

# ~ Cast ~

## ACT II

### Sugar Plum:

Aliaksandra Krukava  
(Featured Guest Artist)

### Cavalier:

Nurlan Kinerbayev (Featured Guest Artist)

### Angels:

Annabelle Provencher, Elizabeth Shestak,  
Jude Ramon-Fortuné, Kohana McHenry,  
Mara Stainbrook, Maria Olson,  
Rosalie Strautz, Violet Fritz

### Butterflies:

Hannah Laatz, Mabel Holm (2),  
Marta Gadd (1), Shelby Shevlin, Vivian Yang

### Rats Act II:

Amelia Ash, Annika Kieffer,  
Berklee Hoeschen, Freya Lohnes,  
Madeline Ash, Penelope Paurus,  
Philo Lee Dixon, Zoe Nicole Henke,  
Beatrix Snyder

### Spanish:

Andrew Lester (Featured Guest Artist) -  
Cecilia Jancourt (1), Kaitlin Kuhry (2)

### Arabian Solo:

Abby Hoyt (1) - Catherine Le Grand (2)

### Arabian Corps:

Cecilia Jancourt (2), Mariah Schilling (1),  
Nola Snyder, Olivia Platt (1),  
Victoria Li (2), Camilla Stommes (2),  
Sophia Lee Dixon

### Chinese Solo:

Ada Koski (1), Olivia Platt (2)

### Chinese Corps:

Lennica Barrett, Juliana Jones,  
Raina Barin, Violeta Jones

### Pas-de-Trois:

Boris Ceballos (Featured Guest Artist) -  
Camilla Stommes (1), Victoria Li (1)  
Ada Koski (2), Abby Hoyt (2)

### Trepak:

Grace Gustafson, Inga Monsen,  
Nikita Ginzburg, Sabana Sotillo,  
Summer DeBoer, Vladyslav Ginzburg

### Mother Ginger:

Martin Krueger, Patrick Becker

### Clowns:

Amaara Chopra, Annabelle Provencher,  
Cecilia Stocker, Gustav Monsen,  
Lilah Bodell, Mara Stainbrook,  
Paige Stommes, Rory Coplin,  
Rosalie Strautz, Sterling Barrett

### Waltz of the Flowers Solo:

Abby Hoyt (2) - Catherine Le Grand (2)  
Kaitlin Kuhry (1) - Mariah Schilling (1)

### Waltz of the Flowers Little:

Grace Gustafson, Inga Monsen,  
Lucille Kohlstedt, Sabana Sotillo,  
Sitara Kaul, Sloane Kohlstedt,  
Sophia Lee Dixon, Summer DeBoer

### Waltz of the Flowers Big:

Abby Hoyt (1), Ada Koski, Camilla Stommes,  
Catherine Le Grand (1), Cecilia Jancourt,  
Hannah Laatz, Kaitlin Kuhry (2),  
Mabel Holm (2), Mariah Schilling (2),  
Marta Gadd (1), Nola Snyder, Olivia Platt,  
Shelby Shevlin, Victoria Li, Vivian Yang



Nurlan Kinerbayev & Aliaksandra Krukava, Guest Artists

# THE ORIGINAL MARIUS PETIPA THE NUTCRACKER

A classical ballet in two acts performed by  
**Minnesota Ballet Theatre**

Eden Prairie Performing Arts Center

Friday, Dec. 15 • 7 p.m. | Saturday, Dec. 16 • 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. | Sunday, Dec 17 • 1 p.m

Music by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, libretto and choreography by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov  
Based on the tale by E.T.A. Hoffman

Artistic directors: Svetlana Bak-Gavrilova and Kirill Bak-Stepanoff

**Thank you to everyone who has helped make this production a success!**

A very special Thank You goes to Ann Marie Ethen for making the beautiful backdrops and costumes used in our production, the Hoyt family for providing dinner for the cast and crew. We are so grateful to all of the dancers, parents and friends for contributing their talents and energy to rehearsals, costumes and the program. We thank Eden Prairie High School for hosting MBT's The Nutcracker.



**Don't miss MBS The Best of Classics Spring Gala performance on May 11, 2024**

# The Nutcracker

## ACT I

A festive party is to be held tonight, Christmas Eve, at the Stahlbaum family home. All of Clara's friends are invited. The children dance around the tree, receive gifts and watch a magical puppet show. Clara loves her gift of a Nutcracker, a strange, almost ugly little fellow. Somehow Clara knows it is going to be an extraordinary night for the two of them.

The guests leave and Clara, exhausted after the party, falls asleep. At the stroke of midnight, marvelous changes indeed take place: the little Nutcracker doll comes alive, tiny mice (which represent Clara's fears) grow large and frightening, and a magical battle takes command of the night.

As the Nutcracker and the Rat King engage in final combat, Clara at last overcomes her fear (through her love for the Nutcracker) and strikes the Rat King with the only thing she can think of – her shoe.

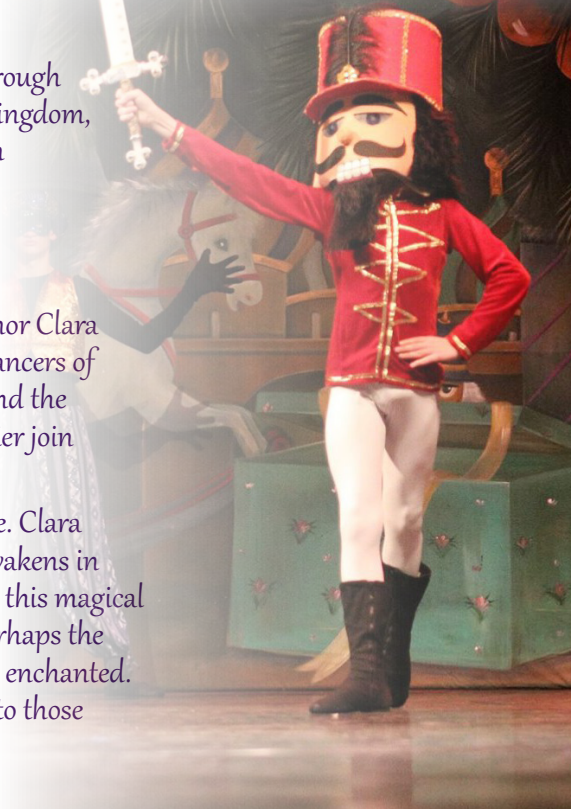
To her surprise, the Rat King falls and the Nutcracker turns into a handsome Prince.

Clara and the Prince journey through the whirl of falling snow to his kingdom, "The Land of the Sweets." It is an enchanting place as lovely and fleeting as a dream.

## ACT II

The entertainment begins to honor Clara and the Prince. Flowers waltz, dancers of many lands display their best, and the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier join in the festivities.

Yet dreams may change and fade. Clara must return to her home. She awakens in her armchair. Clara realizes that this magical fairytale was all a dream. But perhaps the ordinary can once again become enchanted. All kinds of magic may happen to those whose eyes and hearts are open.



## ~ Cast ~

Cast 1: Dec 15 • 7pm, Dec 16 • 2pm | Cast 2: Dec 16 • 7pm, Dec 17 • 1pm

## ACT I

### Nutcracker Prince:

Boris Ceballos (*Featured Guest Artist*)

### Clara:

Mabel Holm (1), Marta Gadd (2)

### Fritz, Clara's Brother:

Nikita Ginzburg (2), Vladyslav Ginzburg (1)

### Herr Drosselmeyer:

Kirill Bak-Stepanoff

### Herr Stahlbaum, Clara's Father:

Dmitry Ginzburg

### Frau Stahlbaum, Clara's Mother:

Sarah Sotillo

### Party Scene Adults:

Abby Hoyt (2), Kaitlin Kuhry (1),  
Ada Koski, Alec Trelstad, Bill Stromberg,  
BrieAnna Boudreau-Landis, Elias K. Grant,  
Erin Wells, Gunnar Swee, Kelly Fallows,  
Martin Krueger, Ryan Laatz, Taylor Reemts

### Columbine Doll:

Cecilia Jancourt (2), Nola Snyder (1)

### Porcelain Doll:

Kaitlin Kuhry (2), Abby Hoyt (1)

### Arabian Doll:

Andrew Lester (*Featured Guest Artist*)

### Puppet Theatre:

**Prince:** Gustav Monsen

**Princess:** Cecilia Stocker

**Rat Queen:** Rory Coplin

### Party Scene Kids:

Camilla Stommes, Grace Gustafson,  
Hannah Laatz, Inga Monsen,  
Lucille Kohlstedt (2), Mabel Holm (2),  
Marta Gadd (1), Nikita Ginzburg,  
Vladyslav Ginzburg, Philo Lee Dixon,  
Sabana Sotillo, Shelby Shevlin, Sitara Kaul (1),  
Sloane Kohlstedt, Sophia Lee Dixon,  
Victoria Li, Vivian Yang

### Mice:

Amaara Chopra, Annabelle Provencher,  
Cecilia Stocker, Elizabeth Shestak,  
Gustav Monsen, Lilah Bodell, Maria Olson,

Paige Stommes, Rory Coplin,

Rosalie Strautz, Sterling Barrett, Violet Fritz

### Rats:

Camilla Stommes, Grace Gustafson,  
Hannah Laatz, Inga Monsen,  
Mabel Holm (2), Marta Gadd (1),  
Nola Snyder (2), Cecilia Jancourt (1),  
Olivia Platt, Shelby Shevlin,  
Sophia Lee Dixon, Victoria Li,  
Vivian Yang

### Soldiers & Horse Riders:

Amelia Ash, Annika Kieffer,  
Berklee Hoeschen, Freya Lohnes,  
Juliana Jones, Lennica Barrett,  
Lucille Kohlstedt, Madeline Ash,  
Nikita Ginzburg, Penelope Paurus,  
Philo Lee Dixon, Raina Barin,  
Sabana Sotillo, Sitara Kaul,  
Sloane Kohlstedt, Summer DeBoer,  
Violeta Jones, Vladyslav Ginzburg,  
Zoe Nicole Henke, Beatrix Snyder

### Rat King:

Alec Trelstad (*Featured Guest Artist*)

### Snow Princess:

Abby Hoyt (2), Kaitlin Kuhry (1)

### Snow Prince:

Andrew Lester (*Featured Guest Artist*)

### Little Snowflakes:

Gavin Bodell, Georgia Mann,  
Jude Ramon-Fortuné, Kohana McHenry,  
Lila Strautz, Madelyn Marcus,  
Mara Stainbrook, Myra Sahni,  
Siyona Banik, Zoe Stainbrook

### Snowflakes Solo:

Abby Hoyt (1) - Catherine Le Grand,  
Catherine Le Grand - Kaitlin Kuhry (2)

### Snow Corps de Ballet:

Ada Koski, Camilla Stommes,  
Cecilia Jancourt, Hannah Laatz,  
Sophia Lee Dixon, Mabel Holm (2),  
Mariah Schilling, Marta Gadd (1),  
Nola Snyder, Olivia Platt, Shelby Shevlin,  
Victoria Li, Vivian Yang