

The **S**tudio of Classical Dance Arts
A Professional Ballet School

proudly presents our 11th annual production of

THE STORY OF THE NUTCRACKER

Saturday, December 17 at 1:30 & 7:00

Sunday, December 18 at 1:30

2016

Featuring Guest Artists

Kara Zimmerman & Randy Herrera

First produced December 18, 1892 in St. Petersburg Russia,
The Story of the Nutcracker is based loosely on E.T.A. Hoffmann's
"The Nutcracker and the Mouse King".

CAST

SCENE I - CHRISTMAS EVE

Maids.....	Catherine Clark & Elizabeth VanKammen
Mrs. Stalhbaum	Madeline Jerry
Clara Stalhbaum	Brooke Westfall
Fritz Stalhbaum	Aaron Orton
Uncle Drosselmeyer.....	William Heide
Drosselmeyer's Nephew Nicholas	Kai Nakayama
Clara's Friends	Erena Dobrowski, Sophie Higgs, Katie Mueller, Noel Propsom, Reese Reynolds, Sarah Scott & Kristin Walek
Fritz's Friends.....	Ephram Hemmig, Anthony Host & Zack Locke
Party Guests.....	MaxAnna Collen, Tess Dimler, Emma DeGroot, Jade Eckert, Alexis Habermehl, Veronica Petrach, Julia Wernicke & Katie Yan
Dolls 1 & 2.....	Caroline Mork & Lainnie Kauth
Soldier Doll	Emily Mains

SCENE II - MIDNIGHT

Mice.....	Margaret Bennett, Autumn Dobrowski, Katrina Hjelmgren, Laurel Lasch, Caroline Mork, Leanne Potter <i>and</i> Aylla Banta, Brighton Haney, Sophia Hunter, Abbey Myrum, Katherine Pienkos & Regan Welch
Nutcracker Prince	Kai Nakayama
Drummer Boy	Ephram Hemmig
Soldiers.....	Emma Andersen, Michaiiah Evans, Eliana Lang, Judea Leon, Emilie Miller, Josephine Rush <i>and</i> Shiloh Broadway, Brooklynn Ellestad-Hansen, Samantha Habermehl, Ziyah Hanks, Laila Hoffmann, Amelia Klamm & Dana Petersen
Mouse King.....	William Heide

SCENE III - LAND OF SNOW

Snow Angels	Bralyn Clark, Braelynn Hansen, Adelaide Jerry, Claire Meiri & Jacqueline Pienkos
Snowflakes.....	Margaret Bennett, Catherine Clark, MaxAnna Collen, Autumn Dobrowski, Tess Dimler, Jade Eckert, Lainnie Kauth, Laurel Lasch, Emily Mains, Elizabeth Van Kammen, Julia Wernicke & Katie Yan
Sleigh Attendants.....	Brooklynn Ellestad-Hansen, Amelia Klamm & Dana Petersen

15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

ACT II

THE LAND OF THE SWEETS

Sugar Plum Fairy.....	Kara Zimmerman
Sugar Plum Cavalier.....	Randy Herrera
Dew Drop Fairy.....	MaxAnna Collen
Dew Drop Cavalier	William Heide
Angels.....	Alivia Arnone, Jureimmy Caro, Bralyn Clark, Braelynn Hansen, Joshlynn Hunter, Adelaide Jerry, Cali Landreman, Claire Meiri, Isabelle Middleton, Jocelyn Miller, Nora Orton, Jacqueline Pienkos, Ella Propsom, Tamra Ramcke & Paige Wolfe
Spanish Chocolate	Katie Yan
Arabian.....	Tess Dimler <i>with</i> Emma DeGroot, Erena Dobrowski, Sophie Higgs, Katrina Hjelmgren, Judea Leon, Emilie Miller, Veronica Petrach & Josephine Rush
Chinese Tea.....	Autumn Dobrowski & Julia Wernicke <i>with</i> Emma Andersen, Katie Mueller, Noel Propsom, Reese Reynolds, Sarah Scott, Kristin Walek <i>and</i> Aylla Banta, Brighton Haney, Ziyah Hanks, Abbey Myrum & Katherine Pienkos
Russian Candy Canes	Jade Eckert <i>with</i> Margaret Bennett, Laurel Lasch, Emily Mains, Elizabeth VanKammen and William Heide, Ephram Hemmig, Kai Nakayama & Aaron Orton
French Shepherdess.....	Madeline Jerry <i>with</i> Violet Badham, Allyce Fellion, Shelly Fortier, Olivia Knoell, Amelia Morgan & Sophia Pearson
Gingerbread Children.....	Aylla Banta, Shiloh Broadway, Samantha Habermehl, Brighton Haney, Laila Hoffmann, Sophia Hunter, Katie Mueller, Abbey Myrum Katherine Pienkos, Reese Reynolds, Sarah Scott & Regan Welch
Waltz of the Flowers	Margaret Bennett, Tess Dimler, Autumn Dobrowski, Jade Eckert, Madeline Jerry, Laurel Lasch, Emily Mains, Elizabeth VanKammen, Julia Wernicke, Katie Yan <i>and</i> Catherine Clark, Michaiiah Evans, Alexis Habermehl, Lainnie Kauth, Eliana Lang, Judea Leon, Caroline Mork & Leanne Potter
Grand Pas de Deux.....	Kara Zimmerman & Randy Herrera

Important Note: As with almost all public theatrical performances, recordings of any kind (still pictures, video, sound, etc.) are prohibited.

As a courtesy to the performers and audience members please turn off or silence all cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices during the performance.

SYNOPSIS

Our story begins on Christmas Eve at the beautiful Stalhbaum Manor. As the maids put the finishing touches on the decorations for the party, Fritz sneaks into the living room to hide a “present” for his sister. Mrs. Stalhbaum enters bringing gifts for under the tree. With a last check of the house she welcomes friends and family to her annual party. Among the guests are Clara’s mysterious Uncle Drosselmeyer and his nephew, Nicholas. Their magical gifts are always a highlight of the party. The party grows festive with dancing and music when suddenly Uncle Drosselmeyer brings everything to a halt. With a great show of mystery he and Nicholas present two magical boxes. To the delight of all, from each box a life-size dancing doll appears! After the dolls perform, Nicholas has a surprise just for the boys: a toy soldier doll! As the magical dolls leave, Uncle Drosselmeyer has another surprise, a toy cannon for Fritz and a handsome Nutcracker doll for Clara. Fritz is fascinated with his new cannon and thinks the Nutcracker would be a perfect addition to his army. As he attempts to take the Nutcracker from Clara it crashes to the floor...and breaks! Nicholas retrieves the broken doll and with a wave of Uncle Drosselmeyer’s magical hands the Nutcracker is restored. The evening grows late, the guests begin to depart; once again the Stalhbaum manor becomes quiet as the family retires for the evening.

As midnight approaches Fritz sneaks back out to the living room. His sister, unable to sleep, also returns to the living room only to be frightened by the shadow of a gigantic mouse on the wall. As she looks around she realizes that it is not a giant mouse she sees but another of her brother’s tricks. She storms toward him, snatches the mouse from his hands and throws it into the fireplace. Thinking she has solved the mouse problem once and for all she scolds Fritz just as the clock strikes midnight! Lights flicker as he begins to gesture frantically, as Clara turns she sees mice larger than life crawling out of the fireplace! Fritz has a plan and saves the Nutcracker from the marauding mice, placing it into one of Uncle Drosselmeyer’s magic doll boxes. The mice surround Clara and just when all hope seems lost Fritz’s plan comes to life as a life-size Nutcracker leads his army into the living room. To Clara’s amazement he looks very much like her Uncle Drosselmeyer’s nephew Nicholas. Is it her Nutcracker doll grown to full size or is Nicholas coming to rescue her? Whoever he may be he is just in time! After a great battle the ferocious King of the Mice is vanquished. As the Mouse King is dragged away by his disbelieving mice, the Nutcracker Prince sends his soldiers back to their toy box.

As Clara struggles to shake the fear left from the battle, beautiful angels appear introducing Clara to her magical rescuer, who is indeed Nicholas. He and the angels invite Clara on a magical trip through the Land of Snow to the Land of the Sweets. As they begin their journey a Snowflake appears followed by another and another. Clara dances with the Snowflakes putting the thoughts of mice and fighting far behind. As Clara and the Snowflakes waltz through the falling snow Nicholas once again appears, this time with a magical Sleigh. With the Angels leading the way they leave the still falling snow as Clara’s dream continues.

The sleigh arrives at the palace of the Sugar Plum Fairy in the enchanting Land of the Sweets. Nicholas introduces Clara to the Dew Drop Fairy who calls all of the Sweets from lands far and wide. Finally the Sugar Plum Fairy with her handsome Cavalier arrive, excited to meet their guests. Clara and Nicholas tell the story of the Great Battle and how they overcame the evil Mouse King. Enchanted by Clara’s bravery the Sugar Plum Fairy gives her a beautiful crown and all of the Sweets dance in celebration. The Sugar Plum and her Cavalier bring the celebration to a triumphant conclusion when they perform the magical Grand Pas de Deux. All of the wondrous excitement overwhelms Clara and she grows sleepy. Magically the Angels return to guide her safely back to where her adventure began and she returns to her now peaceful slumber with the Nutcracker cradled in her arms.

GUEST ARTISTS

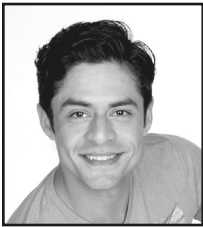


Kara Zimmerman

Kara Zimmerman was born in Hershey, PA and trained at the Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet in Carlisle, PA. She has been dancing professionally for the past 16 years, and most recently with the Victor Ullate Ballet Company in Madrid, Spain.

After graduating High School, Kara moved to Seattle, WA to attend the Pacific Northwest Ballet School's Professional Division program on full scholarship. She trained there for two years before joining the Pacific Northwest Ballet Company as a member of the Corps de Ballet in 2000. During her eight seasons with the Pacific Northwest Ballet, she had the privilege of traveling to England, Scotland, Hong Kong, and Turkey to perform with the company. In 2008 Kara joined the Cincinnati Ballet as a Senior Soloist. Then one year later, she joined the Joffrey Ballet in Chicago, IL where she danced in the company for the next six seasons. While dancing at the Joffrey Ballet, she has performed lead roles in ballets such as Stravinsky Violin Concerto (Aria II), In the Night (2nd pas), The Nutcracker (Sugar Plum, Snow Queen, Arabian), In the Middle Somewhat Elevated (main pas), Cinderella (Summer Fairy), Don Quixote (Dryad Queen), Age of Innocence (2nd pas), Tulle (Lead Woman), Lilac Garden (The Other Woman), Prodigal Son (Siren), After the Rain, Reflections, Othello and Infra to name a few.

In August of 2015 Kara moved to Madrid, Spain to join the Victor Ullate Ballet Company. During this past year with the company she has performed all throughout Spain and France and also toured to South America where the company performed in Uruguay and Colombia.



Randy Herrera

Mr. Herrera began his training in Chicago Illinois, studying at the Chicago Academy for the Arts from 1994-98 where he trained under the direction of Anna Paskevka, Claire Bataille and Randy Duncan. He also trained at the prestigious School of American Ballet and San Francisco Ballet School. Mr. Herrera has received many awards including fourth place in the International Ballet Competition held in Jackson, Mississippi in 1998 and the Princess Grace Award in 1999. He was a member of the Joffrey Ballet from

1999-01 and danced with Houston ballet as a Principal dancer for nine years. Currently Mr. Herrera dances as a guest artist on both the national and international stages.

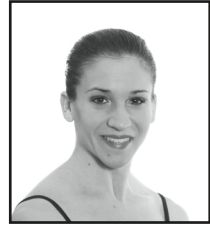
STUDENTS IN FEATURED ROLES



MaxAnna Collen
Party Guest, Snowflake,
Dew Drop Fairy



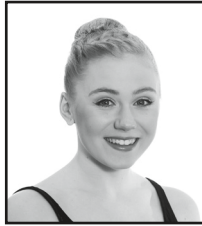
Tess Dimler
Party Guest, Snowflake,
Arabian and Flower



Jade Eckert
Party Guest, Snowflake,
Russian and Flower



Madeline Jerry
Mrs. Stalbaum,
Shepherdess and Flower



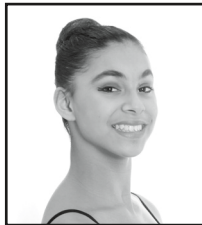
Julia Wernicke
Party Guest, Snowflake
Chinese and Flower



Katie Yan
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Spanish and Flower



Autumn Dobrowski
Mouse, Snowflake
Chinese and Flower



Emily Mains
Doll, Snowflake,
Russian and Flower

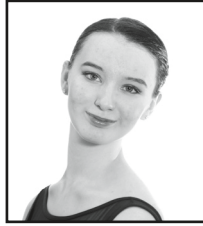


Elizabeth VanKammen
Maid, Snowflake
Russian and Flower

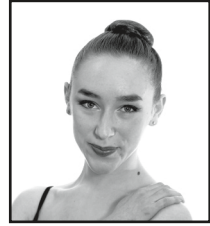
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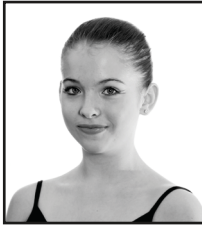
Laurel Lasch
Mouse, Snowflake,
Russian and Flower



Margaret Bennett
Mouse, Snowflake
Russian and Flower



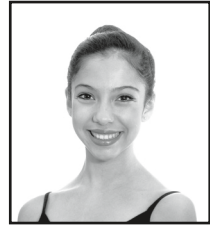
Catherine Clark
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and Flower



Linnie Kauth
Doll, Snowflake
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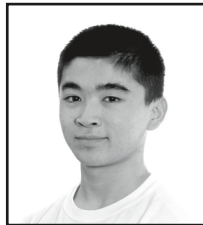
Caroline Mork
Doll, Mouse
and Flower



Brooke Westfall
Clara Stalhbaum



William Heide
Uncle Drosselmeyr,
Mouse King,
Russian and Dew Drop Cavalier



Kai Nakayama
Nicholas Drosselmeyer,
Nutcracker Prince
and Russian



Aaron Orton
Fritz Stalhbaum
and Russian

CREDITS & STAFF

Composer Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Choreography and Concept.....Linda Bennett and Marc Darling
Wardrobe, Props & Sets Linda Bennett, Marc Darling,
Judith Warren & Skelly Warren
Stage CrewBrian Hrpcek and the Parkside Crew

THANK YOU

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Back Stage

Angiee Becker, Solomyn Collen, Phoebe Kammuller, Claudia Lasch,
Meriona Marsh, Sydney Merritt & Ellen Petersen

Front of House

Rita Collen, Colleen Merritt & Christy Rauwerda
and all of our wonderful volunteer ushers

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And, to all of our students and parents for their hard work, time and support

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