

TCHAIKOVSKY'S THE
NUTCRACKER



A MUSIC PROGRAM
PERFORMED BY

*Riches
Music Studio*

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2024 5:30PM
D'IBERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

A note from Ms. Chelsea

Dear Parents, Students, and Wonderful Audience Members,

Welcome to our holiday extravaganza featuring music from “The Nutcracker”! We’re beyond excited to have you join us today for our 2nd Annual Nutcracker Showcase.

Our team--students, teachers, and staff--has poured their hearts and souls into making this show sparkle, and we couldn’t be more thrilled to share it with you.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy holiday bustle to be with us. Here at Riches Music Studio, we do things a bit differently, and that’s where this unique showcase idea came from. You’ll notice we have quite a collection of pianos up on stage tonight! Each piece you’ll hear has 3 to 4 different piano parts going on, somewhat like a conventional band or orchestra performance. It’s not your typical everyone-plays-the-same-thing scenario. We’ve mixed it up to create a symphony of pianos! This setup challenges our performers to not only master their own parts but also play in harmony with their piano peers, fostering a whole new level of teamwork. The music for this showcase was specifically arranged just for Riches Music Studio, making it a truly one-of-a-kind experience worldwide.

Get ready to be wowed by our spectacular students’ performances tonight. We hope you’ll make this an annual holiday tradition for your family. Let the magic of The Nutcracker take you on a musical adventure!

Enjoy the show!

Program

The Nutcracker, Op. 71

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

arranged for piano ensembles by
Nathan Picard and Chelsea Riches

I. Overture

III. March

IV. a. The Children's Galop

IV. b. Arrival of the Guests

V. Drosselmeyer's Gifts

VI. Dance of the Grandfathers

VII. Clara Saves the Nutcracker

VIII. The Nutcracker Fights the Mouse King's Army

IX. Clara and the Nutcracker

X. The Magic Castle

XI. a. Spanish Dance / Chocolate

XI. b. Arabian Dance / Coffee

XI. d. Russian Dance / Trepak

XI. d. Mother Gigogne and the Clowns

XIII. a. Pas de Deux

XIII. b. Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy

Performers

Afton Miller
Aiden Pyron
Aline Villanueva
Alina Nguyen
Asher Thomas
Aurora Dodd
Ava Cuevas
Ava Nguyen
Bao han Nguyen
Breanna Smith**
Bryson Boudreaux
Caleb Schwartz
Cecily Wuensch
Chen Yu Weng
Cody Hebert
Curtie-Marie Parker
Desha Cuevas
Dimitri Reynolds
Dylan Wade
Easton Thomas
Eli Russell
Elian Perez
Elias Holden
Eliza Riches

Ella Thompson
Ellie Nguyen
Emma Gallender
Estella Britt
Gabriel Arnott
Grant Riches
Hannah Davis**
Hao Nguyen
Heidi Nguyen
Henry Davis
Henry Sundberg
Hien Nguyen
Hieu Nguyen
Isabella Godsey
James Klegseth
Jasper Bahm
John Cager Patterson
Johnny Worland
Josephine Cecil
Julianna Calonia-Dupre
Julianne Cecil
Julie Wade
Justice Rios
Kalila Russo

Lakelynn Senseney
Langley Showers
Layla Napiontek
Levi Cristales
Mallory Magee
Mason Nguyen**
Matheo Perez
Mayzie Widemire
Mazie Guice
Mia Carrasco
Morgan Magee
Natalie Johnson
Neely Sward
Olivia Cuevas
Ollie Campbell
Roxy Guice
Sandy Ladnier
Sarah Free
Savannah Godsey
Scarlett Adams
Timothy Krupka
Virginia Lang
Weston Nguyen
Zoey Webb

**Solo Performers

Special Thanks

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About Riches Music Studio



Chelsea Riches
CEO & Artistic Director

Mrs. Chelsea Riches brings over 15 years of piano teaching experience to our studio, embodying our mission of Redefining Music Education for Children in every aspect of her work. Tonight's Nutcracker showcase is a prime example of her dedication to creating unique experiences for our group piano students. Her excitement for witnessing the Nutcracker come to life tonight is matched only by her immense pride in each student's hard work towards this spectacular performance. Thank you for being a part of this musical journey with us!

About Riches Music Studio



Anne Rodman
Studio Manager



Roderick Crenshaw
Group Piano Specialist

Mrs. Anne handles a lot of behind-the-scenes aspects of the studio, but her love for music and for each student is strong nonetheless! Having taken piano lessons herself for eight years as a child, she understands the hard work and dedication that goes into preparing for an event such as the Nutcracker for each student, teacher, and parent involved. She is so proud of each one of you and is very excited about the many great things to come at Riches Music Studio.

Mr. Rod is a graduate of the University of South Alabama, where he received a B.A. degree in Piano Performance. Starting at the age of 6, he has 30+ years of experience playing music. He enjoys listening, teaching, and playing many different genres of music. Working on the Nutcracker with the kids has been a memorable experience that he enjoyed!