

TDS DANCE STUDIOS PRESENTS

THE
Nutcracker



SATURDAY, THE SEVENTH OF DECEMBER
4PM AND 6PM

McAlister Auditorium
GREENVILLE, SC

Synopsis

As night falls on Christmas Eve, there is an air of excitement at the Stalbaum home. The maids are busily preparing for the party guests to arrive. Young Clara and Fritz have invited their dearest friends, as well as a young prince, who is the great nephew of a well-known toymaker and magician, Herr Drosselmeyer.

The children tumble into the Great Hall and dance merrily. The group is astounded when the young, handsome prince gifts Clara a gentle kiss on the hand. Herr Drosselmeyer offers to share some magic tricks with the group. The party guests are delighted. Herr Drosselmeyer continues to astound the group with life-size dolls that he made specifically for the enjoyment of the party attendees. Being sure that their favorite uncle has brought something even more special for them, Clara and Fritz bombard their uncle with requests to see their most spectacular gifts. Drosselmeyer reveals a stuffed rat for the young Fritz, who is not pleased. He becomes very jealous when Clara receives the most special gift of the evening, a Nutcracker doll. The crafty skills of the Nutcracker are displayed for the group. Clara is smitten with her new gift, but Fritz has other plans and tears the Nutcracker away from her. He defiantly drops the precious doll. The Nutcracker is broken. Herr Drosselmeyer fully restores the precious gift with his magic. The girls at the party comfort Clara and protect her from the rowdy boys. The party resumes until the parents enjoy a romp, Clara receives her very first dance invitation from the young prince, and the Dowager celebrates the Christmas Eve. The happy guests say goodnight.

The maids shuffle Fritz off to bed, and Clara curls up on her cozy bed to admire her magical Nutcracker. She drifts off to sleep and proceeds to have a grand dream. She hears the chimes of the grandfather clock striking midnight. She opens her eyes to a remarkable scene. The room is full of horrible gigantic mice. The mice scare Clara. Her beloved Nutcracker is transformed and comes to Clara's defense with his battalion of steadfast soldiers. A fight ensues. The Nutcracker orders his army to open fire on the evil mice. The magnificent and heroic Nutcracker defeats the Mouse King and his pack of malevolent mice. Clara is amazed when The Nutcracker reveals that he is the prince from the party, with whom she danced and admired.

While walking through the Great Pine Forest, Clara is surprised by the appearance of the Christmas Tree Star, which has descended from atop her beautiful Christmas tree and has come to life. Herr Drosselmeyer makes another appearance with a magical mirror in which Clara meets her future, older self. The magnificent magician enchants the young Clara, and she is transformed into an older version of herself. The, now older, Clara dances about the forest amongst the statuesque pines and a flock of lovely snowbirds. Clara then joins the stunning Christmas Star and makes a journey through the snow where she encounters the beautiful Snow Queen. A host of heavenly angels welcome her. She is entertained by a multitude of characters from many different countries, who dance in her honor. Clara is sure that this is the most special day of her life!

At last, she bids farewell to the Land of Sweets. Herr Drosselmeyer appears to transport Clara back to her cozy bed in the Stalbaum home. Clara awakens and holds her beloved Nutcracker doll close. She believes that this was much more than a dream. The magic of this enchanted Christmas Eve will stay with her forever!

ACT I

Young Clara
Hannah Emerson

Fritz
Callie Do

Nutcracker Prince
Parker Fullbright

Herr Drosselmeyer
Daniel Ware

Parents of the Stalbaum Home
Rennah St. Clair & Gabe Spearman

Porcelain Dolls
Katie Hillyard, Savannah Leine

Soldier Dolls
Akia Crowe, Cadence Berry, Darcy Smith

House Maids
Sierra Leine, Peyton Holcombe, Averi Parker
Kendra O'Dare

Party Guests
Sarah Do, Tan Do, Kristie Smith, Curtis Smith
Amanda O'Dare, Jake O'Dare, Sarah St. Clair
Carlos Moreno, Kollin Draper, Ava Smith

Party Girls

Adalyn Kissiah, Eden St. Clair, Emma Bayer
Isabella Moreno, Kailey Goolsby, Kalli Chewing
Kathryn Kleinlein, Matilynn Johnson, Sofia Buitrago
Susanna Goolsby

Party Boys

Ava Dofelmier, Charli Davis, Finley Parker, Grace Foushee
Grace McGuinn, Lauren McGee, Sadie Jo Quinn
Shiloh St. Clair, Stella Harmon, Willa Meehan

Lollipop Girl

Gabby Moreno

Mouse King

Lily Walsh

Mouse Queen

Reece Hazel

Soldiers

Millie Anderson, Sidney Ciccone, Ava Dofelmier
Ayla Gajewski, Emma Humphrey, Christina Liu
Lauren McGee, Madelynn Pitts, Annaleece Pruitt
Kaleigh Smith, Shiloh St. Clair, Joanna Trussell

Mice

Blair Allamon, Tyler Crosby, Emily Claire Harris
Ainsley Hillyard, Everly Morgan, Willow Rhodes
Emma Robinson, Aria Vient, Laurel Williams
Olivia Wiratmaja

Large Mice

Abby Davis, Akia Crowe, Lily Burton, Mayseigh LeCroy
Adanna Ezealah, Ashton Erlewine

Christmas Tree Star

Sydni Smith

Snowbirds

Willow Berry, Morgan Hall, Zana Haney, Whitley Hardaway
Ava Hutto, Scarlett Nelson, Bridgette Parengkuan
Molly Schleuger, Estelle Schoonover, Madeline Sparkman
Kirklee Wiggins

Evergreens

Bella Dear, Sophie Hughes, Sofia Pishchenko
Savannah Richards, Abby Davis, Katherine Klenlien
Eden St. Clair, Cadence Berry

Clara

Alyssa Crowe

Snow Queen

Bella Cain

Snow

Katie Hillyard, Lily Walsh, Siera Leine, Savannah Leine
Sierra Leine, Savannah Owens, Susanna Goolsby
Amelia Chandler Kailey Goolsby, Madalyn Spires
Avery Eggleston

Lead Cherubs

Sadie Jo Quinn, Shiloh St. Clair

Cherubs

Izzy Davis, Sydney Eylerts, Audra Schleuger

Joanna Trussell, Lottie Clare Lashford

Intermission: 15 minutes

ACT II
The Land of Sweets

Angels

Natalie Hernandez Gallegos, Amilee Hughes

Emma Moriarty, Savannah Norton, Kinsley Pence

River Rhodes, Alice Saint-Paul, Kensley Smith

Stella Wirarmaja, Addison Braun, Renn Cleland

Maggie Gable, Isla Gfeller, Maelyn Hayes, Charlotte Hill

Tatum Pope, Addilyn Keith, Caroline Peay, Harlow Ratner

Emelia Whitworth, Gabriella Williams, Naomi Bernauer

Olivia Calp, Leunna Cooper, Valentina Inguaggiato

Eliana Meehan, Gabriella Moreno, Madilyn Satterfield

Iris Schoonover, Teagan Tefft, Le'Jyen Walker, Halle Brush

Livian Brush, Ellie Gestwicki, Sadie Ingram, Blair Jefferson

Big Angels

Alaia Mía Hernández Rodríguez, Olivia Kozel

Charlotte Powers, Eleanor Prescott

Elizabeth Anne Sanders

Hot Chocolate

Savannah Leine, Sierra Leine

Accompanied by:

Katie Hillyard, Savannah Owens, Lily Walsh
Peyton Gilstrap, Madalyn Spires, Sierra Leine
Savannah Leine, Suzanna Goolsby, Kailey Goolsby
Amelia Chandler

Coffee

Bella Cain

Accompanied by:

Cadence Berry, Sydney Eylerts, Madeline Hardaway
Stella Harmon, Sophie Hughes, Mayseigh LeCroy
Sofia Pishchenko, Savannah Richards, Eden St. Clair
Maya Stauble, Lennon Studer

Tea

Akia Crowe, Darcy Smith

Accompanied by:

Eleanor Burnetti, Johnianna Gonzalez, Nora Heinz
Eloise Leslie, Emery Moore, Julia Moses, Sameah Rouse
Christina Turner, Katelyn Wahba

Candy Canes

Lily Burton, Isabella Davis, Garrett Giles
Gabriella Inguaggiato, Emma Mangum, Miranda Martin
Grace McGuinn, Finley Parker, Audra Schleuger
Ellie Vickery, Emma Bayer, Ellakate Cooper, Charli Davis
Cora Diehl, Callie Do, Grace Foushee, Adalyn Kissiah
Isabella Moreno, Sadie Jo Quinn

Shepherdesses

Lily Walsh, Reece Hazel

Accompanied by Little Lambs:

*Linley Brehmer, Mia Kate Brehmer, Alexis Campbell
Ella Francis Edwards, Madeline Fullbright, Ellie Gittens
Emmy Hendrick, Damaris Mack, London Oliver
Marleigh Puckett*

Mother Ginger

Rennah St. Clair

Accompanied by Polichinelle

*Rosalia Borrelli, Natalia Buitrago, Layla Cash, Ellie Do
Maddie Hurt, Lottie Clare Lashford, Makenzie Grace Locke
Willa Meehan, Maggie Jane Mobley, Madison Shockley*

Dew Drop Fairy

Sydni Smith

Flowers

*Sofia Buitrago, Kalli Chewning, Abby Davis, Bella Dear
Hannah Emerson, Peyton Holcombe, Matilynn Johnson
Kathryn Kleinlein, Kendra O'Dare, Averi Parker
Brynlee Roberts, Akia Crowe, Reece Hazel, Darcy Smith
Sydni Smith, Mary Vreeman*

The End

The Cast



Hannah Emerson
Clara

Hannah Emerson is honored to play the role of Young Clara in her 6th season and 10th role of The Nutcracker. Currently a member of TDS's Performing Arts Company (PAC), she loves ballet, lyrical, and musical theatre dance styles and received the Junior Miss Star Talent Title award this year. Hannah is twelve years old and a homeschool student. When she is not studying or dancing, Hannah enjoys reading, expanding her craft business, and spending time with her family: parents, Kathi and Grant Emerson, brother, Preston, and dog, Murphy.



Alyssa Crowe
Clara

Alyssa Crowe, dancing the role of Clara and Sugar plum, is the daughter of Alicia Crowe, from Laurens, South Carolina. Alyssa is 16 years old, has been dancing for 9 years and has been a part of the Performing Arts Company team for 8 years. Alyssa is currently holding the Miss Teen Title with Star Talent Dance Competition. Her favorite styles of dance are contemporary and jazz. She loves to attend dance conventions and college dance clinics. Alyssa has won several scholarships from Epic and Deviate dance conventions. Outside of attending her own dance classes, she enjoys assisting in younger dance classes. This is Alyssa 9th year participating in the Nutcracker with TDS, she has danced many different roles including most recently Snow Queen.



Sydni Smith, performing as Dew Drop Fairy, is the oldest daughter of Curtis Smith and Kristie GraySmith. Sydni is a junior at Greenville Classical Academy, where she is an honors student, plays varsity soccer and is involved in theatre. Sydni is 17 years old and began studying dance at the age of two. In addition to her studies and dance, Sydni enjoys serving others through Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church where she is a member and working as a wedding assistant at Piney Grove Ranch. This year marks Sydni's 7th Nutcracker season and Dew Drop is her favorite role to date.

Sydni Smith

Dew Drop

Bella Cain, dancing the role on Snow Queen, is the daughter of Pam and Jeff Cain from Lauren's, South Carolina. Bella is 13 years old, she has studied dance since the age of 2, her favorite styles are Ballet and jazz. Bella attended the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities the last two summers to study classical Ballet. Bella has been apart of PAC team for 4 years at TDS. She currently is Miss Junior Star Talent Dance Competition, Bella is also an ambassador with Expressions dance competition for 2024-2025 dance season. She enjoys spending time with friends, and assisting with younger dance classes at TDS. This is her 5th performance of the Nutcracker.



Bella Cain

Snow Queen



Callie Do, daughter of Tan and Sarah Do, has enjoyed the wonders of dance since she was three years old. Now at the age of ten, her roles include Fritz, little mouse, and Russian peppermints. She is homeschooled through Classical Conversations along with her sister Ellie, who is also performing in this year's Nutcracker. Callie is part of TDS's competition team PAC and is now on her second year of Nutcracker. She loves reading and writing and hopes to one day be on pointe, dance for Disney World, and perform on Broadway.

Callie Do
Frtiz

Daniel Ware is honored to play the role of Drosselmeyer as his 2nd role in The Nutcracker. He loves athletics such as, gymnastics, many forms of dance including ballet, partner swing and hip hop. He also enjoys being outdoors such as rock climbing, hiking, and backpacking in the wilderness. He is currently a full time student at Spartanburg Community College (SCC) studying for industrial electricity. He is nineteen years old, and when he's not in the wilderness or studio, he's spending time with his family, girlfriend (Ryenne) or out somewhere making a friend.



Daniel Ware
Herr Drosselmeyer