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THE  
**NUTCRACKER**

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# AMERICAN MIDWEST BALLET PRESENTS

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| Choreography .....               | Erika Overturff  |
| Additional Choreography .....    | Matthew Lovegood   |
| Music.....                       | Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky   |
| Costume Design .....             | Deborah Overturff  |
| Additional Costume Design .....  | Thom J. Peterson   |
| Lighting Design .....            | Bill Van Deest, Carol Wisner   |
| Sets and Props.....              | Clyde Overturff, Deborah Overturff,<br>Shanna Zordell, Michelle Bonker,<br>Lance Glenn                                   |
| Production Manager .....         | Lance Glenn  |
| Stage Manager.....               | Wesley Houston   |
| Assistant Stage Managers .....   | Taylor Jackson, Suzanne Witham   |
| Wardrobe.....                    | Deborah Overturff, Amy Voogd,<br>Wendy Linville, Shanna Zordell,<br>Thom J. Peterson, Kristin Harper,<br>Mona Schlautman |
| Crew .....                       | Hannah Clark, Jason Shannon, Lara Marsh,<br>Emily Ripa, George Dippold, Rebecca Roth,<br>Lindy Glenn                     |
| Orpheum Theater Stage Crew ..... | Members of IATSE Local 42  |
| Indian Dance Choreography .....  | Asha Joseph, Rajam Ramamurthy  |
| North Wind Chorus Director.....  | Luke Lovegood  |
| Filmmaker .....                  | Lance Glenn  |

*The Indian dance is presented in collaboration with Viswanatya Niketan, an Omaha-based school of classical Indian dance. North Wind Chorus is presented in collaboration with the Music Department at Iowa Western Community College.*

## THE STORY:

The time is long ago, but not too long ago, and the place is a town not so different from our own. It's Christmas Eve; Clara, Fritz, and their parents have invited all their friends to a festive party, and the streets are thronged with excited guests. At the house, everybody is working hard to get ready – except for Fritz, who catches a mouse and teases Clara with it.

Soon guests arrive and the party begins. One very special guest is Drosselmeyer, Clara's favorite uncle. He's famous throughout the town for his collection of amazing mechanical toys, and his entertainments for the guests astonish everyone.

Drosselmeyer has a special gift for Clara: a beautifully painted nutcracker, fashioned in the figure of a toy soldier. He tells her a fascinating story that goes with it, about a prince turned into a nutcracker by a spell cast by the evil Rat Queen.

Clara is enchanted by her gift and its story. Later, when the party is over and everyone has gone to bed, she tiptoes back downstairs to find her nutcracker. As she dozes off, her memories of the evening turn to dreams: of teasing mice, a terrifying Rat Queen, and a nutcracker that comes to life. Clara herself vanquishes the Rat Queen, breaking the spell and turning the nutcracker back into a prince.

To thank her for freeing him, the prince takes Clara on a magical journey. First they travel through a swirl of enchanted snowflakes, meeting their king and queen. Then they come to the Land of Dreams, where they're greeted by Christmas angels and by the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. As a tribute to Clara, the Sugar Plum Fairy calls forth visions from many lands, who dance to entertain her. Finally everyone joins in one grand, beautiful dance. And when Clara awakens, in her own house with her cherished nutcracker, she realizes that there are no limits on where your imagination can take you!

# ACT I

## *The Christmas Party*

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Baby Mice .....                 | Adele Coffey, Addison Garcia, Carley Jones   |
| Clara .....                     | Logan Ash  |
| Fritz.....                      | Matthew Murray   |
| Clara's Parents.....            | Alexandra Hoffman, Sasha York  |
| Butler.....                     | Cameron Miller   |
| Maids.....                      | Madeline Koesters†, Remmi Plath†, Delainey Benedict†,<br>Caroline Collard†, Bella Earll†, Kayli Hartzell†, Ava Raridon†,<br>Elena Carter‡, Jessica Lopes‡, Aimee Boyd‡, Hannah Kubiak‡,<br>Emily Patterson‡, Lauren Patterson‡, Brielle Ragland‡   |
| Party Guests.....               | Clint Beaver, Rebecca Brenner, Jay Bryant, Ryan Christopher,<br>Katherine Eppink, Nick Giacoppo, Alyssa Grimsley,<br>Claire Goodwillie, Casey Kelley, Richard Marks, Kogan Murphy,<br>Wyatt Payne, John Ritland, Amaris Sharratt, Rachel Smith,<br>Anders Southerland, Anna Swenson, Katie van der Mars,<br>Jeremy Waymire                     |
| Tchaikovsky, a Society Dog .... | Neville, representing the Nebraska Humane Society  |
| Party Children.....             | Allie Abboud, Hannah Adangnihoude, Reese Bull,<br>Josephine Carne, Addison Friesen, Paisley Hough, Piper Isham,<br>Alena Kehm, Lilly Koenig, Katelyn McClure, Calvin McIntosh,<br>Malcolm Mezger, Jacob Morey, Keely Mulholland, Julia Powers,<br>Addison Scott, Fiona Stanfill, Charlotte Vander Zwaag,<br>Mara Weisenburger, Leighton Wilson |
| Drosselmeyer.....               | Isaac Sharratt‡, Matthew Lovegood‡   |
| Toy Soldiers .....              | Ella Bauerly, Gabriella DiGiacomo, Hannah Downing,<br>Alivia Inselman, Addison Kolkman, Estelle McIntosh,<br>Brooklynn Oldham  |
| Porcelain Doll.....             | Whitney Walsh†, Kelanie Murphy‡  |
| Harlequin Dolls.....            | Erin Alarcón†, Kelsey Schwenkert†,<br>Nora Carr‡, Katerina Schweitzer‡   |

## *Clara's Nightmare*

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Rat Queen.....            | Erika Overturff†, Erin Alarcón‡   |
| Nutcracker .....          | Cameron Miller†, Ryan Christopher‡  |
| Mice .....                | Rebecca Brenner, Nora Carr, Jessica Lopes, Kelanie Murphy,<br>Kogan Murphy, Katerina Schweitzer, Katie van der Mars       |
| Soldiers.....             | Elena Carter, Madeline Koesters, Remmi Plath,<br>Kelsey Schwenker, Amaris Sharratt, Rachel Smith                          |
| Battle Doll.....          | Samantha Padilla  |
| Nutcracker Prince.....    | Ryan Christopher  |
| Little Drosselmeyers..... | Eva Coffey, Eelyn Fernau, Isabella Garcia, Quinn Lundgren,<br>Alexandra Mashek, Hannah Nehls, Ava Schuster, Abigail Whitt |

# *The Land of Snow*

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Snow Queen .....        | Alyssa Grimsley†, Katherine Eppink‡   |
| Snow King.....          | Sasha York†, Anders Southerland‡  |
| Snow .....              | Kelanie Murphy†, Alexandra Hoffman‡, Cameron Miller,<br>Kogan Murphy, Wyatt Payne, Katerina Schweitzer,<br>Kelsey Schwenker, Amaris Sharratt, Whitney Walsh |
| Snow Branches .....     | Rebecca Brenner, Nora Carr, Elena Carter, Madeline Koesters,<br>Jessica Lopes, Rachel Smith   |
| North Wind Chorus ..... | Hannah Adangnihoude, Caroline Collard, Emily Douglas,<br>Kayli Hartzell, Piper Isham, Addison Scott, Gabriella Thompson,<br>Melissa Thompson                |

## *Intermission (20 minutes)*

### ACT II

# *The Land of Dreams*

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| Angels.....                                | Blakely Aufenkamp, Elza Brugman, Ella Buckley, Jillian Gann,<br>Brianna Haire, Lucille Kittell, Caroline Morey, Lucy Villier,<br>Aubrey Watters, Madeleine Zemann   |
| Sugar Plum Fairy .....                     | Erin Alarcón†, Katie van der Mars‡  |
| Cavalier .....                             | Matthew Lovegood†, Isaac Sharratt‡  |
| Sugar Plum Court.....                      | Ellie Gorman, Elaine Hoskins, Mara Isaacson, Ava Jensen,<br>Lindsey Kader, Alura Long, Jaedyn Powers, Annika Simanek,<br>Sydney Vanderheiden  |
| Candy Canes,<br>Lollipops & Meringues..... | Emily Douglas, Finlee Goeser, Ella Harstad, McKenna Maaske,<br>Jozlyn Mease, Amelia Rieck, Gabriella Thompson,<br>Caroline Villier  |
| Spanish .....                              | Katerina Schweitzer†, Alexandra Hoffman‡, Rebecca Brenner,<br>Nora Carr, Kelanie Murphy, Kogan Murphy, Whitney Walsh  |
| Arabian.....                               | Amaris Sharratt†, Alyssa Grimsley‡, Anders Southerland†,<br>Sasha York‡ <i>with</i> Elena Carter, Madeline Koesters,<br>Jessica Lopes, Remmi Plath <i>and</i> Wyatt Payne†, Cameron Miller‡,<br>Ryan Christopher, Casey Kelley, Richard Marks                 |
| Chinese.....                               | Alyssa Grimsley†, Amaris Sharratt‡ <i>with</i> Rebecca Brenner†,<br>Whitney Walsh†, Nora Carr‡, Katerina Schweitzer‡ <i>and</i><br>Anna Aesoph, Ellie Gorman, Noelle Haberman, Zoey Harstad,<br>Alura Long, Elizabeth Luther, Jaedyn Powers, Marina Thornhill |

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| Russian .....   | Cameron Miller†, Sasha York†, Wyatt Payne‡, Anders Southerland‡, Katherine Eppink, Erika Overturff, Rachel Smith   |
| French.....     | Kogan Murphy†, Kelanie Murphy‡, Ryan Christopher <i>with</i> Anna Aesoph, Tabitha DeTienne, Josephine Garro, Ava Jensen, Sailor Johnson, Baylor Lee, Samantha Padilla, Bella Smith |
| Indian .....    | Niharika Devaraju, Pranita Devaraju, Geena George, Liz Luke, Khushi Singh  |
| North Pole..... | Kelsey Schwenker†, Erin Alarcón‡, Richard Marks <i>with</i> Marissa Anderson, Reese Bull, Tabrina DeTienne, Vada Herrera, Rachel Jones, Ava Morey, Taylor Philips, Ava Schuster    |

## *The Enchanted Garden*

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|-----------------------|---|
| Dew Drop Fairy .....  | Katie van der Mars†, Kelsey Schwenker‡  |
| Thistle .....         | Isaac Sharratt†, Matthew Lovegood‡  |
| Iris .....            | Kelanie Murphy  |
| Wild Rose.....        | Kogan Murphy  |
| Fuchsia .....         | Whitney Walsh   |
| Lily .....            | Amaris Sharratt   |
| Dahlia .....          | Rachel Smith  |
| Zinnia .....          | Alyssa Grimsley   |
| French Marigold ..... | Rebecca Brenner   |
| Bluebell.....         | Nora Carr   |
| Dragonflies .....     | Jessica Lopes†, Katerina Schweitzer†, Elena Carter‡, Madeline Koesters‡, Katherine Eppink |
| Frogs .....           | Ryan Christopher, Cameron Miller, Wyatt Payne   |
| Butterflies.....      | Mara Isaacson, Lindsey Kader, Annika Simanek, Sydney Vanderheiden                         |
| Snails.....           | Gianna DiGiacomo, Addison Friesen   |
| Bee .....             | Ava Owen  |

## *Finale*

Full cast

*Performers appear in all casts except as noted:  
†= Nutcracker Home Cinema Edition; ‡= Alternate Cast*



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