

Nutcracker

Music by Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky
Staged by Stefanie Best

ACT I

It is Christmas Eve, and Clara can hardly wait for the party to begin.

Friends arrive and everyone dances joyfully.

Clara's eccentric uncle Drosselmeyer, a renowned toymaker, entertains the children with a puppet show, and a pair of life sized mechanical dancing dolls. Then Drosselmeyer presents Clara with a wooden Nutcracker, which turns out to be her favorite gift. Her jealous brother, Fritz, tries to grab the Nutcracker, and in the ensuing struggle, it breaks.

Drosselmeyer repairs the gift, the guests bid goodnight, and the family retires. But Clara cannot sleep without the Nutcracker, so she creeps back downstairs to retrieve it. Suddenly, she is accosted by a band of mice led by the evil Mouse Queen. In the face of Clara's danger, Drosselmeyer turns her Nutcracker into a handsome prince, who leads his toy soldiers into battle with the mice and vanquishes the Mouse Queen. The Nutcracker Prince leads Clara through the dancing snowflakes on her journey to the Kingdom of the Sweets.

Clara – Mia Heath

Her Brother Fritz – Dillon Helfand

Their Friends

Phoebe Allbright, Tyneson Cox, Chloe Danyeur, Grace Anne Dinard, Dylan Farmer, Isaac Finch, Claire Hayes, Ella Henry, Lucy Hope, Ariana Jacob, Rachael Janecek, Kaitlyn Lamb, Caroline Murphy, Mairin Murphy, Ella Thoma, Fiori Ohrn, and Hannah Yasueda

Clara's Parents - Linda Oustalet and Cornelius Keck

Their Friends-Ellie Bauder, Jay Chapel, Jessemine Hayes, Alby Karingada, Sarah Keck, Joshua Jones

The Maid – Julia Hockemeyer

Drosselmeyer – John Laverty

Ballerina Doll– Ava Henry

Soldier Doll – Josiah Finch

Mouse Queen - Stefanie Best

Mice

Scarlett Bock, Ava Curley, Hana Danyeur, Hannah Hager, Zora Hayes, Karoline Lamb, Adelaide Rhodaback, and Sophie Windland

Nutcracker Prince – Jacob Finch

Soldiers

Phoebe Allbright, Grace Anne Dinard, Ariana Jacob, Rachael Janecek, Kaitlyn Lamb, Caroline Murphy, and Ella Thoma

Snow Queen – Taverly Cox

Snowflakes

Elena Baldwin, Sarah Brown, Charity Chen, Ynez Conklin, Clara Cravens, Isabelle Finch, Katelyn Helfand, Ava Henry, Selena Lin, Melanie Lopez de Nava, Olivia Podea, and Anna Vieger,

20 Minute Intermission

Clara and the Nutcracker Prince arrive at the Kingdom of the Sweets. Angels greet them, and the Sugar Plum Fairy places Clara and the Prince upon her throne. They are entertained by Spanish Chocolate, Chinese Tea, Mirlitons, Arabian Coffee, Russian Trepak and Gingerbread Chefs. Even the Flowers of the Kingdom dance for Clara.

But Clara grows sleepy, and as she bids farewell to the Kingdom of the Sweets, she arrives asleep back in her own house.

Sugar Plum Fairy – Stephanie Rae Williams (appearing courtesy of Dance Theatre of Harlem)

Angels

Charity Chen
with

Phoebe Allbright, Grace Anne Dinard, Ariana Jacob, Rachael Janecek, Kaitlyn Lamb,
and Caroline Murphy

Cherubs

Scarlett Bock, Ava Curley, Hana Danyeur, Hannah Hager, Zora Hayes, Brooklyn Hildebrant,
Kinsley Hildebrant, Karoline Lamb, and Adelaide Rhodaback

Spanish Chocolate

Ynez Conklin, Isabelle Finch, Selena Lin, Anna Vieger

Chinese Tea

Katelyn Helfand, Melanie Lopez DeNava, Olivia Podea

Mirlitons

Ava Henry, Selena Lin, Alby Karingada

Arabian Coffee

Ynez Conklin
with

Elena Baldwin, Sarah Brown, Charity Chen, Katelyn Helfand, Melanie Lopez DeNava, Olivia
Podea, and Ella Thoma

Russian Trepak

Clara Cravens, Julia Hockemeyer, Anna Vieger

Mother Ginger - Linda Oustalet

Gingerbread Chefs

Scarlett Bock, Ava Curley, Hana Danyeur, Hannah Hager, Zora Hayes, Brooklyn Hildebrant,
Kinsley Hildebrant, Karoline Lamb, Adelaide Rhodaback

Waltz of the Flowers

Elena Baldwin, Sarah Brown, Charity Chen, Clara Cravens, Ynez Conklin, Taverly Cox, Isabelle
Finch, Katelyn Helfand, Ava Henry, Selena Lin, Melanie Lopez DeNava, Olivia Podea,
and Anna Vieger