Cast ACT II

Butterflies Aashna Boolchandani, Aleksandra Sokolinsky, Hana Sinko, Mira Barnes

> Rats Act 11: Megan Kruger, Shefali Camacho, Vlad Ginzburg, Nikita Ginzburg

Spanish: Kaitlin Kuhry (1), Abby Hoyt (2)

Arabian Solo: Matilda Bak (1), Vivian Relan (2)

Arabian Core: Aashna Boolchandani, Aleksandra Sokolinsky, Sophia Guidarini

Chinese Solo: Catherine Le Grand (1), Ada Koski (2)

> Chinese Core: Amelia Zaycheck, Hana Sinko, Megan Kruger, Mira Barnes

Russian: Vlad Ginzburg, Nikita Ginzburg, Mira Barnes, Shefali Camacho, Megan Kruger, Hana Sinko

Pas-de-Trois:

Manuel Morales – Jocelyn Glenna & Ada Koski (1) Manuel Morales – Catherine Le Grand & Kaitlin Kuhry (2)

> Madame Ginger: Jon Kamrath

Clowns: Catalina Vinokur, Presley Karlstad, Sabana Sotillo

Waltz of the Flowers Solo: Matilda Bak & Vivian Relan

Waltz of the Flowers Little: Shefali Camacho, Hana Sinko, Mira Barnes, Megan Kruger

Waltz of the Flowers Big: Abby Hoyt, Jocelyn Glenna, Catherine Le Grand, Kaitlin Kuhry, Aashna Boolchandani, Ada Koski, Aleksandra Sokolinsky



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, Betty Criberg for the Madame Ginger costume.

We are so grateful to all of the dancers, parents and friends for contributing their talents and energy to rehearsals, costumes and the program.

UTCRACKER

A CLASSICAL BALLET IN TWO ACTS

performed by Minnesota Ballet Theatre

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Music by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky Libretto and choreography by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov Based on the tale by E.T.A. Hoffman **Restaged by Svetlana Gavrilova and Kirill Bak**

The Nutcracker

ACT I

A festive party is to be held tonight, Christmas Eve, at the home of Herr Drosselmeyer. 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 in an armchair. At the stroke of midnight, marvelous changes indeed take place: 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 of 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 transforms 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 and dancers of many lands display their best.

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.

ACT

Clara: Abby Hoyt (1), Jocelyn Glenna (2)

Nutcracker: Manuel Alejandro Calderon Morales

> Herr Drosselmeyer: Kirill Bak-Stepanoff

Herr Stollbaum, Clara's Father: Jon Kamrath

Frau Stollbaum, Clara's Mother: Lily Kamrath

Party Scene Adults: Carolina Ginzburg, Constantin Sokolinsky, Dmitry Ginzburg, Erin Wells, Sarah Sotillo, Taylor Reemts, Tim Karlstad

> Columbine Doll: Catherine Le Grand

Porcelain Doll: Kaitlin Kuhry

Arabian Doll: Manuel Alejandro Calderon Morales

Prince Puppet: Vlad Ginzburg (1), Nikita Ginzburg (2)

Princess Puppet: Sabana Sotillo (1), Presley Karlstad (2) Rat Queen Puppet: Catalina Vinokur

Party Scene Kids:

Hana Sinko, Megan Kruger, Mira Barnes, Shefali Camacho, Vlad Ginzburg, Nikita Ginzburg

Mice:

Catalina Vinokur, Presley Karlstad, Sabana Sotillo

Rats:

Jocelyn Glenna (1), Abby Hoyt (2), Ada Koski, Aleksandra Sokolinsky, Aashna Boolchandani, Sophia Guidarini, Matilda Bak, Vivian Relan

Soldiers and Horse Riders:

Amelia Zaycheck, Rylyn Heffernan, Vlad Ginzburg, Nikita Ginzburg, Mira Barnes, Hana Sinko, Megan Kruger, Shefali Camacho

> Rat Queen: Taylor Reemts

Snow Princess: Vivian Relan (1), Matilda Bak (2)

Snowflakes Solo: Jocelyn Glenna & Matilda Bak (1), Kaitlin Kuhry & Vivian Relan (2)

Snow Core:

Abby Hoyt (2), Catherine Le Grand, Kaitlin Kuhry (1), Aashna Boolchandani, Ada Koski, Aleksandra Sokolinsky, Hana Sinko