

Hudson High School December 19th & 20th



The Story of the Nutcracker

As the Stahlbaum's annual Christmas Eve celebration comes to a close, Clara says goodnight to the guests and gets ready to go to bed. She's disappointed that her uncle, Drosselmeyer, wasn't able to attend the party this year. However, as her father leads her to her room, he surprises her with a gift that her uncle made specifically for her, a beautiful nutcracker. In bed with her gift snuggled in her arms, Clara feels the magic of Christmas fill the air, as if her uncle is really there with her.

In the night, mice and rats as big as Clara surprise her. The Nutcracker, after transforming into a triumphant prince, calls in an army of soldiers to help her fight off the creatures. Thanks to Clara's quick thinking, the soldier army defeats the fearsome Rat Queen.

Once the battle concludes, a beautiful snow begins to fall. The snowflakes, lead by the Snow King and Queen, guide Clara and the Nutcracker to the Land of the Sweets. The pair are then met by angels, who introduce them to the ruler of the Land of the Sweets, the Sugarplum Fairy. The Nutcracker explains their harrowing journey to Her Majesty, who proclaims that they must celebrate the victory. Sugared treats and dancers from across the land put on an incredible show. Before saying their goodbyes, Clara and the Nutcracker perform a special dance of their own. As she leaves, Clara vows to never forget the Land of the Sweets and all those who helped her on her journey.





Cast

Clara Stahlbaum Taehgan Vue

Mr. Stahlbaum Tony Vue

The Nutcracker Truman Bednar

Rat Queen Anna Bollman

Rats

Audrey Eperjesy, Sophia Jiang, & Klaire Simek

Mice - Petite Company

ReVae Baires-Escobar, Hazel Evertse, Lola Foltz, Grace Grotha, Elijah Hardy, Poppy Lo, Avery Mueller, Vivian Nelson, Lauren Olson, Emma Price, Neeley Richter, Lily Schwartz, & Avery Stewart

Soldiers - Junior Company

Majah Barrett, Sienna Bestler, McKinley Corey, Ariana Gisch, Eden Glover, Aria Harasyn, Lila Hoss, Kyla Kirchenwitz, Amber Loh, Hailee Monahan, & Harper Rasmussen





Cast Cout

Snow Soloists Maggie Frommelt & Emily Jungmann

Snowflakes

Emma Brandt, Lainey Eberhard, Savea Erickson, Sydney Hamilton, Ella Hooley, Kyla King, Stella Linneman, Mila Moudry, Cora Neuharth, Aubrey Sachs, Addison Sehnert, & Zoe Zielinski

> **Angels** Petite Company

Sugar Plum Fairy Noelle Huffer

Hot Chocolate

Emma Brandt, Wyatt Brisson, Anna Bollman, Audrey Eperjesy, Sophia Jiang, & Klaire Simek

Coffee

lan Stegeman

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Lainey Eberhard, Savea Erickson, Mila Moudry, Aubrey Sachs, & Addison Sehnert





Cast Cout.

Trepak Sydney Hamilton, Kyla King, Cora Neuharth, & Zoe Zielinski

Flutes

Emma Brandt, Anna Bollman, Keira Card, Maggie Frommelt, Ella Hooley, & Emily Jungmann

Little Bo Peep & Lil Boy Blue

Kyla Kirchenwitz & Elijah Hardy

Sheep Junior Company

> **Dew Drop** Klaire Simek

Flower Cavaliers

Wyatt Brisson & Ian Stegeman

Flower Soloists Keira Card & Ella Hoolev

Flower Corps

Emma Brandt, Anna Bollman, Audrey Eperjesy, Maggie Frommelt, Sydney Hamilton, Sophia Jiang, Emily Jungmann, Stella Linneman, Cora Neuharth, & Zoe Zielinski





Credits

Ballet Director & Choreographer Brennan Benson

Company Instructors

Macey Breen, Bruce DeMorrow, Karlo & Angelina Familara, Taylor Huber, Jessie James, Katia Kasmani, & Faith Wlaschin

Studio Directors

Buffy Johnson Breen & Kathy Johnson Mueller

Costumes

Macey Breen, Carol Bourquin, Shari Luchsinger, Margo Mason, Kara Osgood, & Desiree Siggens

Props

The Brisson family, The Sehnert family, Cameryn Breen, Macey Breen, Ted Luchsinger, & Faith Wlaschin

> Announcer Greg Bannwarth

Graphic Designer Darcy Sperle

Program

Grace Benson

Apparel Classy Threads of Minnesota

> Videographer Creative Edge Video

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