

Opera Lovers presents “The Nutcracker” on December 17

Please join The Villages Music Society’s Opera Lovers on our third Thursday afternoon, December 17 at 2:00 p.m. in Montgomery Center, when we will present the ballet “The Nutcracker.”

Linda Arbaugh, our Opera Lovers Secretary and Treasurer, asked if we could expand our horizons and show a ballet. Our December event will present the most popular seasonal ballet, “The Nutcracker,” whose music by Tchaikovsky is familiar to us all.

The story of “The Nutcracker” takes us to an elaborate Christmas party and then to a child’s dream that brings her toy nutcracker to life.

This historic Royal Ballet performance from 1968 captures Rudolf Nureyev at the peak of his career. Nureyev is remembered as a brilliant and charismatic dancer, but we often forget that he was also an extraordinary and innovative choreographer who was the first to bring the male dancer out from behind the prima ballerina! In this case, the prima ballerina is Merle Park, who may not be familiar to American audiences but who was an exquisite dancer and starred with The Royal Ballet for many years.

The running time is 100 minutes and no registration is required. All Villagers are welcome.

If you need additional information, please call Opera Lovers’ president, Mary Stradner at (408) 887-3293. We also recommend visiting <https://VillagesMusicSociety.org> for information about other musical events.

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