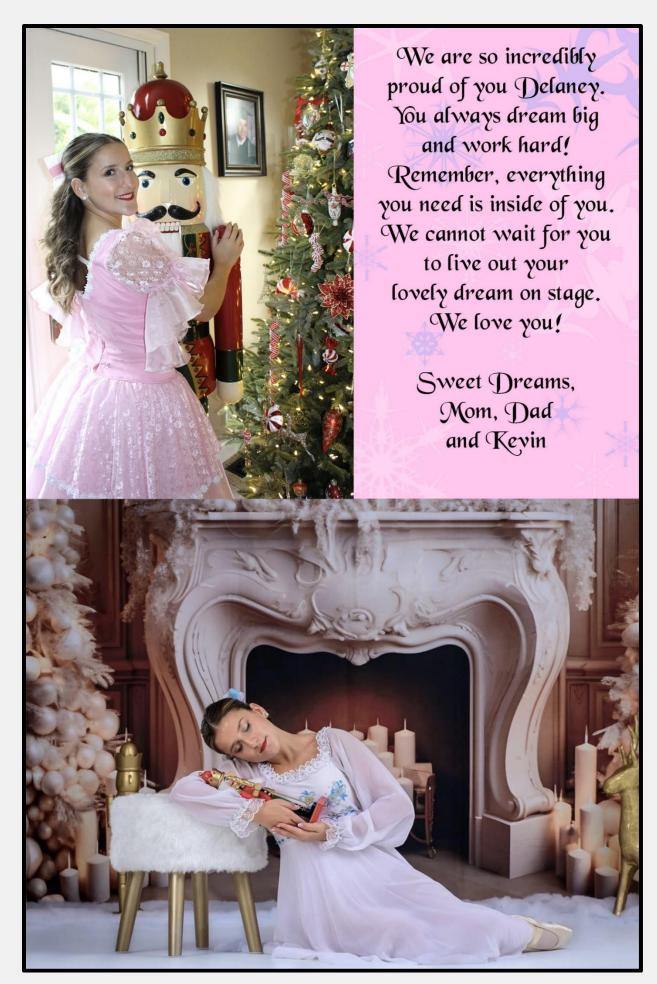
Spanish QueenSarah Markham, Marissa Staino Olivia Valente, Adriana Zikowski, Joleen Zinkevich
Spanish Princess
All 4 PerformancesNevaeh Klimczak Bella Lemauro, Sophia Santillo
Fri. 7 PM Stella Ace, Marykate McGuigan Ava Patel, Isla Pratts, Jackie Ramos, Alyssa Scandura, Casey Sell, Payton Sims
Sat. 2 PM Charlotte Aglialoro, Mercedes Araujo Marykate McGuigan, Zoey McKay, Isla Pratts Casey Sell, Payton Sims, Addison Wiegand
Sat. 7 PMStella Ace, Marykate McGuigan Zoey McKay, Ava Patel, Isla Pratts Jackie Ramos, Alyssa Scandura, Addison Wiegand
Sun. 2 PM Charlotte Aglialoro, Mercedes Araujo Zoey McKay, Ava Patel, Alyssa Scandura Casey Sell, Payton Sims, Addison Wiegand
Spanish Lead
Arabian KingsYosbel Delgado, Timothy Sloan
Arabian Queen Kara Eisenschink
Arabian Princesses
Lead Chinese
All 4 Performances
Fan Chinese Hannah Barron, Lyla Fecht, Madelyn Fjellin Hannah Habashi, Madelyn Habashi, Alaina Hemphill Julia Joseph, Lila Minichino, Gia Talley
Ribbon Chinese Emma Cappo, Sara Deacon Aliya Duckworth, Ava Sharp
Umbrella Chinese

## The Kingdom of Sweets (continued)

Lead Russian Tambourine
All 4 Performances Jenna Callan, Makenzie Kunsaitis Lucy Millard, Rachel Ragonese
Kendall Ross, Francesca Varano, Grace Zikowski
Russian Tambourine
All 4 Performances Michaela Taylor, Abbi Vare
Fri. 7 PMKate Clune, Avery Dolson, Sloan Salvatore Sophie Sharp, Abigail Williams, Zhili Yates
Sat. 2 PM Adrienne Cali, Malena Cali Delaney Cantermen, Avery Dolson, Sloan Salvatore Sophie Sharp, Abigail Williams, Zhili Yates
Sat. 7 PM Delaney Cantermen, Kate Clune Evangeline Czechura, Arianna Ferretta, Emma Miller Andrea Mistichelli, Sophie Sharp, Kayla Zlatkin
Sun. 7 PM Delaney Cantermen, Kate Clune Evangeline Czechura, Arianna Ferretta, Emma Miller Andrea Mistichelli, Abigail Williams, Kayla Zlatkin
Lead Marzipan
All 4 Performances Peter Del Collo
Fri. 7 PM & Sat. 2 PM Evangeline Czechura, Arianna Ferretta Emma Miller, Andrea Mistichelli, Kayla Zlatkin
Sat. 7 PM & Sun. 2 PM Adrienne Cali, Malena Cali Avery Dolson, Sloan Salvatore, Zhili Yates
Bon Bon Peppermint Pair
Friday @ 7 PM Zoey McKay, Addison Wiegand
Saturday @ 2 PM Ava Patel, Alyssa Scandura
Saturday @ 7 PM Casey Sell. Payton Sims
Sunday @ 2 PM Marykate McGuigan, Isla Pratts
Bon Bon Peppermint Candy Xavier Araujo, Gabrielle Carlson Layla Meil, Quinn Ross, Ryan Schell
Gabrianna Spitale, Siah Rose Squillace-Thomas, Adelyn Wright
Bon Bon Elena Christensen, Carmelina Colonna, Merry Ferla Summer Ferla, Ariana King, Kayla Mistichelli
Madeline Phillips, Melaniya Ramsay, Madelyn Reim, Savanna Sparti
Petite Bon Bon Riley Baron, Ariella Lada, Madeline Lada Giovanna Miller, Maelie Pierre, Brooklyn Roberts

### **Waltz of the Flowers**

Dew Drop	Avery Kingstad
Flower Fairy	Maya Helmbrecht, Cara Murphy, Alexa Sierzega Caitlyn Snyder, Olivia Valente, Joleen Zinkevich
Lead Flower	
A	Malena Cali, Jenna Callan, Evangeline Czechura very Dolson, Makenzie Kunsaitis, Marykate McGuigan Zoey McKay, Emma Miller,Ava Patel Isla Pratts, Rachel Ragonese, Kendall Ross Sloan Salvatore, Alyssa Scandura, Casey Sell Payton Sims, Francesca Varano, Abbi Vare in Wiegand, Zhili Yates, Grace Zikowski, Kayla Zlatkin
Garland Flower	
·	Aleeyah Carlson, Aliya Duckworth Aspen Kingstad, Emma Kunsaitis, Kendall Lieberum Molli McDonald, Paloma Merinos, Kaytlynn Neal erre, Elizabeth Pritchett, Amber Santucci, Morgan Sell
(	Grand Pas De Deux
Cavalier	Tullio Cata
Sugar Plum Fai	<b>y</b> Madelyn Growney



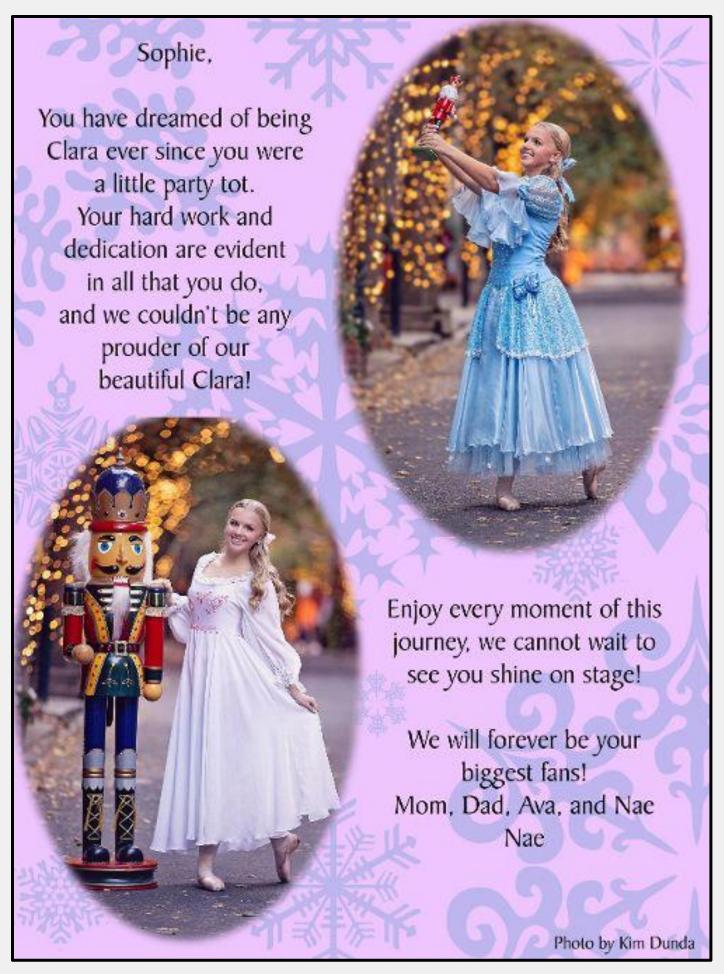
Delaney Cantermen performs the role of Clara on Friday Dec. 15 at 7PM.



Kate Clune performs the role of Clara on Saturday Dec. 16 at 2PM.

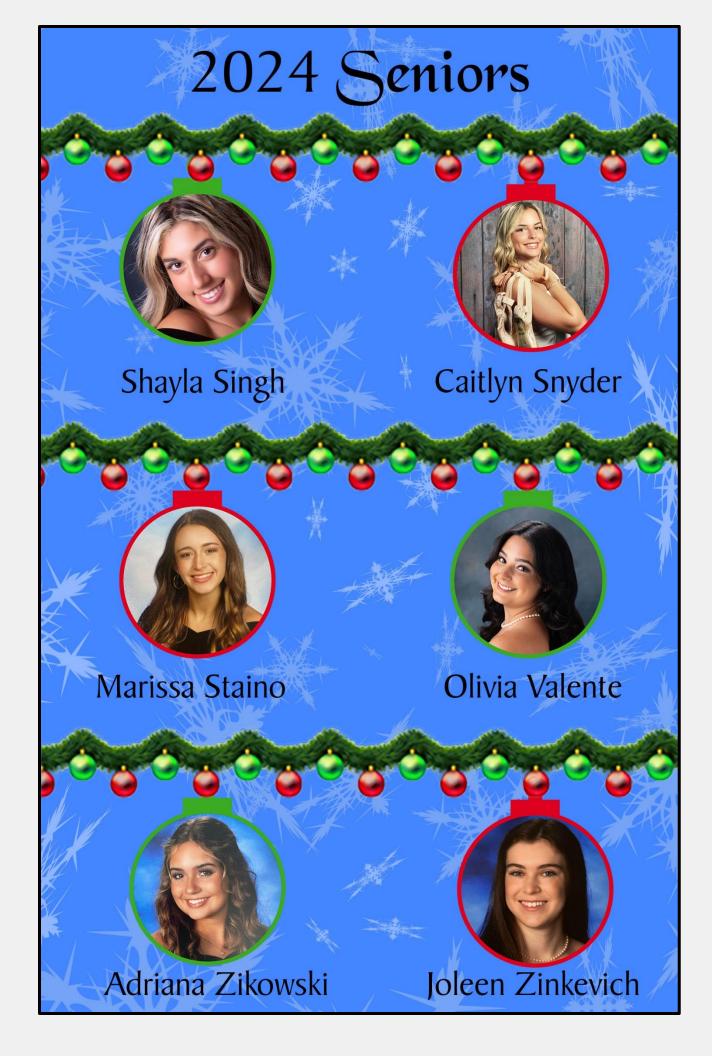


Abigail Williams performs the role of Clara on Saturday Dec. 16 at 7PM.



Sophie Sharp performs the role of Clara on Sunday Dec. 17 at 2PM.





#### Nutcracker Fun Facts #1

We hope you enjoy reading the history of this ballet, one of the most widely performed in the world. So take a few minutes and share some of the interesting historical background of the Nutcracker with your young dancer and other family members.

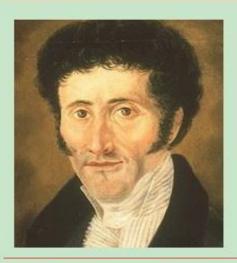
## Nutcracker Fun Facts & a "little" History

The Nutcracker Ballet is a fairy tale ballet in two acts or three tableaus.

This ballet is perhaps the most popular ballet in the world and is performed primarily around Christmas time.

Before a performance dancers in the ballet world wish each other " *merde*" instead of break a leg or good luck.





#### The Story of the Nutcracker

The story of the Nutcracker is based on a book written by E.T.A. Hoffman in 1816. The book is titled "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King."

In the story, young Marie Stahlbaum's (adapted as Clara) favorite Christmas toy, the Nutcracker, comes alive and whisks her away to a magical kingdom populated by dolls after defeating the evil Mouse King. This book was adapted by another author, Alexander Dumas.

#### The Director of the Russian Theater

In 1881, Ivan Vsevolojsky was appointed Director of the Imperial Theatres. His patronage led to the creation of the two great Marius Petipa and Peter Tchaikovsky masterpieces: The Sleeping Beauty and Swan Lake.

Because of these 2 great ballets, he planned to use the same choreographer

(Petipa) and composer (Tchaikovsky) in his next production. So in 1890, planing began in his new ballet, "The Nutcracker".

Although they were not immediately successful these three ballets have become considered by many to be the greatest ballets of all time show classical ballet at its best. They are definitely the most popular ballets in existence.



#### Nutcracker Fun Facts #1 (continued)



#### The Composer of the Nutcracker Music

The music of the Nutcracker Ballet was composed by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky in 1892. He was given a commission to write both a one-act opera and a ballet for the following season. The ballet was to be based on E.T.A. Hoffman's story "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King," a selection which Tchaikovsky disliked.

Nevertheless, he began work in early 1892 before departing on a successful tour of the United States, and completed the music later that summer, though he disparaged it as

"infinitely poorer than The Sleeping Beauty," a verdict with which subsequent ballet-goers have most emphatically and consistently disagreed.

ENCORE!! Tchaikovsky premiered the music for The Nutcracker Ballet Suite before the ballet was even produced. This eight-part concert version of the ballet music was a success. At least six times, the audience demanded immediate encores of specific music selections. Because of the Suite's instant success, the score was published even before the ballet premiered.

#### The Unforgettable Nutcracker Music

The music of Tchaikovsky has been featured in many movies and TV programs. We all quickly recognize the music whenever and wherever we hear it. It is the unforgettable sound of the celesta (pictured to the left), a unique instrument, that impresses us most as it causes the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy music to play again and again and remain in our heads.



Tchaikovsky had discovered the newly-invented instrument just before departing for the U.S., and was immediately captivated by its "divinely beautiful tone." He arranged to have one sent to Russia secretly, because he was "afraid Rimsky-Korsakov and Glazunov (2 other composers) may get hold of it and use the unusual effect before me."



## The Original Choreographers

Marius Petipa, choreographer of the Nutcracker, was born in Marseilles, France. He was First ballet master to the Tzar of Russia. He is credited with ushering in the golden age of Classical Ballet. His ballets included Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake, La Bayadere, Don Quoxite and the Nutcracker.

However, Petipa fell ill during the creation of the Nutcracker. Lev Ivanov was his assistant and he took over the choreography. He was a

Russian dancer, teacher, choreographer, and ballet-master. Ivanov is created for much of the choreography for The Nutcracker, which is still used in today's productions.

#### Nutcracker Fun Facts #1 (continued)

#### First Performance of the Nutcracker Ballet - 1892

The first showing of the Nutcracker ballet was in 1892 at the Mariinsky Theatre of Russia shown in the photos below.



The performance was not very successful and received poor reviews from the critics. The black and white photo above is from the actual performance in 1892





#### New York City Ballet "The Nutcracker" 1954 & today

The first performance of The Nutcracker ballet in New York took place on Feb 2, 1954. The New York City Ballet performed the choreography of the famous George Balanchine. The photo on the right is from that 1954 production. The venue was the City Center shown in the photo on the left.





Today, the New York City Ballet performs the Nutcracker Ballet at the Lincoln Center shown in the photos below.





#### Nutcracker Fun Facts #2



#### The Nutcracker

By the "Numbers" & By the "Geography"

This production of "The Nutcracker Ballet" requires the resources, efforts, and coordination of many people, companies & organizations. We want to present them to you through a set of interesting "numbers" and "geographic" locations.

#### "Nutcracker by the Numbers"

- 1 book, which is received by Fritz from Drosselmeyer in the Party scene, was a gift to Miss Tricia Sloan at her first Nutcracker performance in 1985. She has had that book autographed by all the dancers in "her" Nutcracker performances for many years.
- 1 mother & her son are performing together.
- · 2 mothers and their daughters are performing together.
- · 2 fathers and their daughters are performing together.
- 2 dancers in the Party Scene are wearing former "Clara Dresses".
- · 2 years, this production was first held at Gloucester County College.
- 4 professional theatrical backdrops are created and shipped from Florida.
- 4 years Rowan University was the home of "The Nutcracker"
- 7 is the age of the youngest performer.
- 5 US States are the home states of those attendees (NJ, DE, MD, FL, PA).
- 12 costumes were made by Civil War costumers in the state of Georgia.
- 12 professional ballet dancers will be performing.
- 14 years, the Scottish Rite Theater has been the home of this Nutcracker.
- · 20 is the number of years TSDC has performed "The Nutcracker"
- 25 custom made costumes being worn come from the tiny country of Moldova.
- 30 feet is the height the Christmas tree will grow on stage during the battle scene.
- 38 years ago, Miss Tricia Sloan & Miss Brandy Sims performed together in their very first Nutcracker at Rowan University.
- 52 volunteers will work backstage, in the dressing rooms, ushering & in the lobby.
- **67** TSDC dancers, including the 4 dancers this year, have performed the role of Clara over the 20 years of performances.
- 75 pounds of "snow" will be dropped during the winter snow scene.
- · 101 TSDC dancers will be performing in this Nutcracker.
- 135 is the number of hometowns of the patrons attending the Nutcracker.
- 168 jewels are on the Snow Queen's costume.
- 280 linear feet of professional dance flooring will be installed on the stage
- 370 pairs of pointe shoes will be worn by the dancers during the 4
  performances.
- 495 costumes will be worn during each performance.
- 500+ hours of rehearsals in preparation for these 4 Nutcracker performances.
- 550+ nutcrackers & Xmas ornaments will be available for purchase in the lobby.
- 1,021 is the seating capacity of the Scottish Rite Theater.
- Unlimited number of "Digital Flipbook" programs are provided "FREE" to the audience, which can also be downloaded to personal devices.

#### Nutcracker Fun Facts #2 (continued)

#### "Nutcracker's geography"

- Oldsmar, Florida is the home of TheatreWorld, the company that
  creates and supplies the backdrops for this Nutcracker.
- Jacksonville, Florida is the headquarters of eHost, the web site hosting company where the "digital flipbook" program is being stored.
- Moldova is the tiny European country where 25 of our costumes were hand-made.
- Georgia, USA is the location of the Civil War costumers who made 12 of our Nutcracker costumes.
- Wenonah, NJ is the home of the Tricia Sloan Dance Center, At this
  location the Nutcracker production was rehearsed over 15 weeks and a
  total of 500+ hours.
- **Sewell**, **NJ** is the home StageKrew, the company that made all the props including the "growing" Christmas tree.
- Marlton, NJ is the location of Starlight Productions who will
  provide all the special lighting effects during the performances.
- **Long Beach**, **CA** is www.tix.com corporate location and where the ticket management computer resides that is used for all e-ticket processing.
- US Battleships are the origin of the flooring concept used by dance productions.

#### Benefis of Moldova

25 costumes in this show were designed and hand made by Benefis a company in Moldova, a tiny country between Romania and Ukraine in Europe.









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Tricia Sloan Dance Center
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2:00 & 6:00pm
Scottish Rite Theater



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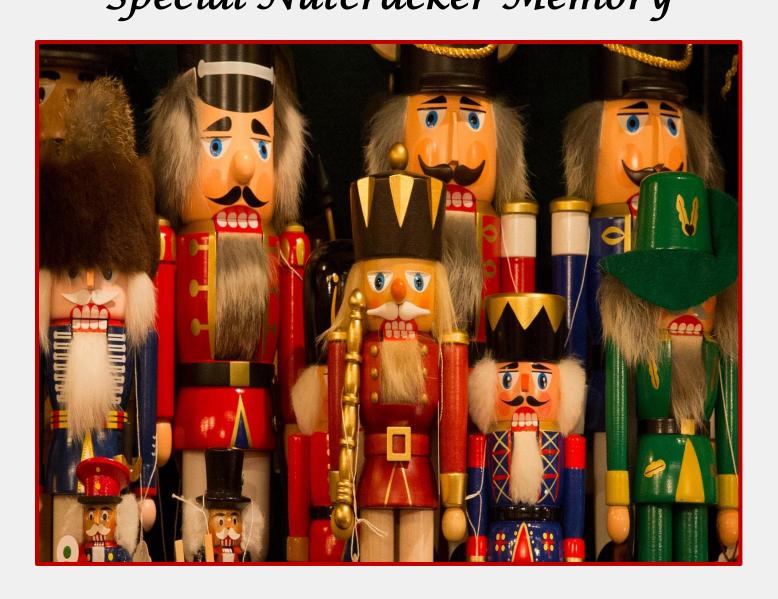
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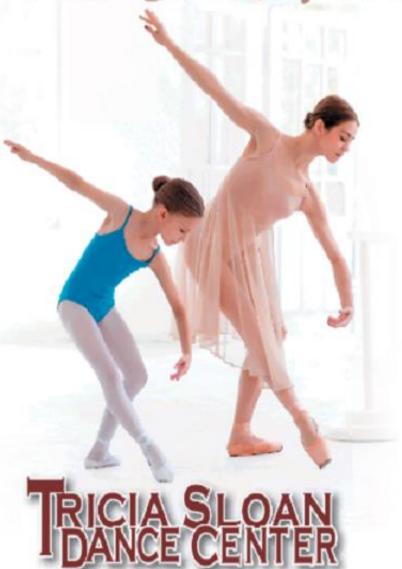


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