

The Story of The Nuteracker

ACT ONE:

In a not-so-distant time, there was a large Holiday celebration at the home of a young girl named Marie Stahlbaum. Among her family and friends is Herr Drosselmeier, a magical toy maker who presents the Stahlbaum's with a magical tree angel who appears to Marie, and life-size dolls that seem to come to life! He gives Marie a Nutcracker to which she immediately becomes attached. After all of the excitement, the Staulbaum children become quite tired and go off to their bedrooms to sleep. The party comes to an end and the guests leave and return to their homes.

Realizing that she has left her precious Nutcracker, Marie returns to the Christmas tree just before midnight and falls into a deep sleep. Mysteriously, everything around her grows to huge proportions and all of the toys have come to life. The Nutcracker leads the toy soldiers in a fierce battle with the dangerous Rat Queen and her army of mice. The Nutcracker and the Rat Queen fight each other, and, just when it looks like the Nutcracker is in trouble, Marie's quick thinking saves him.

To Marie's astonishment, The Nutcracker becomes a handsome Prince. To reward Marie for her kindness, he invites her to travel with him led by the magical treetop angel who appeared to her during the party. Marie and the Nutcracker Prince begin their journey through the Magical Winter Wonderland. Toward the end of their journey the Snow Princesses bid them farewell as the Prince and the magical treetop angel lead Marie to the Prince's home beyond the clouds, the Kingdom of the Sweets.

ACT TWO:

Kingdom of Sweets

The Kingdom of Sweets is ruled by the kind and graceful Sugar Plum Fairy, who lives in a splendid Palace. She calls upon the subjects of her kingdom to take part in a great festival to honor Marie, who helped the Prince defeat the Rat Queen and escape his fate as a Nutcracker Doll. In the Kingdom of Sweets, they watch as the entire candy kingdom celebrate her courage and kindness. And finally, the Sugar Plum Fairy performs a beautiful dance with her Cavalier.

After all the celebration, the Sugar Plum calls upon the magical treetop angel to guide Marie home, where she finds her sweet Nutcracker doll in the early hours of the morning and returns to sleep with visions of Sugar Plums dancing in her dreams.





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The Juteracker

December 13-14, 2025

Music by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Based on the Story by E.T.A. Hoffman & Alexandre Dumas

There will be one 20-minute intermission.

We respectfully request that you observe the following house rules:

No food or drinks in the theater.

No flash photography or video recording during the performance. This performance will be professionally recorded.

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 ${\mathcal H}$ Message from the Directors. . .

As dance educators, working with our youngest to oldest cast members each year is a gift. To see them gaze with wonder, one can feel the secrets of life sparkle in their eyes. We are fortunate to witness over our 70+ collective years in education, these precious hearts grow into beautiful young adults. Our creative Academy family represents a vast color palette of human potential of which we are very proud.

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Our programs inspire these young people to recognize and develop their own unique gifts in all areas of their lives. We can't think of a better way to prepare children for the journey that lies ahead; the performing arts is where they can truly practice life skills every day!

We wish all of you a peaceful, happy and healthy holiday season, and may we continue to support each other to dream big and live with purpose.

Love and Friendship, Angela Amoroso, Miah Nwosu and Drew Skinner

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Saturday Matinee

Overture: Herr Drosselmeier's Toy Shop

Choreography by Miah Nwosu

Ballerina Doll Amalie Chan Harlequin Doll Emme Chan Herr Drosselmeier Kris Anelli

Act I, Scene I: The Street Scene

Marie Stahlbaum Natalie Ondris Fritz Stahlbaum Russell Kacura Stahlbaum Maid Tessie Pennell Marie's Friends, Fritz's Friends, Party Scene Guests & Children

Act I, Scene II: The Stahlbaum Home

Choreography by Miah Nwosu

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Fritz's Friends Chace Callahan, Luke Laidlaw, Charlie Perez

Party Scene Guests Children Olivia Anelli, Evelyn Berdy, Lucy Marks, Eliana Sosa, Veda Tilak, Parents Avery Crider, Jiada Friscia, Lauren Kacura, Leyla Kolman

Tree Top Angel Josephine De Leon Girl Soldier Doll Sarah Pisor

Act I, Scene III: The Stahlbaum Home at Midnight

Choreography by Angela Amoroso, Valerie Harden and Miah Nwosu, Rehearsed by Miah Nwosu

Magical Ornaments Choreographed by Angela Amoroso, Rehearsed by Meredith Campbell Naia Civit, Anastasia Cost, Alexis Fitzpatrick, Claire Gill, Nora Glenn, Kimaya Iyer, Aria Lichtenstein, Sofia Lopez Salomon, Amelie Marcu, Naya Oswalt, Eva Tice, Annabella Wall, Caroline Wooley

Ornament Thieves James Fitzpatrick, Vivek Iyer, Melissa Laidlaw, Brian Lichtenstein, Alejandro Marcu, Drew Skinner, Romelia Salomon, Steve Wall, Christopher Wooley

Rat Queen Sarah Pisor with Rats Amalie Chan, Emme Chan, Bella Cumba Josephine De Leon, Avery Gaccione, Lyla Kaplan, Makenna Kaplan, Grace Morgan

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Nutcracker Prince Sacha Martin

Act I, Scene IV: The Magical Winter Wonderland

Baby Snowflakes Choreographed by Angela Amoroso, Rehearsed by Melissa Laidlaw Abigail Biliavska, Eliana Biliavska, Yasna Bradfield, George Branam-Divelbiss, Claire Campbell, Holly Campbell, Phoebe Casanova, Ivy Glenn, Jessica Griot, Audrey Helgerson, Nadine Sazegar, Gemma Thayer, Mia Tice, Halliday Walker, Kenna Wilder

Waltz of the Snowflakes

Choreography by Miah Nwosu, excerpts after Vassily Vainonen

Marie & Prince with Amalie Chan, Emme Chan, Avery Crider, Bella Cumba, Josephine De Leon, Ava Estrada, Avery Gaccione, Lyla Kaplan, Makenna Kaplan, Leyla Kolman, Constance Leung, Sarah Pisor

Act II: The Kingdom of the Sweets

Guardian Gumdrops & Pages Choreography by Audrey Bondoc

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Sugar Plum Fairy and her Attendants Choreography by Miah Nwosu Eleanor Allen, Adeline Crivello, Lily Lasher, Claire Lee, Grace Pham, Ella Quaas, Olivia Skinner, Sofia Suraci

Spanish Choreography by Miah Nwosu Leyla Kolman with Amalie Chan, Emme Chan

Arabian Choreography by Miah Nwosu Avery Crider, Avery Gaccione

Russian Choreography by Teresa Wells, Staged by Miah Nwosu Ava Estrada with Siyona Gandhi, Emma Han, Kendall Heyer, Cadence Rowden

Chinese Tea *Choreography by Miah Nwosu* Lyla Kaplan *with* Amalie Chan, Constance Leung, Grace Morgan, Sofia Pavlova, Olivia Sandoval, Jasmine Siu

Dance of the Mirlitons Choreography by Miah Nwosu

Makenna Kaplan with Olivia Anelli, Ashley Auyoung, Cara Li, Jasmine Siu

Mother Ginger and the Bon Bons Choreography by Rebecca Newton

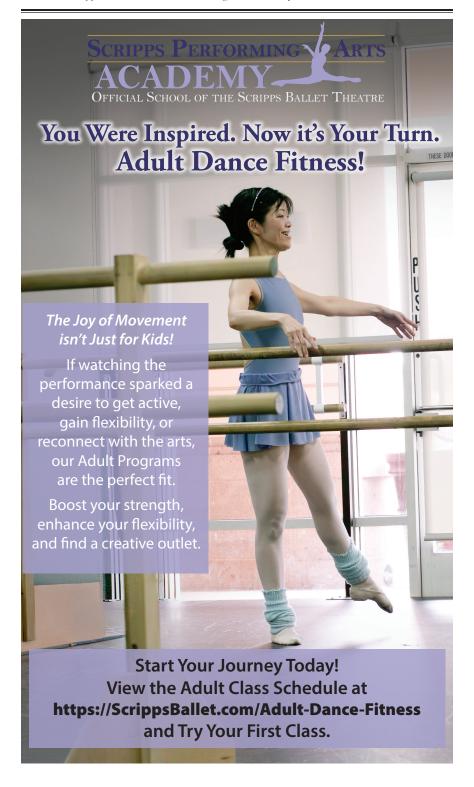
Mother Ginger Hudson with Leva Derakshan, Hadley Dring, Lucia Garay, Maggie Jean Gilmore, Dylan Han, Eleanor Hudson, Claire Li, Esen Perksoy, Calista Poulos, Zoe Speros, Pearl Vizesi, Carolina Wall

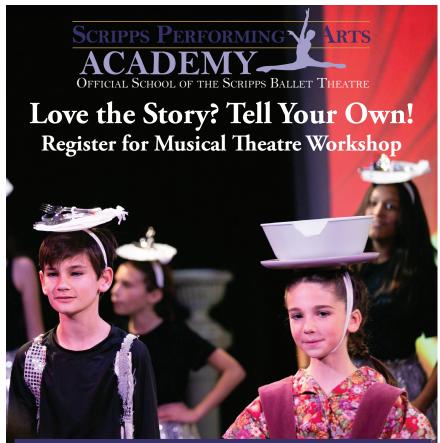
Waltz of the Flowers Choreography by Miah Nwosu

Dew Drop Bella Cumba *with* Amalie Chan, Emme Chan, Avery Crider, Josephine De Leon, Avery Gaccione, Lyla Kaplan, Makenna Kaplan, Sarah Pisor and Ava Estrada, Grace Morgan, Sofia Pavlova, Olivia Sandoval

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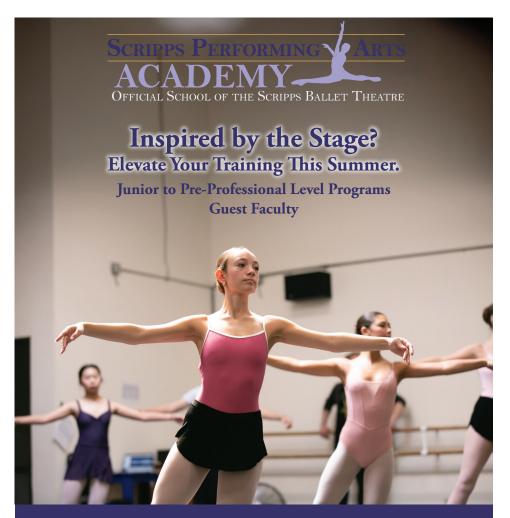
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