

# THE STORY

The story of the Nutcracker begins at the home of Clara, Fritz, and their parents. During a Christmas Eve party at their home, the children's uncle and magical toymaker, Herr Drosselmeyer, arrives with gifts. All are in awe of the lifelike dolls he brings, but the most special gift of all is for Clara- a toy Nutcracker!

After everyone has gone to bed, Clara tiptoes down to the living room to see her beloved toy. She is startled by a live Nutcracker doll, which then must lead the toy soldiers in a battle against the invading mice. Clara throws her slipper at the Mouse King and the battle is won.

The Nutcracker invites Clara to come with him to the "Land of Sweets". They travel through the Kingdom of the Snow, where the Snowflakes dance for them. They arrive at the palace of the Sugar Plum Fairy, who organizes a festival in their honor. The drinks and candies that the children love come to life and dance: Spanish Chocolate, Arabian Coffee, French Mirlitons, Gingerbread, Chinese Tea, Russian Candy Canes, and a string of Flowers.

Clara awakens and finds herself by her Christmas tree with her beloved Nutcracker. Was it all a dream?

# ENCORE

## Forest Dreaming (Preview)

Performed by the Advanced Ensemble  
Choreographer ..... Aimee LeMay

## Google Me (Preview)

Performed by the Adv & Senior Ensemble  
Choreographer ..... Christine McCullough

## Calling All the Monsters

Performed by the Mini Ensemble  
Choreographer ..... Abigail Hackbardt

## Yellow Flicker Beat (Preview)

Performed by the Junior Ensemble  
Choreographer ..... Miranda Stepchuk

## Holiday Finale

Performed by select Jazz & Hip Hop classes at The Dance Centre  
Choreographer ..... Christine McCullough

Scenes from...

# THE NUTCRACKER



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# THE CAST



Choreographer - Wendi Stepchuk

Ballet Technique for Junior through Advanced - Mary Murphy

**Clara** ..... Samantha O'Brien  
**Fritz** ..... Annabelle Hackbardt  
**Herr Drosselmeyer** ..... Lizzie Hanson  
**Mother** ..... Addison Vince  
**Father** ..... Alexis Stidham

## Party Guests

Laila Borgman, Charlotte Haupt, Ava Huhn, Kate Jamieson,  
Natalie Jankowski, Paige Lewandowski, Natalia Magri, Delaney Martin,  
Danielle O'Brien, Nora Reed, Clara Schmid, Claire Wegienka

**Vivandère Doll** ..... Alexandra O'Brien  
**Soldier Doll** ..... Alex Hackbardt

## Clara's Friends

Rosalie Beckwith, Lauren Borgman, Anessa Hanson, Taylor Quinn,  
Ava Shelburne, Renata Uvick

## Fairies

Rylee Drobot, Brianna Stepchuk, Ashlyn Waters

## Mice & Soldiers

Paige Johnson, Kaitlyn Kelly, Dorothy Kleinberg, Paityn Lewandowski,  
Emilia Magri, Katie McCoy, Julia Pierce, Layla Powell, Lexi Stone, Mila Winne

**Mouse King** ..... Parker Kennedy  
**Nutcracker Prince** ..... Alex Hackbardt

**Snow Queen** ..... Brianna Stepchuk  
**Snowflakes**

Gwen Bergendahl, Elaina Cook, Rylee Drobot, Abigail Hackbardt,  
Alex Hackbardt, Parker Kennedy, Alexandra O'Brien, Ashlyn Waters

**French Mirliton Soloist** ..... Ashlyn Waters

## French Mirliton Corps

Rosalie Beckwith, Lauren Borgman, Annabelle Hackbardt, Anessa Hanson,  
Lizzie Hanson, Samantha O'Brien, Taylor Quinn, Ava Shelburne, Renata Uvick

**Mother Ginger** ..... Elaina Cook

## Mother Ginger's Polichinelle

Brooklyn Borgman, Keira Fortino, Ava Garr, Abby Hanson, Ellie Jamieson,  
Meghan Jones, Gabrielle Jose, Lacey Krause, Caitlin Murphy, Erin Rockwell,  
Katelynn Shelburne, Alexis Stidham, Nora Unruh, Addison Vince

**Arabian Princess** ..... Gwen Bergendahl

## Arabian Coffee

Elaina Cook, Rylee Drobot, Abigail Hackbardt, Alex Hackbardt,  
Alexandra O'Brien, Brianna Stepchuk, Ashlyn Waters

## Chinese Tea

Laila Borgman, Charlotte Haupt, Ava Huhn, Kate Jamieson,  
Natalie Jankowski, Paige Lewandowski, Natalia Magri, Delaney Martin,  
Danielle O'Brien, Nora Reed, Clara Schmid, Claire Wegienka

## Russian Candy Canes

Gwen Bergendahl, Elaina Cook, Rylee Drobot, Abigail Hackbardt,  
Alex Hackbardt, Parker Kennedy, Alexandra O'Brien, Brianna Stepchuk,  
Ashlyn Waters

## Spanish Chocolate

Rosalie Beckwith, Lauren Borgman, Annabelle Hackbardt, Anessa Hanson,  
Lizzie Hanson, Samantha O'Brien, Taylor Quinn, Ava Shelburne, Renata Uvick

**Dewdrop** ..... Rylee Drobot

## Flower Corps

Brooklyn Borgman, Keira Fortino, Abby Hanson, Ellie Jamieson,  
Meghan Jones, Gabrielle Jose, Lacey Krause, Caitlin Murphy, Erin Rockwell,  
Katelynn Shelburne, Alexis Stidham, Nora Unruh, Addison Vince