

NORTHWEST CLASSICAL BALLET PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE NUTCRACKER

2020



Online Premiere Friday, March 19th, 2021 @ 7pm

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THE NUTCRACKER 2020 OPENING NARRATIVE

It is December 24th, 1892. The Stahlbaum family is preparing for their annual Christmas Eve party. Dressed in their finest with maids scurrying to complete last minute tasks. The house is ready ~ beautifully decorated with ornaments, wreaths, stockings and a gorgeous tree.

While Grandma Stahlbaum is escorted to her favorite chair, the Stahlbaum's daughter, Clara, waits anxiously for the guests to arrive as her mischievous brother, Fritz, sits on the couch pouting - not in the mood for a party.

One by one families arrive to the grand party where excitement erupts throughout the Stahlbaum's living room as children play and adults mingle.

Shortly, however, another mysterious guest arrives. Fritz is unimpressed, but Clara is curious. She knows that this mysterious man is her Godfather Drosselmeyer, the toymaker, but she has not seen him since she was a little girl. His surprise arrival fascinates the guests and mesmerizes the children as he performs an impromptu magic show.

After a round of joyous dancing, the families settle in and are entranced by more of Drosselmeyer's magic as he brings his toy doll creations to life.

The children don't believe it can get better than this until Drosselmeyer gathers all of them to distribute gifts. Each child receives a wonderful present - except for Clara. This saddens her, but Drosselmeyer assures Clara that he has something extra special that is meant just for her. Ceremoniously he presents her the best gift of all, a nutcracker.

Clara is delighted, but Fritz grows jealous. He snatches the nutcracker from her hands and runs through the living room, holding it high so Clara can't reach it. She finally gets her hands on the Nutcracker only to be caught in a game of tug of war with her taunting brother. The struggle finally ends with the Nutcracker dropping to the floor and breaking in two. Clara is devastated, but the masterful Drosselmeyer repairs it with a scarf and returns the precious gift to her.

As the evening grows late and the children become sleepy, it is time for the guests to bid the Stahlbalms a grateful goodnight for a wonderful party. Clara's family retires to bed, but Clara sneaks back into the living room to check on her nutcracker one last time and falls asleep on the couch with the Nutcracker in her arms. This is where our story begins....

The Nutcracker Cast

Clara

Ellie Tepsic

Drosselmeyer

Jack Hardy

Mice

Evelyn Sparrow, Casey Sparrow, Anna Chapin, Levi Chrisopulos

Nutcracker Prince

Andrew Chapin

Soldiers

Alisa Dolia, Ava Lopez, Lacey Cunningham

Snow Queen

Emma Buno

Snow Maidens

NCB Company + Izzie Oja

Sugarplum Fairy

Kristina VanHouten

Spanish

Jackie MacDonald

Arabian

Emmy Eoff

Chinese

Alisa Dolia, Ava Lopez, Lacey Cunningham

Russian

Angelina Lim, Daphne Pearson

Dew Drop Fairy

Ava Ahn

Waltz of the Flowers

NCB Company + Izzie Oja

Northwest Classical Ballet Company 2020

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Emma Buno
Lacey Cunningham
Alisa Dolia
Emmy Eoff
Angelina Lim
Ava Lopez
Jacquelyn MacDonald
Daphne Pearson
Ellie Tepsic
Kristina VanHouten

Northwest Classical Ballet

Artistic Director

Andrea Thompson

Owner

Carla Kendall-Bray

Costumes

Renee Eoff

Office Staff

Sue Williams

Jodi Swanson

Lighting Design and Stage Setup

Bobby P Media

Videography

Brian McGrew

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