

THE SCRIPPS BALLET THEATRE &
THE SCRIPPS PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

present

The Nutcracker



December 13-15, 2024

The Story of The Nutcracker

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 Stahlbaum 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.



SCRIPPS BALLET THEATRE



SCRIPPS BALLET THEATRE WITH THE SCRIPPS PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY
presents

The Nutcracker

December 13-15, 2024

Music by
Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

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

Directed by
Miah Nwosu & Angela Amoroso

*This performance is dedicated in loving memory of
Mary Ruth Cox*

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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A 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.

We are not just another dance studio; we are a comprehensive performing arts school with a youth ballet company. We have created an exceptional performing arts haven to meet the creative and educational needs of all our students, for both the recreational and pre-professional paths.

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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Artistic Director,
Miah Nwosu

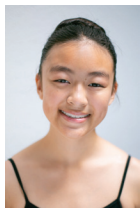
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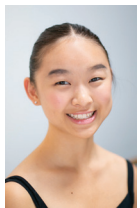
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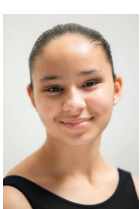
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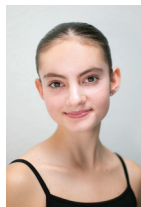
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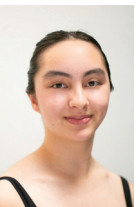
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Sarah Pisor



Evelyn Shoemaker

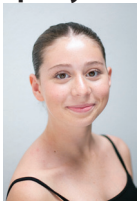


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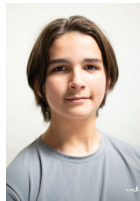
Junior Company 2024-25



Olivia Anelli



Ava Estrada



Sacha Martin



Natalie Ondris



Jasmine Siu

Friday Evening & Saturday Matinee

Overture: Herr Drosselmeier's Toy Shop

Choreography by Miah Nwosu

Ballerina Doll Sharkey Brumund **Harlequin Doll** Zooey Anelli

Herr Drosselmeier Kris Anelli

Act I, Scene I: The Street Scene

Marie Stahlbaum Makenna Kaplan **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

Dr. Stahlbaum Benedict Laidlaw **Mrs. Stahlbaum** Natalia Hill

Marie's Friends Emme Chan, Josephine de Leon, Ava Estrada, Constance Leung

Fritz's Friends Chace Callahan, Richard Lee, Sacha Martin, Arman Tasiran

Party Scene Guests Ashley Auyoung, Derek Bernal, Ramses Del Rio, Jiada Friscia, Cara Li Barbara Shoemaker, Evelyn Shoemaker, Julia Williams

Tree Top Angel Avery Gaccione **Nutcracker Prince** Jaylen Wiley

Act I, Scene III: The Stahlbaum Home at Midnight

Choreography by Angela Amoroso, Valerie Harden and Miah Nwosu,

Rehearsed by Miah Nwosu & Rebecca Newton

Magical Ornaments *Choreographed by Angela Amoroso, Rehearsed by Sharkey Brumund*

Aria Baran, Sofia Lopez Salomon, Sophia Nazar, Penelope Pixton, Calista Poulos, Annabella Wall, Carolina Wall, Camille Wright

Ornament Thieves Ana de la Torre, Ben, Laidlaw, Melissa Laidlaw, Rick Nazar, Jason Poulos, Drew Skinner, Lina Wall

Rat Queen Avery Crider *with Rats* Zooey Anelli, Emme Chan, Danika Gastelum, Lyla Kaplan, Tessie Pennell, Sarah Pisor

Big Toy Soldiers Olivia Anelli, Ava Estrada, Ariel Luo, Grace Morgan, Natalie Ondris, Jasmine Siu

Mice Leva Derakshan, Ameiya Doshi, Hadley Dring, Maggie Jean Gilmore, Eleanor Hudson, Claire Li, Sequoia Peck, Zoe Speros, Madelyn Yoon & Siyona Gandhi

Act I, Scene IV: The Magical Winter Wonderland

Baby Snowflakes *Choreographed by Angela Amoroso, Rehearsed by Melissa Laidlaw*

Devon Changsrivong, Naia Civit, Liyana Doshi, Alexis Fitzpatrick, Claire Gill, Ivy Glenn, Nora Glenn, Anna Kutianska, Amelie Marcu, Felicity Pixton, Deya Topalov, Halliday Walker, Caroline Wooley

Waltz of the Snowflakes

Choreography by Miah Nwosu, excerpts after Vassily Vainonen

Snow Queen Evelyn Shoemaker **Marie & Prince** with Sharkey Brumund, Andrea Chan, Avery Crider, Bella Cumba, Jiada Friscia, Avery Gaccione, Lucia Huang, Leyla Kolman, Tessie Pennell, Sarah Pisor, Ellin Qiao, Miu Ueda

Act II: The Kingdom of the Sweets

Guardian Gumdrops *Choreography by Rebecca Newton*

Eleanor Allen, Aryanna Ault, Siyona Gandhi, Nina Kracer, Gia Manganiello, Ava Paquette, Ella Quaas, Cadence Rowden, Olivia Skinner, Catherine Zhang

Angels *Choreography by Miah Nwosu, Rehearsed by Rebecca Newton*

Leva Derakshan, Ameiya Doshi, Hadley Dring, Maggie Jean Gilmore, Eleanor Hudson, Claire Li, Sequoia Peck, Zoe Speros, Madelyn Yoon

Sugar Plum Fairy and her Attendants *Choreography by Miah Nwosu*

Olivia Anelli, Ariel Luo, Grace Morgan, Natalie Ondris, Olivia Sandoval, Jasmine Siu

Spanish *Choreography by Miah Nwosu* Miu Ueda, Jaylen Wiley

Arabian *Choreography by Miah Nwosu* Ramses Del Rio, Josephine De Leon and Lucia Huang *with* Ava Estrada, Constance Leung

Chinese Tea *Choreography by Miah Nwosu* Bella Cumba *with* Zooey Anelli, Amalie Chan, Emme Chan, Danika Gastelum, Sofia Moller, Sarah Pisor

Russian *Choreography by Gary Sevani* Lyla Kaplan *with* Olivia Anelli, Derek Bernal, Ariel Luo, Sacha Martin, Grace Morgan, Natalie Ondris

Dance of the Mirlitons *Choreography by Miah Nwosu, excerpts after Keren Ramsdell* Sharkey Brumund, Andrea Chan, Leyla Kolman, Evelyn Shoemaker

Mother Ginger and the Bon Bons *Choreography by Rebecca Newton*

Mother Ginger Laidlaw *with* Eleanor Allen, Aryanna Ault, Siyona Gandhi, Nina Kracer, Gia Manganiello, Ava Paquette, Ella Quaas, Cadence Rowden, Olivia Skinner, Catherine Zhang

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Grand Pas de Deux

Choreography by Miah Nwosu after Marius Petipa, Lev Ivanov and Vassily Vainonen

Sugar Plum Fairy Jiada Friscia **Cavalier** Enrique Solis, Guest Artist

Finale and Apotheosis Full Cast



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A Training Facility that Defines Excellence...

My daughters love the musical theatre program! It's a very supportive, fun environment. It's also their favorite ASA. I have also started one daughter in Scripps teen dance program and I can't believe how quickly she has developed dance skills! Wonderful instruction!

Brandi B.

We have loved sending our daughter here, but since we don't live in the area, we looked at another dance studio down the street from us. It did not compare to Scripps. There is such a warm family environment feeling when you walk into the studio, and all the teachers are amazing! Can't wait for her to be in the Nutcracker this year!

Jessica B.

Not Just an After School Activity, but a Place to Build Character...

If you are looking for a pre-professional ballet program that values education and self-discipline, then SPAA is the place for your child.

Three years ago, my then 12 year old daughter was at a crossroads in her dance training. She was at a competition studio, studying all forms of dance, but really wanted a solid dance education that could take her farther than dance competitions. Luckily I found SPAA, and Ms. Angela and Ms. Miah encouraged my daughter to try their program. My daughter has since been to Summer intensives at Pacific Northwest Ballet, Houston Ballet and has been accepted to others including San Francisco Ballet, Miami City Ballet, Boston Ballet and Juilliard. She has taken classes from the best and feels that the classes at SPAA have not only prepared her well for other programs but are on par with the level of instruction.

They charge a fraction of what I was paying for competition dance. My daughter is happy and I never question the education she is receiving at SPAA. I highly recommend this school and only wish I had found it earlier.



Jordan performing in Fokine's
Les Sylphides with Scripps Ballet Theatre

Keri L.

Parent of 4 Year Upper Division Student who danced with the Estonian National Ballet, after dancing with Houston Ballet II



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Dekoar, Sophia Isho, Emma John, Isabella Meyer, Charlotte Ochoa, Alba Perez, Emma
Perez, Klara Perez, Lena Sonza, Emma Thompson, Bailey Wasson,
Cecilia Wasson

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A Round of Bravos. . .

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