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Swan Conservatory of Dance
Presents

The Nutcracker

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The Nutcracker

Music: Tchaikovsky and additional composers

Choreography: Marius Petipa, Ann Roberta Brancucio

The Party Scene

Family and friends gather on Christmas eve at the Stahlbaum's home to celebrate the holiday. Clara's favorite uncle, Heir Dosselmeyer, arrives late. He presents Clara with his favorite creation, the Nutcracker doll. Drosselmeyer becomes the heart of the party, entertaining everyone with a mechanical ballerina and soldiers. Soon it is time for a traditional dance by the guests. The party winds down and the guests depart.

The Transformation

Clara is too excited to sleep as she recalls the evening's party and her Nutcracker under the tree. She sneaks back to the living room to find it and falls asleep on the sofa. Drosselmeyer appears and casts a spell upon the Nutcracker. The clock strikes midnight and the magic begins. Drosselmeyer changes the doll into a life-size Nutcracker prince. With the house quiet, the Mouse Queen and her mice begin to appear.

The Battle Scene

The Nutcracker and his soldiers battle the Mouse Queen and her mischievous mice. The battle intensifies. The Mouse Queen seems to have the upper hand when Clara, frightened, throws her slipper at her, enabling the Nutcracker Prince to slay the distracted Mouse Queen. The Nutcracker Prince removes the Mouse Queen's crown and places it on Clara.

The Snow Scene & Kingdom of Sweets

The grateful Nutcracker Prince invites Clara to join him on a journey through the Magical Forest, where snowflakes dance to the Kingdom of Sweets filled with sugary delights from all over the world.

Note from the Director

This studio is a dream come true. An enormous amount of work and preparation went into the design and construction. The space was first a recording studio. Rumor has it that it was used by the Rolling Stones and Aerosmith. Then it was a garage. When my boyfriend, Ivan, first showed it to me, I had a look of horror. He said to listen to his vision. His vision gave me this tremendous space for students to learn and perform. Ivan, I cannot thank you enough for believing in me and making a showplace for dance.

I would like to also thank all involved in helping me. First Mackenzie Maude. You have been here from the start, and I could not have this without you. Special thanks to Kathy Sullivan, Karen Kopf, Rich Kopf, Tracie Alley, Jose Lima, Jo-Ann Maude, Charles Ferrara, Rick Welch, Joy Pepe, La Luna Dancewear, Kim at Red Clover, everyone at the Town of Seymour, first selectwoman Annmarie Drugonis, Steve Ditria. The Seymour board of education, M&T bank. Chuck Payne thank you for your support. Thank you to Voices Newspaper.

Thank you to all the parents for giving me the opportunity to teach your children and bring them to all the rehearsals. They have put a lot of time and work into this performance. I am very proud of them. Thank you to all my former students and adults for dancing with us. I hope to make this an annual tradition. Thank you to all the dancers. Your dedication and hard work made this day possible. I am proud of what we have accomplished.

- Miss Annie

Cast

Act 1

Party Scene

Clara.....Delaney Stachacz
 Drosselmeyer.....Jane Maher
 Mr. Stahlbaum.....Balazs Fabry
 Mrs. Stahlbaum.....Gabriella Fabry
 DollsLeah Cohen, Juli Fabry, Alayna Platosz
 Guests.....
 Lady Milford.....Taylor Crecca
 Lady Shelton.....Eleanor Wu
 Lady Oxford.....Joy Pepe
 Lady Monroe.....Alesia Wilgan
 Lord Trumbull.....George Cohen
 Lady Seymour.....Dara Nelson
 Lady Newtown.....Jo-Ann Maude

The Battle

Mouse Queen.....Mackenzie Blood
 Mice.....Olivia Aspelund, Vivi Pacelli
 Soldiers.....Flora Fabry, Juli Fabry, Alayna Platosz
 Nutcracker.....George Cohen

Land of Snow

Snow.....Leah Cohen, Julia Wadolkowski,
 Taylor Crecca, Eleanor Wu

Act 2

Kingdom of Sweets

Neapolitan.....Mackenzie Blood, Flora Fabry,
 Juli Fabry, Alayna Platosz, Delaney Stachacz
 Shortbread.....Leah Cohen
 Marzipan.....Mackenzie Blood
 Candy Canes.....Mackenzie Blood, Olivia Aspelund, Vivi Pacelli
 Macarons.....Julia Wadolkowski
 Coffee.....Leah Cohen, Mackenzie Blood,
 Juli Fabry, Delaney Stachacz
 Tea Cakes.....Taylor Crecca
 Dove Cookies.....Leah Cohen, Julia Wadolkowski,
 Delaney Stachacz, Eleanor Wu
 Royal Mazurek.....Juli Fabry, Alayna Platosz
 Chocolate.....Leah Cohen, Delaney Stachacz
 Pinwheels.....Eleanor Wu
 Dew Drop.....Leah Cohen
 Flowers.....Mackenzie Blood, Flora Fabry,
 Juli Fabry, Alayna Platosz, Delaney Stachacz
 Sugar Plum.....Leah Cohen, Julia Wadolkowski,
 Taylor Crecca, Eleanor Wu

Staff/Production

Artistic Director.....Ann Roberta Brancucio
 Sound.....Mackenzie Maude
 Lighting/Props.....Ivan Chadunkin, Rich Kopf
 Costumes.....Ann Roberta Brancucio
 Live Music.....George Cohen