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**MINNESOTA BALLET THEATRE**

**2025**

**THE NUTCRACKER**

ORIGINAL MARIUS PETIPA

A CLASSICAL BALLET IN TWO ACTS

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

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

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## DON'T MISS

**MBS The Best of Classics Spring Gala Performance**  
May 9, 2026

**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.

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.



# 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.

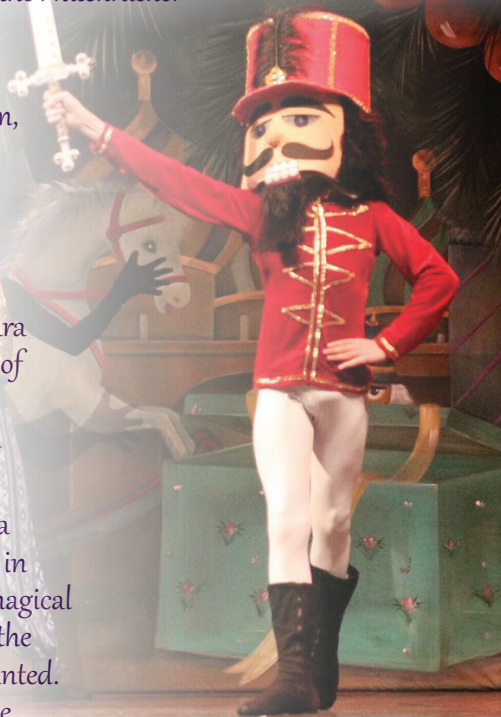
As the Nutcracker and the Rat King engage in final combat, Clara at last overcomes her fear (through her love for the Nutcracker) and strikes the Rat King with the only thing she can think of – her shoe. To her surprise, the Rat King falls and the Nutcracker turns into a handsome Prince.

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.



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## UPCOMING PERFORMANCE



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# SPRING GALA

*"The Best Of Classics 2026"*



SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 • 1:00PM

*Eden Prairie High School Auditorium*

*17185 Valley View Road Eden Prairie, MN 55346*



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## ~ Cast ~

Cast 1: Dec 12 • 6 pm, Dec 13 • 1 pm | Cast 2: Dec 13 • 6 pm, Dec 14 • 1 pm

### ACT I

#### **Nutcracker Prince:**

Andrew McGee (*Featured Guest Artist*)

#### **Clara:**

Ariana Lizardi (1), Carolina Miller (2)

#### **Fritz, Clara's Brother:**

Philo Lee Dixon

#### **Herr Drosselmeyer:**

Andrew Lester (*Featured Guest Artist*)

#### **Herr Stahlbaum, Clara's Father:**

Eric Stainbrook

#### **Frau Stahlbaum, Clara's Mother:**

Sarah Sotillo

#### **Party Scene Adults:**

Giovanni Lozano, Ryan Laatz, Phil Zumsteg,  
Matt Miller, Alec Trelstad, Jekaterina Poppe,  
Patrice Ehlert, Julie Zumsteg, Kate Fullmer,  
Erin Wells, Camilla Stommes

#### **Columbine Doll:**

Hannah Laatz (1), Nola Snyder (2)

#### **Porcelain Doll:**

Alessandra Carter (*Featured Guest Artist* 2)

Mariah Schilling (1)

#### **Arabian Doll:**

Mariah Schilling (2), Mariah Espinosa (1)

#### **Puppet Theatre:**

**Prince:** Sterling Barrett

**Princess:** Zoe Stainbrook (1), Lila Strautz (2)

**Rat Queen:** Rosalie Strautz (1), Kaisa Cross (2)

#### **Party Scene Kids:**

Annika Kieffer, Beatrix Snyder, Clara Lizardi,  
Gustav Monsen, Isabella Simonsen,  
Jenipea Schroden, Lennica Barrett,  
Lucas Lizardi, Natalie Lilja, Penelope Paurus,  
Philo Lee Dixon, Raina Barin,  
Solveig Bautista, Sterling Barrett,  
Freya Lohnes, Zoe Nicole Henke

#### **Mice:**

Aviva Brenner, Kaisa Cross, Lila Strautz,  
Lucy Bowling, Madelyn Marcus,  
Monroe Stanley, Rosalie Strautz,  
Zoe Stainbrook, Kinley Eisele

#### **Rats:**

Ariana Lizardi (2), Beatrix Snyder,  
Carolina Miller (1), Inga Monsen,  
Jenipea Schroden, Raina Barin,  
Sabana Sotillo, Sitara Kaul, Sloan Kohlstedt,  
Sophia Lee Dixon, Solveig Bautista,  
Summer DeBoer, Zoe Nicole Henke

#### **Soldiers & Horse Riders:**

Amaara Chopra, Annika Kieffer,  
Aurora Coplin, Clara Lizardi,  
Clara Rotondo, Edna Gruys,  
Freya Lohnes, Gustav Monsen,  
Isabella Simonsen, Julia Rotondo,  
Khloe Quayat, Lennica Barrett,  
Lilah Bodell, Mara Stainbrook,  
Natalie Lilja, Penelope Paurus,  
Philo Lee Dixon, Sterling Barrett,  
Vivian Cornelius

#### **Rat King:**

Alec Trelstad (*Featured Guest Artist*)

#### **Snow Princess:**

Christina Grace Duffy (*Featured Guest Artist*)

#### **Snow Prince:**

Tevfik Vatansever (*Featured Guest Artist*)

#### **Little Snowflakes:**

Aviva Brenner, Lucy Bowling,  
Madelyn Marcus, Mabel Marcus,  
Nova Robbins, Zoe Stainbrook,  
Kinley Eisele, Johnna Shelangoski,  
Eliaana Eaton, Iza Shelangoski

#### **Snowflakes Solo:**

Alessandra Carter (*Featured Guest Artist* 1)  
Mariah Schilling (2),  
Mariah Espinosa

#### **Snow Corps de Ballet:**

Ariana Lizardi (2), Beatrix Snyder,  
Camilla Stommes, Carolina Miller (1),  
Hannah Laatz, Inga Monsen,  
Mariah Espinosa, Nola Snyder,  
Sabana Sotillo, Sitara Kaul,  
Sloan Kohlstedt, Sophia Lee Dixon,  
Solveig Bautista, Summer DeBoer



# ~ Cast ~

## ACT II

### Sugar Plum:

Aliaksandra Krukava  
(Featured Guest Artist)

### Cavalier:

Nurlan Kinerbayev  
(Featured Guest Artist)

### Angels:

Aviva Brenner, Kaisa Cross, Lila Strautz,  
Lucy Bowling, Madelyn Marcus,  
Monroe Stanley, Rosalie Strautz,  
Zoe Stainbrook, Iza Shelangoski, Kinley Eisele

### Butterflies:

Beatrix Snyder, Sabana Sotillo,  
Solveig Bautista, Summer DeBoer

### Rats Act II:

Amaara Chopra, Clara Rotondo, Edna Gruys,  
Julia Rotondo, Khloe Quayat, Mara Stainbrook,  
Vivian Cornelius, Sterling Barrett,  
Gustav Monsen, Zoe Nicole Henke

### Spanish:

Mariah Schilling (2), Mariah Espinosa (1),  
Andrew McGee

### Arabian Solo:

Alessandra Carter (Featured Guest Artist 2)  
Mariah Schillin

### Arabian Corps:

Annika Kieffer, Inga Monsen,  
Jenipea Schrodin, Sitara Kaul,  
Sloan Kohlstedt, Sophia Lee Dixon

### Chinese Solo:

Camilla Stommes (1), Nola Snyder (2)

### Chinese Corps:

Aurora Coplin, Freya Lohnes,  
Natalie Lilja, Lilah Bodell

### Trepak:

Clara Lizardi, Isabella Simonsen,  
Lennica Barrett, Penelope Paurus,  
Philo Lee Dixon, Raina Barin

### Pas-de-Trois:

Ariana Lizardi (2), Carolina Miller (1),  
Hannah Laatz,  
Andrew McGee (Featured Guest Artist)

### Madame Ginger:

Matt Miller

### Clowns:

Aviva Brenner, Kaisa Cross, Lila Strautz,  
Lucy Bowling, Madelyn Marcus,  
Monroe Stanley, Rosalie Strautz,  
Zoe Stainbrook, Kinley Eisele

### Waltz of the Flowers Solo:

Mariah Espinosa (2) – Mariah Schilling (2)  
Nola Snyder (1) –  
Alessandra Carter (Featured Guest Artist 1)

### Waltz of the Flowers Little:

Annika Kieffer (2), Beatrix Snyder,  
Clara Lizardi, Isabella Simonsen,  
Lennica Barrett, Penelope Paurus,  
Raina Barin, Solveig Bautista,  
Zoe Nicole Henke (1)

### Waltz of the Flowers Big:

Ariana Lizardi (2), Camilla Stommes,  
Carolina Miller (1), Hannah Laatz,  
Inga Monsen, Mariah Espinosa (1),  
Nola Snyder (2), Sabana Sotillo,  
Sitara Kaul, Sloan Kohlstedt,  
Sophia Lee Dixon, Summer DeBoer



## FEATURED DANCER: Solveig Bautista Sandoval



Congratulations  
on your first  
Nutcracker  
performance!  
I am forever  
proud to call you  
my daughter.  
Love, Mama



Joining MBS in 2024, Solveig quickly immersed herself in the community, performing in the Spring Gala and the Summer Intensive. She has always loved to dance and perform, and is excited and proud to be making her debut in The Nutcracker this season. Look for her as a Party Scene Kid, an Act I Rat, Snow Core, a Butterfly, and in the Waltz of the Flowers (Little).

Spring Gala  
2025