

THE WHITE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL'S
CREATIVE EDGE DANCE STUDIO
PRESENTS
THE

NUTCRACKER



**THE LITTLETON
OPERA HOUSE**

FRI DEC 10TH AT 6PM
SAT DEC 11TH AT 6PM
SUN DEC 12TH AT 2PM

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December 2021

Two years ago we were here at the Littleton Opera House presenting *Clara's Nutcracker*. We didn't know at that time that it would be our last performance of the 2019-2020 season. With so many plans and expectations upended in the past 21 months, our notions of tradition, convention, obligation, and need have been scrutinized and questioned in a way that most of us have never known.

For me, as a director, dancer, choreographer, and teacher, a few things have been thrown into stark relief, emerging from these years as welcome and rejuvenating constants: the joy of moving with others in a dance studio, the heartening resilience of young people, the spark of invention born of less-than-ideal circumstances, and the connection with and admiration for my colleagues.

The Nutcracker ballet premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia in December, 1892, and the Littleton Opera House was constructed in 1894, making them contemporaneous cultural institutions, albeit very different in location and scale. At a time when we feel unstable and traditions have had to be altered or postponed, I invite you to place yourself in the continuum of artists and audiences that have enjoyed this work and gathered to create it for nearly 130 years.

Thank you for being here,
Dinah Gray

THE NUTCRACKER

Choreography: Veronica Factory, Dinah Gray, Kenneth Meunier

Technical Director: George Mitchell

Photography and Poster Design: Alli Gaulin

Livestream and Videography: Brayden Coute

Creative Edge Dance Studio Faculty and Staff: Korina Bazzell, Dinah Gray, Amy Ingerson, Kathy Kohatsu, Nicole Luurtsema, Kenneth Meunier, Corey Starr



CAST

(in order of appearance)

Maid: Gwen DeYoung

Fritz Stahlbaum: Casey Kendall

Clara Stahlbaum: Ainsley Kendall

Mr. and Mrs. Stahlbaum: Kenneth Meunier and Rose Sullivan

Party Guests: Keelei Adams, Brooklyn Barnes, Margaret Brown, Grace Cashin, Bella Coontz, Zori Coute, Poppy DeYoung, Ethan Dunbridge, Audia Feagler, Belkin Holder, Lydia Janes, Claire Peacock, Chloe Sullivan, Genevieve Tetrault, Bailey Verret, Hazel Yarosh

Uncle Drosselmeyer: Charles King

Ballerina Doll: Anna Baker

Soldier Doll: Claudia Canuto

Little Mice: Cecilia Rancourt, Leighton Rosebrook

Mice: Amelie Baker, Esme Bolevic, Petra Feagler, Cameron McMahon

Mouse Queen: Camille Yarrow

Nutcracker Prince, Battle Scene: Kenneth Meunier

Soldiers: Maria Baker, Sage Boisseau, Elsa DeYoung, Evie Fenoff, Meredith Smith

Nutcracker Prince, after Battle: Jakub Fortner

Snow Queen: Rayelinn Bromley

Little Snowflakes: Kennedy Balch, Alice Brown, Francesca St. John, Cleo Storella

Waltz of the Snowflakes, *corps de ballet*: Keelei Adams, Anna Baker, Brooklyn Barnes, Claudia Canuto, Zori Coute, Gwen DeYoung, Belkin Holder, Claire Peacock

Waltz of the Snowflakes, demi-soloists: Jessie Gall, Leah Weeden

Candy Queen: Ella Gaulin

Candy Kids: Bella Coontz, Ella Jones, Elizabeth Kwasnik, Brooklyn Mahy, Cecilia Rancourt, Rain Rouleau, Sierra Rowe, Lil Zemla

Sugarplum Fairy: Rose Sullivan

Spanish: Jessie Gall

Spanish Attendants: Margaret Brown, Chloe Sullivan

Arabian Snake: Keelei Adams

Candy Ribbon Attendants: Poppy DeYoung, Genevieve Tetrault

Russian: Leah Weeden

Russian Attendants: Zori Coute, Audia Feagler

Mirlitons: Anna Baker, Belkin Holder, Claire Peacock

Mother Ginger: Gwen DeYoung

Clowns: Kennedy Balch, Alice Brown, Sophia Hersey, Kaylee King, Leighton Rosebrook, Eliza Smith, Francesca St. John, Cleo Storella

Dewdrop Fairy: Kanon Matsushima

Waltz of the Flowers, *corps de ballet* Rayelinn Bromley, Jessie Gall, Ella Gaulin, Camille Yarrow



ACT I

Scene 1: The Stahlbaum Christmas Party

Scene 2: A Snowy Forest

ACT II

Scene 1: A Candy Forest

Scene 2: The Land of the Sweets

Scene 3: The Stahlbaum House

Thank you to all of the Creative Edge dancers and families and our faculty and staff for working together to make this production possible. Special thanks to John Drew, Meglyn Lavoie, Rob Constantine, Bill Rathman, Alli Gaulin, Delphine Sullivan, Courtney Tocci, Catie Sullivan, Adam Reczek, and J.J. Cromer.

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