

Directed By: Rebekah Harville Carlisle

### Dance Instructors:

Rebekah Harville Carlisle, Tara Cave, Emily Dowis, Emma Wiggins, Anne Lummus, Laural Boyles

# The utcracker 2023 Performance

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## Cast

Clara - Aurora Thompson

The Nutcracker/ Cavalier- Luke Wiggins

Mr./ Mrs. Stahlbaum-Emily & Brian Dowis

Fritz- Annabelle Carlisle

Baby Stahlbaum- Noelle Dowis

Godfather Drosselmeyer- Brooks Adams

**Party Parents** 

Women: Nicole Deal, Rebekah NeSmith, Kristen Leonard, Emma Wiggins, Amanda Michielson, Stacey Deal, Anne Lummus, Danielle Adams

Men: John Parcels, Mark Wiggins, Ian Leonard, John Wiggins, Justin Samples, Nash Godwin, Luke Wiggins

Maids- Abigail Wiggins, Abigail Cook, Darien Adams, Aaliyah Lonon

**Dolls-** Emily Noel (Soldier Doll), Rose Thompson (Jack-In-The-Box Doll) Nadilie Olson (Ballerina Doll)

Party Children

**Girls:** Rose Deal, Stella Lee, Maybrie Leonard, Adeline McDonald, Stella Salter, Ansley Dolan, Lola Thompson, Marley Tootle, Caroline McDaniel, Abigail Klayman

**Boys:** Haley Mitchielson, Lillian Collins, Lisbeth Swanson, Sophie Kaiser, Clara Whitworth, Ava Cliett, Giovanna Spivey

Rat Queen- Abigail Wiggins

### Mice & Rats

Mice: Amelia Schwarz, Caroline McDaniel, Naomi Kaiser, Hagan Prince, Charlee Prince, Layla Harrison, Sullivan Brannon, Mckinley Gay, Eliza Holsonbach

Rats: Haley Mitchielson, Lillian Collins, Lisbeth Swanson, Sophie Kaiser, Clara Whitworth, Ava Cliett, Giovanna Spivey, Annabelle Carlisle

**Soldiers**- Rose Deal, Stella Lee, Maybrie Leonard, Adeline McDonald, Ansley Dolan, Lola Thompson, Marley Tootle, Caroline McDaniel, Abigail Klayman

Snow Queen- Emma Wiggins

Snow King- John Wiggins

**Snow-** Anna Nessmith, Isabella Diaz, Emily Dowis, Anne Lummus, Rebekah Harville Carlisle, Laural Boyles, Grace Ward, Kate Warner

**Jr. Snowflakes**- Abigail Wiggins, Aaliyah Lonon, Abigail Cook, Lola Schwarz, Rose Thompson, Nadilie Olson, Mason Meinhardt, Emily Noel

Angels- Ashley Beasley, Lilly Lee, Abigail Carberry, Emma Kennedy, Amelia Schwarz, Caroline McDaniel, Naomi Kaiser, Hagan Prince, Charlee Prince, Sullivan Brannon, Savannah Hyer, McKinley Gay, Emerson Klayman, Eliza Holsonbach

Spanish Solo- Anna Nessmith Bulls- Malcom & Theo Couillou

Chinese Tea- Hadassa Spivey, Vasalisa Apanaskevich, Chloe Weaver, Lisbeth Swanson, Lillian Collins, Haley Michielson, Meadow Fretwell, Abigail Klayman, Giovanna Spivey, Adleigh Rodgers, Annabelle Carlisle

Genie- Grace Ward Arabian Prince - Luke Wiggins

**Arabian Dancers**- Isabella Diaz, Anna Nessmith, Kate Warner, Aaliyah Lonon

Russian Candy Canes- Abigail Wiggins, Lola Schwarz, Rose Thompson, Nadilie Olson, Mason Meinhardt, Emily Noel, Abigail Cook, Jocelyn Smith

Marzipan- Laural Boyles, Isabella Diaz, Anna Nessmith

**Bakers & GingerBread**- Abigail Cook (Baker), Mason Meinhardt (Gingerbread), Stella Lee, Catherine McDaniel, Adeline McDonald, Lola Thompson, Ansley Dolan, Maybrie Leonard, Rose Deal, Marley Tootle, Genesis Flores

Keeper of the Garden- Aaliyah Lonon

**Bumble Bees-** Ashley Beasley, Lilly Lee, Abigail Carberry, Emerson Klayman, Emma Kennedy, Savannah Hyer

Sugar Plum Fairy- Anne Lummus

Garland Girls- Hadassa Spivey, Vasalisa Apanaskevich, Chloe Weaver, Clara Whitworth, Ava Cliett, Sophie Kaiser

Flowers- Anna Nessmith, Isabella Diaz, Kate Warner, Emily Dowis, Rebekah Harville Carlisle, Laural Boyles, Grace Ward, Emma Wiggins

# This story begins...

The story of The Nutcracker Ballet is loosely based on the E.T.A. Hoffmann fantasy story "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King", about a girl who befriends a nutcracker that comes to life on Christmas Eve and wages a battle against the evil Mouse King.

Our story follows this classic plot as Young Clara meets her beloved Nutcracker Prince and joins him on a stroll through a magical forest after a fear-some battle against the Monsterous Mouse King and his minions who had invaded her living room as the house-hold was fast asleep and dreaming.

As the pair venture into the magic forest, the Prince brings them to the Kingdom of Ice and Snow. He promptly requests an audience with the sparkling Snow King and Queen so he can regale them with tales of the recent battle and how Clara saved his life. Delighted, the King and Queen call out for their court, and glittering snowflakes flutter and dance across the icy forest skies in joy. After a short celebration and dance, the pair set off again venturing into the Land of Sweets, and sailing across the Lemonade Sea.

Beyond the cloudy gates of the Kingdom of Sweets, they soon meet the Sugar Plum Fairy who delights at Clara's bravery against the Mouse King. She presents delicate dancers of all



sorts of international flavors and flairs who enchant the court with their graceful, lively performances. Spanish chocolate performs passionately with artistic flourishes. Arabian coffee sweets mesmerize the court followed by the playful chinese tea dancers and happy french marzipan sweets. They even convince Clara and the Prince join in their merry performance! The night continues in rapturous celebration until it's time for Clara to go back home. A Kingdom of Sweets Courtier eventually guides Clara back onto the path for home, and Clara wakes up in her room as if it was all a marvelous dream.

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