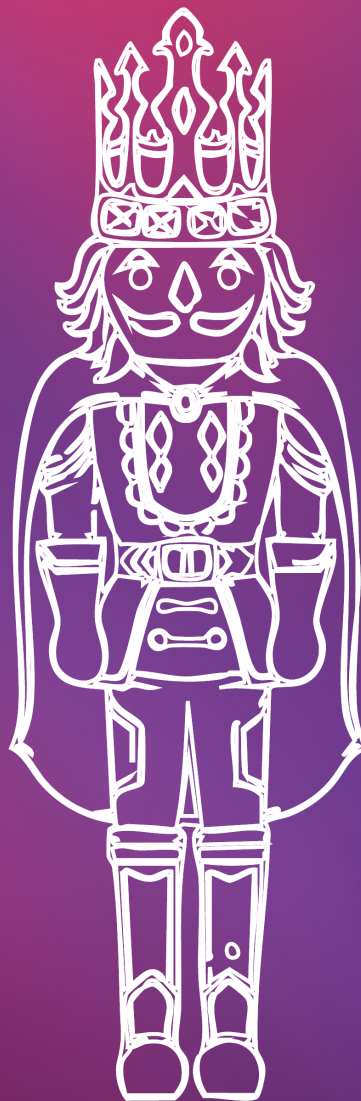


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**Fearless Dance**  
PRESENTS



The  
**NUTCRACKER**

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# ACT 1



## Scene 1

Decorating the Tree

March

Children's Gallop / Entrance of the Parents

Arrival of Drosselmeyer

Grandfather Dance / Distribution of Presents

Farewell / Clara and the Nutcracker

Nightmare

The Battle

## Scene 2

The Forest of Fir Trees

Waltz of the Snowflakes

## ACT 2



Angels / Entering the Kingdom of Sweets

Marzipan and Cotton Candy Sheep

Coffee

Tea

Peppermint

Chocolate

Mother Ginger and Ginger Snaps

Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy

Waltz of the Flowers

Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier

Final Waltz



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# Narration

## ACT I

As the curtain rises, we find ourselves in a bustling German town on Christmas Eve. Snow gently falls outside, blanketing the cobblestone streets in soft white as lanterns glow in warm invitation. The stage is alive with the energy of holiday preparations, and from within a grand house, music and laughter spill out, filling the air with joy.

Inside, the family of young Clara Stahlbaum has gathered for their annual Christmas celebration. Friends and relatives arrive, bringing gifts and good cheer, and the room sparkles with festivity. At the center of the gathering is the Christmas tree—tall, magnificent, and adorned with ornaments that catch the light, casting a magical glow across the scene.

Among the guests, a mysterious figure appears—Clara's godfather, the eccentric toy maker Herr Drosselmeyer. He brings with him gifts that are not ordinary toys, but rather wondrous creations of clockwork and imagination. Drosselmeyer, with the help of his dashing Nephew, entrances the children with dancing dolls and enchanted toys, and soon he presents his most curious gift: a wooden Nutcracker in the shape of a soldier, strong and brave, yet delicate and charming.

Clara is immediately drawn to the Nutcracker, but her excitement is quickly dampened when her mischievous sister Freida snatches it away and breaks it. Heartbroken, Clara cradles the Nutcracker, and Drosselmeyer, with a comforting smile, repairs the toy and hands it back to her.



The party eventually winds down, and Clara, bidding a final farewell to Drosselmeyer's charming nephew, leaves behind her beloved Nutcracker by the Christmas tree before retiring to bed.

But as the house falls silent and midnight approaches, the air becomes charged with magic. Clara sneaks back to the parlor to check on her Nutcracker, and, as the clock strikes twelve, the room begins to transform. The Christmas tree grows to an enormous height, the walls expand, and Clara finds herself face-to-face with a battle between an army of toy soldiers, led by her Nutcracker, and the fearsome Mouse Queen and her rodent soldiers. Act One closes as the Nutcracker, with Clara's help, triumphs over the Mouse Queen. Victorious, he transforms into Herr Drosselmeyer's beloved nephew, her Nutcracker Prince, and, taking Clara's hand, invites her to journey with him through a shimmering snow-covered forest, leading into the magical world that awaits in Act Two.

## ACT 2

As Act Two begins, Clara and the Nutcracker Prince glide into a world of pure enchantment. Leaving behind the snow-covered woods of Act One, they arrive in the Land of Sweets—a magical kingdom bathed in warm, golden light, where vibrant colors and mouth-watering scents fill the air. Everything sparkles, from the frosting-like snow to the jeweled palace in the distance. Presiding over the Land of Sweets is the graceful and benevolent Sugar Plum Fairy, who embodies elegance and kindness.



They are greeted with a royal welcome by the inhabitants of this enchanted realm, who celebrate their arrival with joy and curiosity.

They listen attentively as the Nutcracker Prince recounts their adventures—the fierce battle with the Mouse Queen and Clara’s courage in helping to secure victory. Moved by their bravery, the Sugar Plum Fairy invites them to sit upon a throne and enjoy a grand celebration in their honor.

One by one, dancers from lands far and wide perform for Clara and the Prince, each representing a different sweet or treat. From the rich, sultry Chocolate dance of Spain to the playful, lively Candy Canes from Russia, the performers bring stories of faraway places and traditions, all woven into the fantasy of the Land of Sweets. Exotic, colorful dancers from Arabia perform with smooth, mysterious movements, while delicate, twirling Tea dancers from China fill the air with grace and elegance.

The celebration culminates in the delicate, glittering dance of the Dewdrop Fairy and the lively, majestic Waltz of the Flowers, where dancers swirl in unison, evoking the beauty of a springtime garden in full bloom.

Finally, the Sugar Plum Fairy herself takes the stage, dancing a breathtaking pas de deux with her Cavalier that seems to embody all the sweetness and beauty of her kingdom.





As the festivities draw to a close, Clara and the Prince prepare to depart. The inhabitants of the Land of Sweets bid them a fond farewell, and as Clara is whisked away, the wonders of this enchanted kingdom fade, like the sweetness of a beautiful dream.

When she awakens, she finds herself back home by the Christmas tree, clutching her beloved Nutcracker, with the memories of her extraordinary adventure lingering in her heart.

THE END



# Cast

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE



## ACT 1

Clara Hope Winningham

Freida Avie Shepard

Mom & Dad Grace Winningham & Jaxson Plummer

Party Kids Sage Young, Cecelia Kergan, Lucy Morgan,  
Daysie Moeck, Mitchell Dodd, Luke  
Kergan, Thomas Gibson, Miles Kergan

Party Couples Ben & Emily Spector, Nate & Kathlene  
Odermott, Justin & Kayla Gibson, Derek &  
Taylor Morgan

Maids Chloe O’Flaherty & Brooklynn O’Brien

Grandparents Eli Saucedo & Ali Knoop

Drosselmeyer Liz Painter

Harlequin Dolls Charlotte Dodd & Ella Odermott

Soldier Doll Elena Vreeman

Nephew Elias Wright



# Cast

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE



Mice	Chloe O’Flaherty, Della Moeck, Dakota O’Brien, Aubrey Jones, Harper Keogh, Keira Glasgow, Penelope Dodd, Brinley Carson, Vivienne Sadler
Toy Soldiers	Virginia Fox, Elizabeth Dixon, Rylee O’Flaherty, Rylee Vance, Ella Williamson, Maya Roberts, Kenslee Kubat, Scarlett Graves, Ely Ahearn
Mouse Queen	Jovinia Moeck
Nutcracker	Elias Wright
Drummer Kids	Avery Williamson & Lewis Dodd
Snow Queen	Sophie Bryant
Snow King	Jaxson Plummer
Snowflakes	Ali Knoop, Sariah Wright, Ella Odermott, Abby Peoples, Madeline Green, Abby Allen, Macey Roberts, Aubrey Jones, Maya Roberts, Elizabeth Dixon, Avie Shepard, Sage Young, Ella Williamson, Ely Ahearn, Daysie Moeck, Cecelia Kergan, Kenslee Kubat, Everlee Newingham, Makayla Carson, Lily Spector, Wren Williams, Ella Wagner, Lola Newbern, Hadley Moffatt, Thomas Gibson

# Cast

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE



## ACT 2

**Angels** Everlee Newingham, Rylee Vance, Hadley Moffatt, Ella Williamson, Lola Newbern, Scarlett Graves, Keira Glasgow, Daysie Moeck, Scarlett Boyer

**Archangels** Elena Casey, Abby Peoples, Charlotte Dodd

**Sugar Plum Fairy** Madeline Green

**Marzipan** Aliviah Webb, Sophia Papen, Vivienne Sadler, Grace Winningham

**Cotton Candy Sheep** Sadie Morgan, Avery Williamson, Esme Glasgow, Lewis Dodd, Bowie Gibson, Charlotte Peoples, Kelsea Ness, Natalie Fox

**Ballerina Cappuccina** Sophie Bryant

**Grande Americano** Jaxson Plummer

**Coffee** Abby Allen, Elena Vreeman, Macey Roberts, Harper Carioto

**Cricket** Eli Saucedo

**Tea** Tamara Tiginyanu, Della Moeck, Brooklynn O'Brien, Harper Keogh

**Peppermint Twist** Abby Peoples

# Cast

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE



Swirl & Whirl	Ella Odermott & Abby Allen
Mini Mints	Brinley Carson, Scarlett Graves, Ely Ahearn, Lucy Morgan, Cecelia Kergan, Sage Young, Daysie Moeck, Virginia Fox
Chocolates	Sophie Bryant, Sariah Wright, Jovinia Moeck, Hope Winningham, Sophia Papen, Macey Roberts, Penelope Dodd, Della Moeck, Harper Keogh, Elias Wright
Mother Ginger	Derek Morgan
Ginger Snaps	Kelsea Ness, Charlotte Peoples, Sadie Morgan, Esme Glasgow, Avery Williamson, Ivy Newbern, Natalie Fox
Dew Drop	Grace Winningham
Flowers	Ali Knoop, Charlotte Dodd, Aliviah Webb, Tamara Tiginyanu, Chloe O’Flaherty, Harper Carioto, Elena Casey, Elena Vreeman, Della Moeck, Penelope Dodd, Avie Shepard, Dakota O’Brien, Makayla Carson, Lily Spector
Flower Attendants	Jovinia Moeck & Sophie Bryant
Cavalier	Eli Saucedo



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DEAR

## Cast & Families,

What a remarkable season this has been! To all of our dancers — from our tiniest dancers discovering the magic of the stage for the first time to our seasoned performers leading with grace — thank you. Each of you poured heart, energy, and artistry into this year's Nutcracker, and you brought the story to life in the most beautiful way.

To our incredible families: Your support makes this production possible. Thank you for juggling schedules, encouraging tired dancers, helping with costumes, cheering loudly, and saying “yes” to late nights, long rehearsals, and all the glitter that inevitably comes home. This show truly takes a village, and we are grateful for every bit of your dedication.

Thank you to the party adults who dedicate your time to being vulnerable and making this an experience your children will always remember! You are such good sports.

Mother Ginger/Derek: You are a dear friend. Thank you for going the extra miles, you softie.

To the staff who make this production possible: Thank you for all your creative ideas, your up-for-anything attitudes, all the behind the scenes and backstage support, and being incredible friends to us.

Katie Foster: You've been through the lowest of lows and the highest of highs and always CraftTina through it all. You are the frosting, cherry, AND sprinkles of this show. Thank you for your dedication, expertise, and emotional support.

Thank you to Gerald A. Foster: The man who is still holding up many dreams and hearts.

Brandon Williams: Thank you for fixing our clock tower! You are talented and we can't wait to watch you build dreams of your own.

Patt Jensen: Costume extraordinaire!! You're much more talented than you give yourself credit for and Fearless wouldn't even exist without you and dad. Love you both.

And a special thank you to our own children — not only for performing so beautifully, but for being patient with us during the whirlwind of rehearsals, tech week, and show days. You put up with our schedules, our notes, our “do you want mom or teacher” moments, and our post-rehearsal “director brains.” We love you, and we couldn't do any of this without your support and grace.

This year's cast showed teamwork, courage, kindness, and holiday magic in every rehearsal and every performance. You should be so proud of what you created together.

Thank you for sharing your joy, your trust, and your talent with us. It is an honor to be your directors and choreographers.

LOVE,  
**Miss Annie & the Shannons**

