

The Portsmouth School of Ballet

Presents

The Nutcracker

Saturday, December 2nd & Sunday, December 3rd

at Exeter High School Auditorium

Act I

It is Christmas Eve at the Stahlbaum house and the family is hosting their annual Christmas party. As they welcome their family and friends, the children, Clara and Fritz, dance and play. The party grows festive with music and dancing and a favorite uncle, Drosselmeyer, arrives. He is a skilled toymaker and is always full of surprises. Drosselmeyer draws everyone's attention as he presents life-sized dolls. They are the delight of the party, and each takes a turn to dance.

Once the children are done inspecting the dancing dolls, Drosselmeyer presents a very special gift to Clara. It is a beautiful Nutcracker. Fritz becomes jealous and, being a bit more mischievous than he should, grabs the nutcracker from Clara and proceeds to break it. Heartbroken, Clara looks on as Drosselmeyer quickly repairs the Nutcracker with a handkerchief he magically draws from the air.

As the evening grows late, the guests depart and the Stahlbaum family retires for the evening. Clara, worried about her beloved Nutcracker, sneaks back to the tree to check on him. She quickly falls asleep on the sofa with the Nutcracker by her side.

The clock strikes midnight and extraordinary things begin to occur. Mice begin scampering through the living room surrounding Clara. Her Uncle Drosselmeyer unexpectedly arrives and encourages her to be brave and lets her know that everything will be all right. Suddenly, the mice being led by the terrifying Mouse Queen, attack Clara. The Nutcracker awakens; he leads his army of toy soldiers into battle against the mice. The Mouse Queen corners the Nutcracker and battles him one-on-one. Clara makes a final daring stand and throws her slipper at the Mouse Queen, hitting her square on the head. Distracted, the Mouse Queen does not see the Nutcracker's final thrust of his sword. Before she collapses, the Mouse Queen drives her blade into the Nutcracker. The mice are

defeated and they carry their leader away. Clara runs to her injured Nutcracker and begins to weep over his wounded body. Magic fills the air as the Nutcracker turns into a Prince and takes Clara on a journey to the Land of Snow, an enchanted forest wonderland, where they are welcomed by the King and Queen of the dancing snowflakes. Here they are put on a magical sleigh where they travel to the Land of Sweets.

Act II

Clara and the Nutcracker Prince arrive at the cloud-covered gates of the Land of the Sweets, where the Sugar Plum Fairy reigns. The Nutcracker Prince tells the court how Clara saved his

life. In gratitude, the Sugar Plum Fairy presents Clara with a crown, and festivities commence in Clara's honor.

Uncle Drosselmeyer once more appears and the festivities come to an end. The Sugar Plum Fairy and her court bid Clara farewell and drifted back into the clouds. Clara hugs her Nutcracker Prince tightly but he too fades away. Clara suddenly awakes and finds herself back in her living room, had this all been a dream she thought? She hears a voice call her name. Her Nutcracker doll stands tall on the fireplace mantel. With a final bow, Clara knows in her heart her Nutcracker prince will always be with her and the memories they shared in the Land of Sweets were real.

CLARA: Julia Vance (Red) Scarlett Buttermore (Green) Madelyn Lewis (Blue)

FRITZ: Hazel Hubbard (Red) Hazel Pope (Green) Sophie Siller (Blue)

FRAU STAHLBAUM: Noelle Gagnon

HERR STAHLBAUM: Stephen Gagnon

PARTY CHILDREN: Elizabeth Handwork, Grace Healy, Mia Tully, Olivia Gray, Cassy Craven, Sevy Packard, Leora Ankeny, Olivia Denardo, Esme Moore, Ruby Bugg, Claire Dennen, Aurora Matto, adam El Anmari, Solange Poupon, Addison Peelman, Ryan Ryabtsev (Red, Blue) Isla Lynch, Elizabeth Kennedy, Anais Byron, Olivia Gray, Nola Goldstein, Sevy Packard, Phoebe Raymond, Olivia Denardo, Esme Moore, Viviane Dinan, Claire Dennen, Kailey Bishop, Cosette Buttermore, Alice Schoengold, Adam El Anmari, Ryan Ryabtsev (Green)

CLARA'S FRIENDS: Everly Neri, Madelyn Dinan, Sara Sapcoe, Olivia Tegeder (Red) Cecilia McKay, Ileana Milhauser, Aspen Kaner, Kayra Madaras (Green) Kayra Madaras, Avery Carroll, Claire Boysen, Pilar Serrano (Blue)

DROSSELMAYER: Matthew Clement

THE MAIDS: Jarrett Black & Lindsay Lewis

GRANDFATHER: Charley DeMoss

GRANDMOTHER: Brigid Licata

PARTY MOMS: Olivia Kenney, Siena Hill, Madelyn Herrholz, Caitlin Craven

PARTY DADS: Richard Hartley, Ed Randall, Greg Craven, Daniel Siller

COLUMBINE: Kendall Ford (Red) Abigail Barstow (Green) Anya Chapochnikova (Blue)

HARLEQUIN: Sofia Serrano (Red) Grace Kenney (Green) Logan Black (Blue)

DOLLS: Giovanna Amico, Amelia Bartolini, Eliana Bartolini, Estelee Byron, Alice Mailhot, Isla Hubbard, Avani Packard, Hazel Quinn, Emery Shields, Vivienne Siller, Brooklyn Smith, Vivienne Stoll, Alessandra Zieja, Sophia Khan, Brynlee Lanigan, Valkyrie Ohley, Wilder Ohley, Reese Vatanian, Olivia Wentworth (Red)

Remi Alexander, Clara Amarosa, Bearrice Bray, Norah Couch, Emma Denardo, Emma Hasenbank, Lydia Ingle, Meera Paterson, Lila Richardson, Vivienne Stevenot, Eleanor Tokas, George Vance, Charlotte Witherspoon, Hadley Witherspoon, Caroline Soukup, Evelyn Woodman, Hadley Carr (Green)

Ani Papayan, Audrey Saunders, Greta Rouleau, Arden Schran, Erin Sullivan, Rosabell Grady, Katerina Khan, Michaela Orre, Madeline Cahill, Eliza Thomas, Emery Mononen, Kei Moody, Katherine Dwyer, Reese Vartanian, Cora O'Shaughnessy, Iris Marino (Blue)

NUTCRACKER: Ilya Burov

MOUSE QUEEN: Logan Black (Red) Noelle Gagnon (Green) Ava Sophia Martin (Blue)

BIG MICE: Abbigail Barstow, Anya Chapochnikova, Imogen Crichton-Ingalls, Hailey Duprey, Kendall Ford, Vanessa Hutchins, Alana Hutton, Grace Kenney, Isabella Lewis, Maura Licata, Annelore Poupon, Sofia Serrano, Kayleen Soorza, Ava Tullis

SOLDIERS: Hunter Ankeny, Claire Boysen, Scarlett Buttermore, Avery Carroll, Madeline Dinan, Julia Hitchmoth, Hazel Hubbard, Aspen Kaner, Madelyn Lewis, Kayra Madaras, Camden Marchessault, Cecilia McKay, Ileana Milhauser, Everly Neri, Hazel Pope, Sara Sapcoe, Pilar Serrano, Sophie Siller, Olivia Tegeder, Julia Vance

THREE BABY LEAD MICE: Nola Goldstein, Mia Tully, Claire Dennen

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Lily Rfferty, Kylie Kernus, Amelia Grady, Madeline McBride, Lucy Westerman, Emma Marcuri, Rosa Gutierrez-Leonard, Aria Lakatos, Lila Harrison, Colette Ortlip, Maya Gutierrez-Leonard, Isabel Westbrook, Hadley McClellan, Ellie Young, Elizabeth Sidoruk, Brynlee Lanigan, Nellie Collins, Elizabeth Johnson, Charlotte McLaughlin, Waverly Willard, Emma Tracy-Martinez, Fiona Romano, Clare Munroe, Hadley Carr, Amelie Schran, Rose Orr, Lilian Barlett, Giselle Siller, Maeve Carroll, Daniella Durbin, Avalina Stickney, Emery Stickney (Blue)

SNOW KING: Matthew Clement

SNOW QUEEN: Siena Hill (Red) Madelyn Herrholz (Green) Sienna Graham (Blue)

LITTLE SNOWFLAKES: Ana Beatriz Cardoso, Farrah Gagnon, Keelyn Greaney-Stasiak, Alexa Harmon, Paige Herrington, Lila Lakatos, Drew Lavigne, Esme Moore, Galia Piccone, Xenia Rossetti, Ryan Ryabtsev, Camden Shields, Prudence Tully, Malin Greaney-Stasiak, Avery Carroll, Phoebe Raymond, Leora Ankeny, Adam El Anmari, Olivia Felch, Nola Goldstein, Olivia Gray, Malin Greaney-Stasiak, Elizabeth Handwork, Grace Healy,

Kayra Madaras, Amelia Maldonado, Camden Marchessault, Zoe Marino, Ileana Milhauser, Everly Neri, Pheobe Raymond, Nellie Romano, Pilar Serrano, Sophie Siller

SNOWFLAKES: Abigail Barstow, Anya Chapochnikova, Hailey Duprey, Kendall Ford, Vanessa Hutchins, Alana Hutton, Grace Kenney, Isabella Lewis, Maura Licata, Annelore Poupon, Sofia Serrano, Kayleen Stoorza, Ava Tullis, Camryn Caine, Emma Franson, Khloe Randall, Caitlin Craven, Charley DeMoss, Noelle Gagnon, Sienna Graham, Elena Hartley, Madelyn Herrholz, Siena Hill, Olivia Kenney, Brigid Licata, Bailey Trudel

ACT II

LEAD ANGEL: Elena Hartley (Red) Charley DeMoss (Green) Noelle Gagnon (Blue)

DEMI ANGELS: Cece Craig, Dahlia Durbin, Hadley Dyer, Adalyn Fuller, Eve Kemen, Jane Kennedy, Jennifer Knowles, Olivia Lewis, Eloise Lynch, Anastasija Milekova, Charlotte Neill, Elena Rines, Violet Rines, Ryan Ryabtsev, Amaira Sane, Arthur Schran

BIG ANGELS: Claire Boysen, Scarlett Buttermore, Madeline Dinan, Julia Hitchmoth, Hazel Hubbard, Aspen Kaner, Madelyn Lewis, Kayra Madaras, Cecilia McKay, Ileana Milhauser, Everly Neri, Hazel Pope, Sara Sapcoe, Pilar Serrano, Sophie Siller, Olivia Tegeder, Charlotte Van Ledtje, Julia Vance, Vanessa Hutchins

LEAD SPANISH: Charley DeMoss (Red) Bailey Trudel (Green) Brigid Licata (Blue)

SPANISH: Autumn Bartell, Kailey Bishop, Ruby Bugg, Julianna Cohen, Cassy Craven, Isla Daly, Zoe Daly, Claire Dennen, Vivian Dinan, Remy Gould, Olivia Gray, Elizabeth Handwork, Evelyn Ingle, Zoe Marino, Sevy Packard, Addison Peelman, Phoebe Raymond, Ella Shiner, Charlotte Stebbins

LEAD ARABIAN: Sienna Graham (Red) Elena Hartley (Green) Bailey Trudel (Blue)

ARABIAN: Isabelle Bath, Hadley Dyer, Allison Holmes, Amia Joshi, Cecilia LaPlante, Norah LaPlante, Clara Sargent, Elsa Schaneberger, Juliet Stebbins, Hannah Sullivan, Reagan Soukup, Cece Craig

LEAD CHINESE: Ava Tullis & Alana Hutton (Red) Abigail Barstow & Kendall Ford (Green) Maura Licata & Isabella Lewis (Blue)

CHINESE: Leora Ankeny, Autumn Bartell, Kailey Bishop, Cosette Buttermore, Anais Byron, Vivian Dinan, Nola Goldstein, Remy Gould, Grace Healy, Evelyn Ingle, Corah Jones, Elizabeth Kennedy, Isla Lynch, Kaylee McKarthy, Saya Moody, Elle Moynahan, Addison Peelman, Solange Poupon, Nellie Romano, Holly Sargent, Alice Schoengold, Adeline Skees

LEAD RUSSIAN: Ava Sophia Martin (Red) Brigid Licata (Green) Caitlin Craven (Blue)

RUSSIAN: Hunter Ankeny, Claire Boysen, Scarlett Buttermore, Avery Carroll, Madeline Dinan, Julia Hitchmoth, Hazel Hubbard, Aspen Kaner, Madelyn Lewis, Kayra Madaras, Cecilia McKay, Ileana Milhauser, Everly Neri, Hazel Pope, Sara Sapcoe, Pilar Serrano, Sophie Siller, Olivia Tegeder, Julia Vance

MOTHER GINGER: Stephen Gagnon

POLICHINELLES: Olivia Boyd, Lillian Carroll, Camila Cohen, Riley Curran, Olivia Denardo, Farrah Gagnon, Sophia Hasevlat, Madelyn Hillen, Quinn Kachejian, Cecilia LaPlante, Esme Moore, Charli Moran, Adalyn Parsons, Emma Ritchie, Stella Saunders, Alice Sullivan, Olivia Tokas, Ella Paulsen

LEAD CANDY CANE: Madelyn Herrholz (Red) Sienna Graham (Green) Olivia Kenney (Blue)

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SUGAR PLUM FAIRY: Kate Zottos

DEW DROP FAIRY: Caitlin Craven (Red) Olivia Kenney (Green) Siena Hill (Blue)

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