Tricia Sloan Dance Center Presents

Mutchacker 2024

December 22 at 5:00pm





Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Story Based On

E.T.A. Hoffman's 1816 Tale The Nutcracker & The Mouse King"

Artistic Directors

Patricia Sloan Salvatore, Tara Micciche

Assistant Directors

Madelyn Growney, Julie Schell

Production Assistants

Grace Aglialoro, Marcia Testino, Olivia Valente

Costumes

Amy Pierce, Patricia Sloan, Shannon Araujo, Kara Eisenschink

Stage Managers

Kevin Salvatore, Miranda Salvatore, Talia Sallom

Technical Crew

Jeff Bettencourt, Brad Giroux, 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 SPOTLICHT



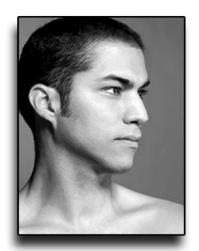
Madelyn Growney



Tullio Cata



Timothy Sloan



Yosbel Delgado



Micah Geyer

The Nutcracker Cast

Dec. 22 at 5:00 PM ACT I: The Party

19th Century. Christmas Eve, Stahlbaums' Home

Dr. Stahlbaum	Timothy Sloan
Frau Stahlbaum	Brandy Sims
Clara Stahlbaum	Lucy Millard
Fritz Stahlbaum	Xavier Araujo
Herr Drosselmeyer	Micah Geyer
The Nephew & The Prince	JT Vance
The Nanny	
MaidsDelar	nev Cantermen, Arianna Ferretta,
	Sierra McDonald, Abigail Williams
Party Guests Evan Ace,	Grace Aglialoro, Christian Bruno,
James Connor, Ron Curcio, To	mmy DeGeorge, Peter Del Collo,
Yosbel Delgado, Kara Eisensch	ink, Anne Lada, Isabella Morace,
·	hell, Brandy Sims, Sabrina Sims,
	s, Robert Sykes, Michaela Taylor,
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Little Cousins Guesly Pierre, Alex	·
Party TotsAdrianna Atene	•
•	Michaela Sakoff, Margaret Usher
Party Children	
Party Children	ond, Merry Ferla, Summer Ferla,
•	Kayla Mistichelli, Lauren Pfaefflin,
•	im, Quinn Ross, Savanna Sparti,
• •	Squillace-Thomas, Adelyn Wright
DebutantesMaggie Auge	•
·	Ciana Comerford, Sara Deacon,
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•	Aspen Kingstad, Emma Kunsaitis,
	erson McCalley, Paloma Merinos,
	ino, Kaytlynn Neal, Naelle Pierre,
Porcelain Dolls	Santucci, Morgan Sell, Ava Sharp
Harlequin Doll	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Ballerina Doll	
Puppet Doll	
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The Battle

The Nutcracker	JT Vance
Rat King	Timothy Sloan
MiceGabriel	le Carlson, Aliya Duckworth, Aspen Kingstad,
	Paloma Merinos, Quinn Ross, Morgan Sell,
Gabrianna Spitale,	Siah Rose Squillace-Thomas, Adelyn Wright
Soldier Captains	Xavier Araujo, Ryan Schell
SoldiersR	lley Baron, Cecilia Duncan, Francine Duncan,
Ma	adeline Duncan, Ariella Lada, Madeline Lada,
Giova	anna Miller, Sophia Musumeci, Guesly Pierre,
Maelie Pierre, Brooklyn I	Roberts, Alexander Schanbacher, Reid Usher

The Land of Snow

Sloan Salvatore
Peter Del Collo
Malena Cali. Delaney Cantermen, Kate Clune,
Arianna Ferretta, Avery Kingstad, Makenzie Kunsaitis,
Andrea Mistichelli, Rachel Ragonese, Kendall Ross,
Sophie Sharp, Addison Wiegand, Abigail Williams
Stella Ace, Charlotte Aglialoro, Mercedes Araujo,
Hannah Barron, Adrienne Cali, Jenna Callan,
Hannah Habashi, Madelyn Habashi, Nevaeh Klimczak,
Bella Lemauro, Sierra McDonald, Zoey Mckay,
Gianna O'Drain, Ava Patel, Isla Pratts,
Calia Puccio, Jacquelyn Ramos, Sloan Salvatore,
Sophia Santillo, Alyssa Scandura, Casey Sell,
Abbi Vare, Zhili Yates, Grace Zikowski, Kayla Zlatkin

15 Minute Intermission

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ACT II - The Kingdom of Sweets

Prince	JT Vance
	Grace Aglialoro, Emily Cooney, Eisenschink, Paloma Merinos, Marcia Testino, Faith Veigel, Taylor Veigel, Adelyn Wright
Fairies	Evangeline Czechura, Avery Dolson, Emma Miller, Payton Sims
Angels	Adrianna Atene, Nora Friedberg, Madeline Lada, Stella Lee, Sophia Lyv, Michaela Sakoff, Margaret Usher
N	Riley Baron, Cecilia Duncan, Francine Duncan, Iadeline Duncan, Ariella Lada, Giovanna Miller, hia Musumeci, Maelie Pierre, Brooklyn Roberts
	Gloria Dowiak, Sylvia Dowiak, Mia McMurtrie, dice Minetti, Shirley Minetti, Olivia Shay Piazza, Aubrey Rode, Abigail Schanbacher, Jack Schell, Lila Grace Squillace-Thomas, Harper Lee Van Valkenbur, Sophie Vu
Spanish King	Yosbel Delgado
Spanish Queen Lead	Abigail Williams
Spanish Queen	
Spanish Princess	Hannah Habashi, Madelyn Habashi, Nevaeh Klimczak, Sierra McDonald, Gianna O'Drain, Calia Puccio
Arabian Kings	Micah Geyer, Timothy Sloan
Arabian Queen	Avery Kingstad
Arabian Princess Lead	Delaney Cantermen, Kendall Ross
Arabian Princess	Bella Lemauro, Andrea Mistichelli, Casey Sell, Michaela Taylor, Abbi Vare, Zhili Yates

ACT II - The Kingdom of Sweets (continued)

Lead Chinese Boy	Tommy DeGeorge
Chinese Boy	Xavier Araujo, Ryan Schell, Reid Usher
Lead Chinese	Aliya Duckworth, Ava Sharp
Fan Chinese Ma	aggie Auge, Ciana Comerford, Sophia Frame, Kendall Lieberum, Emerson McCalley, Kaytlynn Neal, Elizabeth Pritchett
Ribbon Chinese	Aspen Kingstad, Emma Kunsaitis, Paloma Merinos, Morgan Sell
Umbrella Chinese	
Center Lead Russian Tar	nbourineJacquelyn Ramos
Lead Russian Tambourir	eStella Ace, Charlotte Aglialoro, Sophia Santillo, Kayla Zlatkin
Russian Tambourine	Hannah Barron, Emma Cappo, Aleeyah Carlson, Sara Deacon, Lyla Fecht, Alaina Hemphill, Julia Joseph, Lila Minichino, Naelle Pierre, Amber Santucci
Lead Marzipan Couple	Peter Del Collo, Sloan Salvatore
Lead Marzipan	Malena Cali, Kate Clune, Ava Patel, Alyssa Scandura
Bon Bon Peppermint Pai	r Mercedes Araujo, Adrienne Cali
Bon Bon Peppermint Candy Elena Christensen Carmelina Colonna, Merry Ferla, Summer Ferla, Ariana King, Kayla Mistichelli, Lauren Pfaefflin, Madeline Phillips, Madelyn Reim, Savanna Sparti	
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Waltz of the Flowers





Emma Miller performs the role of Clara on Saturday Dec. 21 at 1PM.

Payton,

You've dreamt of being Clara from from the moment you became a party tot. And with each year, and new role, your love for this Nutcracker grew deeper. All your focus, determination, and passion for this ballet has helped you attain this dream role.



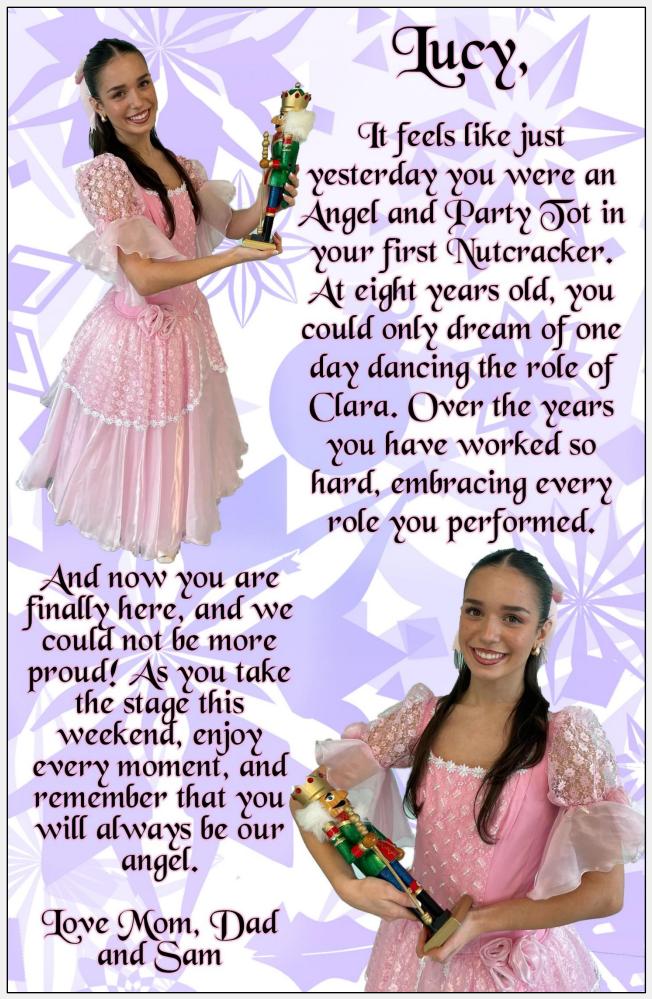
As you dance through the Tand of Sweets, we hope you embrace the details of every moment so that the memories of this magical evening will always be have a special place in your heart. We are so very proud of you and wish you an amazing performance.

Merde!

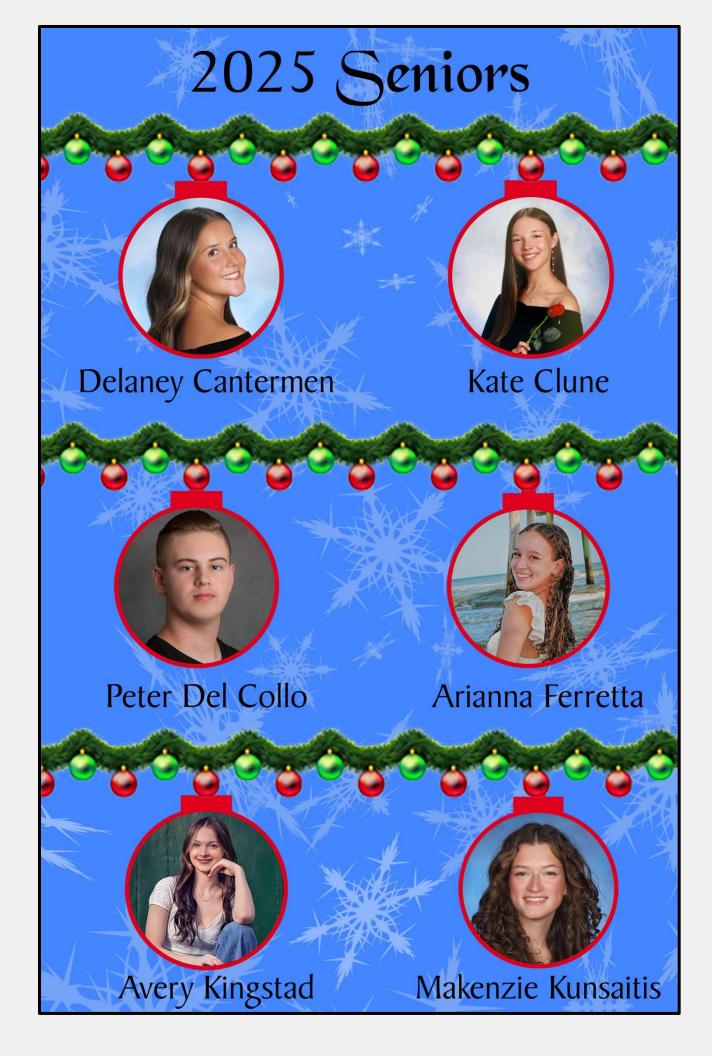
Tove always, Mom, Dad, and Sabrina

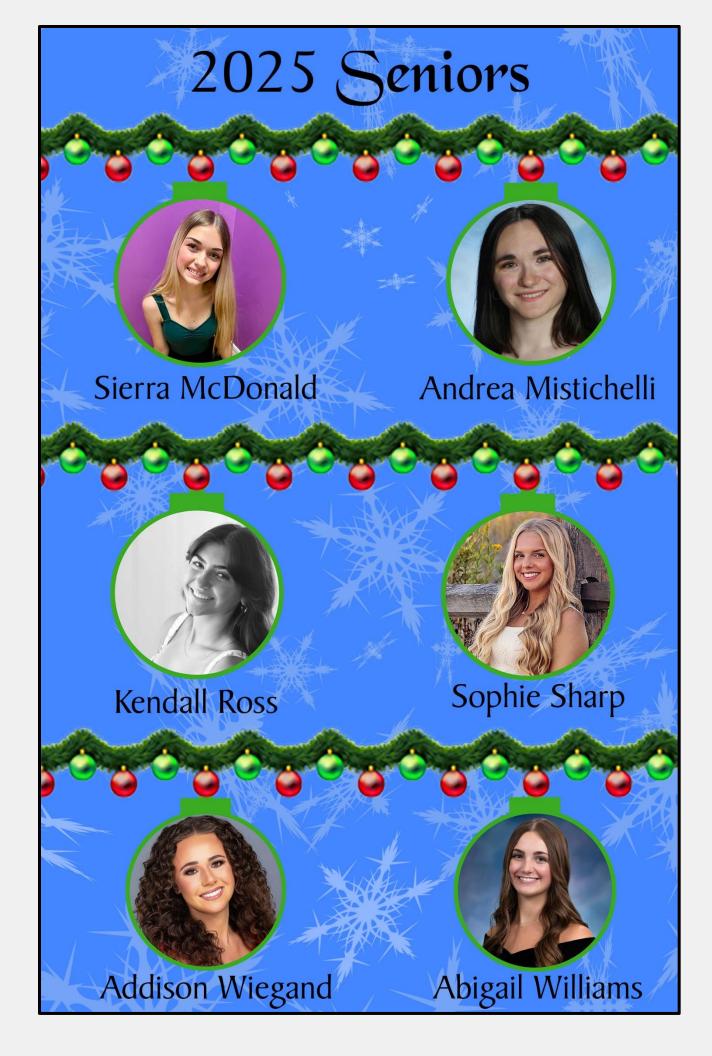


Evangeline Czechura performs the role of Clara on Saturday Dec. 22 at 1PM.



Lucy Millard performs the role of Clara on Saturday Dec. 22 at 5PM.





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.

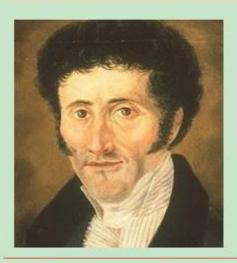
Nutcracker Fun Facts & a "little" History

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 3 sons are performing together.
- 2 mothers 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 & shipped from Florida.
- 4 siblings from the same family are performing together.
- 4 years Rowan University was the home of "The Nutcracker"
- 7 is the age of the youngest performer.
- 8 States are the home to attendees (NJ, DE, MD, PA, MA, NC, TX, VA).
- 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 Nuteracker.
- 21 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.
- 39 years ago, Miss Tricia Sloan & Miss Brandy Sims performed together in their very first Nutcracker at Rowan University.
- 61 volunteers will work backstage, in the dressing rooms, in the theater ushering, in the box office & in the lobby.
- 72 TSDC dancers, including the 5 dancers this year, have performed the role of Clara over the 21 years of performances.
- 75 pounds of "snow" will be dropped during the winter snow scene.
- 104 TSDC dancers will be performing in this Nutcracker.
- 148 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.
- 520 + nutcrackers & Xmas ornaments available for purchase.
- 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 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.

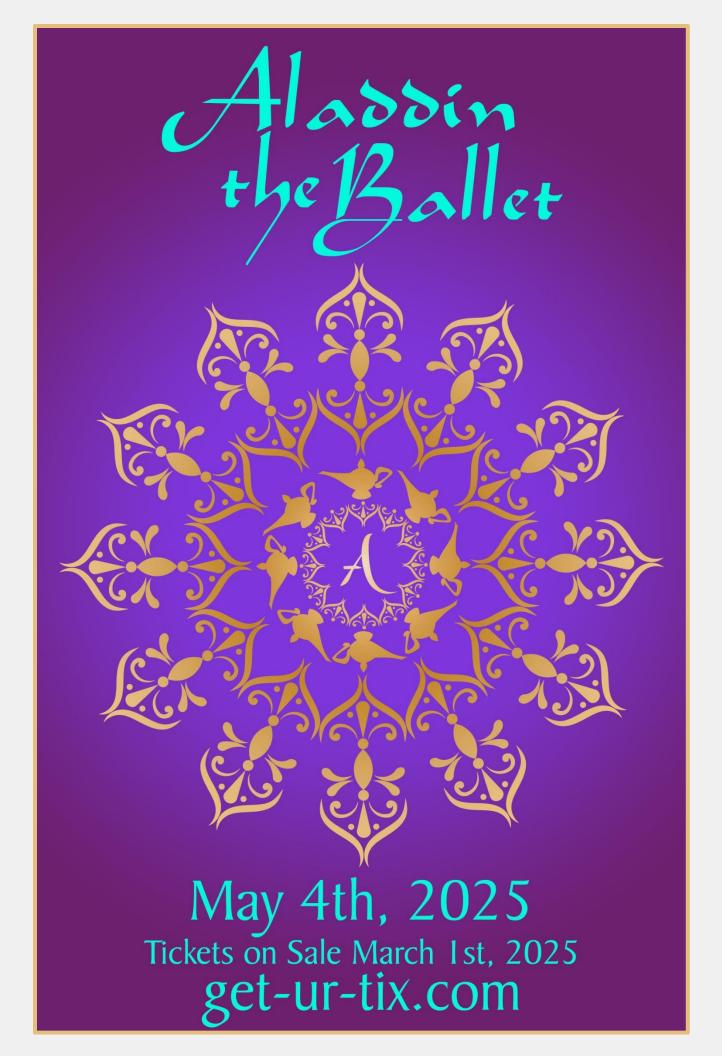


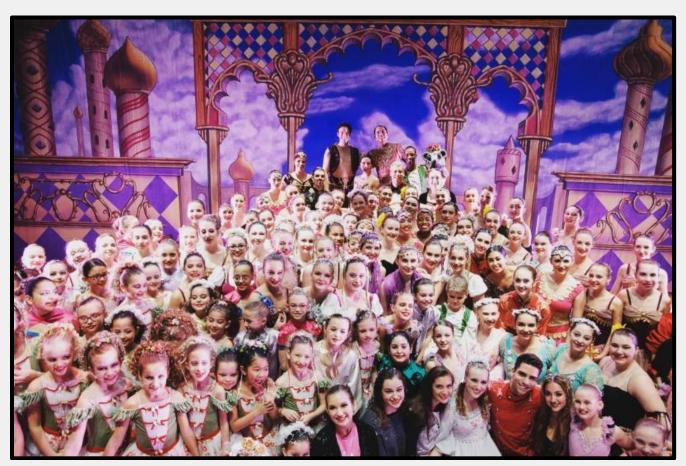


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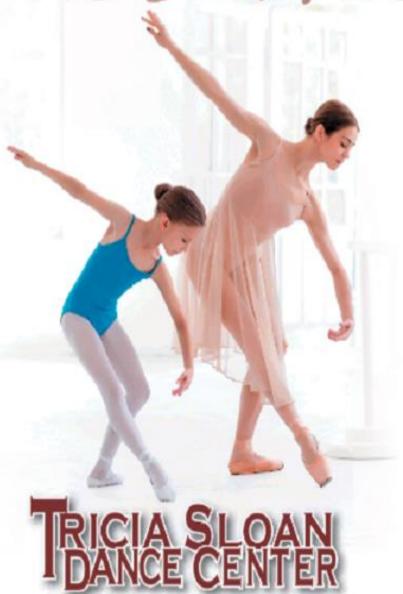
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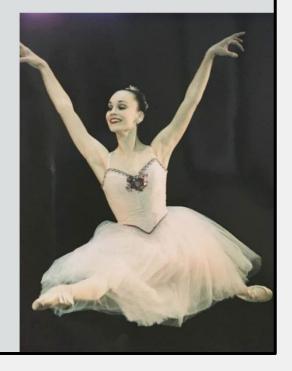
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& Happy New Year!