

TDS DANCE STUDIOS PRESENTS



THE

Nutcracker



SATURDAY, THE SIXTH 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

Sofia Buitrago, 1:00 pm

Eden St Clair, 6:00 pm

Fritz

Rosalia Borrelli

Nutcracker Prince

Parker Fullbright

Herr Drosselmeyer

Daniel Ware

Parents of the Stalbaum Home

Ashley Martin and Reid Messervy

Porcelain Dolls

Kailey Goolsby, Reece Hazel, Mary Vreeman,

Soldier Dolls

Sofia Pishchenko, Savannah Richards, Lauren Soden

House Maids

Abby Davis, Lily Burton, Emma Mangum, Finley Parker,
Maya Stauble

Party Guests

Brian Berry, Lauren Berry, Sarah Do, Tan Do, Clay Lewis,
Stefanie Lewis, Amanda O'Dare, Jake O'Dare, Curtis Smith,
Kristie Smith

Party Girls

Alexis Campbell, Charli Davis, Callie Do, Ella Francis
Edwards, Grace Foushee, Garrett Giles, Emmy Hendrick,
Grace McGuinn, Estelle Schoonover, Sadie Jo Quinn

Party Boys

Natalia Buitrago, Ellie Do, Ayla Gajewski, Zana Haney,
Maddie Hurt, Lottie Clare Lashford, Lauren McGee, Willa
Meehan, Magnolia Minor, Madison Shockley

Lollipop Girl

Madilyn Satterfield

Grandmother

Darcy Smith

Puppy- Rufus

Willow St Clair

Mouse King

Darcy Smith

Mouse Queen

Sydni Smith (1:00 pm)

Aerien Alewine (6:00 pm)

Soldiers

Renn Cleland, Maelyn Hayes, Valentina Inguaggiato, Everly Morgan, Iris Schoonover, Madeline Sprakman, Luna Veade, Kirklee Wiggins

Mice

Abigail Axson, Katherine Axson, Addison Braun, Maggie Gable, Charlotte Hill, Eliana Meehan, Presley Messervy, Kinsley Smith,

Large Mice

Sierra Leine, Sophia Pishchenko, Savannah Richards, Lauren Soden, Mary Vreeman

Christmas Tree Star

Bella Cain

Snowbirds

Livian Brush, Harper Culberson, Audrey Franks, Nora Heinz, Khloe Kelley, Emmy Parra, Lia Parra, River Rhodes, Isla Thompson, Elena Torrecilos, Wren Trask, Charlotte VanDerveer

Evergreens

Emma Bayer, Isabella Davis, Adalyn Kissiah, Charley Machi, Isabella Moreno, Kendra O'Dare, Audra Schleuger, Eden St Clair (1:00 pm), Sofia Buitrago (6:00 pm)

Clara

Aerien Alewine 1:00 pm

Sydni Smith 6:00 pm

Snow Queen

Cadence Berry

Snow

Aerien Alewine (6:00 pm), Ariana Beauvais, Stella Harmon, Reece Hazel, Lauren McGee, Sofia Pishchenko, Savannah Richards, Elizabeth Anne Sanders, Darcy Smith, Sydni Smith, Lauren Soden, Maya Stauble, Lennon Studer, Mary Vreeman

Lead Cherub

Willow Rhodes

Intermission: 15 minutes

ACT II
The Land of Sweets

Angels

Naomi Bernauer, Josie Bierman, Peyton Brown, Avery Crutcher, James Dickson, Ellie Gestwicki, Ella Hannafin, Lucy Harmon, Blair Harris, Anges Jarvis, Emilia Jochums, Addilyn Keith, Alianna Owens, Caroline Peay, Mattie Plyler, Everly Pritts, Madilyn Satterfield, Lilyana Smith, Paityn Studenmund, Dillon Syzmal, Kennedy Tackett, Eleanor Vazquez, Kadence Vient, Anna Grace Watson, Ollie Welch

Hot Chocolate

Abby Davis, Kendra O'Dare, Darcy Smith

Accompanied by:

Emma Bayer, Sofia Buitrago, Kalli Chewning, EllaKate Cooper, Adalyn Kissiah, Kathryn Kleinlein, Isabella Moreno, Averi Parker, Nina Stansbury

Coffee

Savannah Leine

Accompanied by:

Rosalia Borrelli, Lily Burton, Charli Davis, Isabella Davis,
Cora Diehl, Callie Do, Grace Foushee, Garrett Giles,
Gabriella Inguaggiato, Charley Machi, Emma Mangum,
Miranda Martin, Grace McGuinn, Willa Meehan, Magnolia
Minor, Finley Parker, Sadie Jo Quinn, Audra Schleuger

Tea

Bella Cain

Accompanied by:

Blair Allamon, Valentina Castrillon, Tyler Crosby, Ayla
Gajewski, Beck Hastings, Ava Hutto, Emery Moore, Brennan
Nowak, Madelynn Pitts, Molly Schleuger, Willow St. Clair,
Joanna Trussell, Ellie Tucker, Aria Vient

Shepherdesses

Sierra Leine

Accompanied by Little Lambs:

*Willow Berry, Caroline Black, Rosie Borgognoni, Olivia
Kozel, Gabriella Moreno, Scarlett Nelson, Savannah
Norton, Luna Parton, Sameah Rouse*

Candy Canes

Callie Do

Accompanied by:

*Ella Bowe, Natalia Buitrago, Harper Callahan, Layla Cash,
Ellie Do, Zana Haney, Maddie Hurt, Lottie Clare Lashford,
Makenzie Grace Locke, Maggie Jane Mobley, Julia Moses,
Avery Rundell, Estelle Schoonover, Lorelei Tenney, Collier
Welch*

Mother Ginger

Sarah Do

Accompanied by Polichinelle

*Linley Brehmer, Mia Kate Brehmer, Alexis Campbell, Ella
Francis Edwards, Madeline Fullbright, Ellie Gittens, Emmy
Hendrick, Damaris Mack, Eliza Wham*

Dew Drop Fairy

Lily Walsh

Accompanied by Flowers

*Bella Cain, Amelia Chandler, Alyssa Crowe, Avery
Eggleston, Peyton Gilstrap, Kailey Goolsby, Sierra Leine,
Madalyn Spires*

The End

The Cast



Sofia Buitrago
Clara (1:00 pm)

Sofia is honored to be playing the role of young Clara for TDS Dance Studios' 2025 Nutcracker. Sofia is 12 years old and has been dancing with TDS for almost 6 years. She is in 7th grade at Green Charter Simpsonville. Her favorite subjects are Robotics, Science, and Social Studies. Sofia's previous roles in Nutcracker include Chinese Tea, Russian Peppermints, Spanish Hot Chocolate, Flowers, and Boy and Girl at the party. When Sofia is older, she wants to dance professionally and attend Julliard School of the Arts for dance studies. Sofia's hobbies include jewelry making, spending time with friends and family, and shopping.



Aerien Alewine
Clara (1:00 pm)

Aérien Alewine has been dancing for three years and is thrilled to be performing in The Nutcracker. Outside of dance, Aérien enjoys Scouts, crocheting, and creating art. She loves spending time outdoors and exploring nature. In the future, Aérien hopes to start a business, own a homestead, raise a family, live out of a van for a year, and backpack through the Swiss Alps.



Eden St. Clair
Clara (6:00 pm)

Eden started her dance training at TDS when she was six and quickly found joy in all styles of dance. In the last few years, she really fell in love with Ballet. She dreamed of performing the role of Clara and honored to have this opportunity to have her dreams come true! Previous roles she's played include; Party Girl, Arabian, Evergreen, Russian, and Snow. Eden also enjoys performing musical theater with her family across the Upstate since she was little. When she isn't singing and dancing, she loves to bake. Her goal in life is to own a bakery. She would like to thank Mrs. Connie and Mrs. Ashley because they helped her reach your goals and her family and friends for believing in her and supporting her along the way!

The oldest of three, Sydni Smith is a lifelong resident of Simpsonville where she lives with her parents and sisters. Sydni is a senior at Greenville Classical Academy and has played Varsity soccer for 4 seasons. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Sydni has danced for 16 years and hopes to continue dancing in college next fall. She has loved tap since she was a young dancer, but discovered her joy in pointe as a teenager. Last year Sydni danced the role of Dew Drop in the TDS Nutcracker and has previously performed the roles of the Star, Mouse Queen, Shepherdess, and Spanish lead with TDS. Sydni is an active member of Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church where she volunteers in children's ministries and she works as a wedding event planner at Piney Grove Ranch.



Sydni Smith
Clara (6:00 pm)



Lily Walsh
Dew Drop

Lily is thrilled to shine as the Dew Drop Fairy in this year's Nutcracker! A performer at heart, she has been dancing for 13 years—11 with TDS—and is also a singer and actor. Lily hopes to show the world that the best things come from the smallest places and thanks her teachers, family, and friends for their endless support!

Cadence has been dancing since she was three years old and has been with the TDS family for five years. Her roles in the Nutcracker have been: Tiny Ginger Bread, Tiny Toy Soldier, Arabian, Girl at the Party, Tiny Snowflake, Big Toy Soldier, Chinese Tea Lead, a Maid, Spanish, and Evergreen. She loves anything to do with crafts, nature, horse back riding, reading, friends, youth group, and dance. A goal Cadence has is to run a summer camp where you can come and enjoy dance lessons and horse back riding. She would also love to travel the world!



Cadence Berry
Snow Queen



Rosalia Borrelli
Fritz

Rosalia Borrelli was born in Simpsonville, SC and has been dancing with TDS since she was 3 years old. Rosalia has performed Act II of the Nutcracker with TDS for several years. Her passion for dance began with ballet and she continues to develop her ballet skills through weekly ballet classes. Rosalia has been competing with the TDS Performing Arts Company for 3 years. Her styles of dance are ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, contemporary and musical theater. When Rosalia is not dancing, she loves to express herself through the fine arts often creating sculptures, paintings and drawings. She has taken pottery lessons for 6 years and loves expressing her creativity through art. Rosalia is currently pursuing a classical homeschool education, loves to read and take her dog Paris on long walks.

Daniel Ware is honored to return to the role of Drosselmeyer 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 employed full time as a metrologist. He is twenty years old, and when he's not in the wilderness or studio, he's spending time with his family, fiancé (Ryenne) or out somewhere making a friend.



Daniel Ware
Herr Drosselmeyer