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The Nutcracker

REMIXING THE MAGIC

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STEP INTO A MAGICAL HOLIDAY TRADITION REIMAGINED FOR TODAY.

The Nutcracker: Remixing the Magic

blends the timeless elegance of Tchaikovsky's score with the vibrant creative voices of Prince Edward Island's dance community.

Act I

celebrates the wonder of the classical ballet:
its beloved characters, sweeping orchestration, and sparkling winter world.

Act II

transforms the stage entirely, "remixing" the original ballet through hip-hop, contemporary, jazz,
and community-inspired movement, offering a fresh lens on the Land of the Sweets
while honouring its roots.

With dazzling choreography, heartfelt storytelling, and the joyful energy of performers of all ages,
this production is a radiant fusion of tradition and innovation.

ACT I — The Party

On Christmas Eve, Clara Stahlbaum and her family celebrate the holiday when she receives a Nutcracker from her enchanting Uncle Drosselmeyer. After the festivities, Clara dreams of magical transformations, daring battles, and the beginning of an unforgettable adventure.

Overture: Guests Crossing

Adult Beginning Ballet II and Elm Musical Theatre

Music: *The Nutcracker, Op. 71: Miniature Overture* — Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky; performed by Sir Simon Rattle and the Berliner Philharmoniker.

Decorating the Tree

Senior Ballet with Clara and Mrs. Stahlbaum

Music: *Decorating the Christmas Tree* — Tchaikovsky; performed by San Francisco Ballet Orchestra.

Choreographer: Kayla Shaw-Mills

Children's March / Party

Elementary Musical Theatre

Music: *The Children's Dance* — Tchaikovsky; performed by New York City Ballet Orchestra (David Zinman, conductor).

Choreographer: Wanda Naylor

Parent Dance

Adult Beginning Ballet II, Children, Maids, Jesters, Dolls, Toy Soldier, Clara, Mrs. Stahlbaum, Drosselmeyer, Fritz

Music: Tchaikovsky; performed by Sir Simon Rattle & the Berliner Philharmoniker.

Choreographer: Dominic Who

Arrival of Drosselmeyer and the Toys

Senior Ballet, Performance Group, Adult Beginning Ballet II, Elementary Musical Theatre

Music: Tchaikovsky; performed by Sir Simon Rattle & the Berliner Philharmoniker.

Choreographers: Ak Mullen Johnson, Wanda Naylor; Dolls: Kayla Shaw-Mills; Jesters: Reequal Smith; Dominic Who

Dream Scene into Magic Spell

Clara, Mrs. Stahlbaum

Music: Tchaikovsky; performed by San Francisco Ballet Orchestra.

Choreographers: Kayla Shaw-Mills and Morgan Wagner

The Battle

Clara, Nutcracker, Senior Musical Theatre

Music: *The Battle* — Tchaikovsky; performed by San Francisco Ballet Orchestra.

Choreographer: Morgan Wagner

Pine Forest Journey to the Land of Snow

Forest Queen, Forest Ensemble

Music: *The Forest of Fir Trees in Winter (Op. 71, Act I, No. 8)* — Tchaikovsky; performed by André Previn and the London Symphony Orchestra.

Choreographer: Elan MacKey

Waltz of the Snowflakes

Adult Intermediate Ballet, Snowflake Trio, and Snow Queen

Music: *Waltz of the Snowflakes* — Tchaikovsky; performed by Sir Simon Rattle & the Berliner Philharmoniker.

Choreographer: Dominic Who

ACT II — The Land of the Sweets (Remixed)

In a world where tradition is reborn, and old stories meet new dreams, the Sugar Plum—radiant ruler of the Land of Sweets—opens the gates to a universe shimmering with possibility. With a single sweep of her magic, Clara and the Prince are invited into a breathtaking adventure: a journey that traces the roots of how it all began, while celebrating the vibrant cultures and stories that have danced across our world for centuries.

Ancient tales unfold like treasure chests, revealing hidden gems of rhythm, resilience, and beauty. This reimagined Land of Sweets becomes a place of belonging—where every culture stands tall, every voice holds power, and every movement celebrates our shared humanity.

As Clara and the Prince travel deeper into this enchanting realm, they discover a world alive with harmony, intercultural wonder, and euphoric magic—where love appears in countless shades, each brighter than the last. It is a place that reminds us, like Peter Pan once whispered, that true magic lives within us; and that when we open our hearts, we find we have so much to learn from one another. Tonight, we welcome you into this world of glowing possibilities. Let the story lift you, let the colors embrace you, and may you leave carrying a spark of its magic within.

by Reequal Smith

Angels

Elementary Ballet I/II & Intermediate Ballet I, Sugar Plum, Clara and Nutcracker

Music: *Ambient Arabian Oud* — Rafael Krux

Bad Guy (Violin Cover) — Best Music Records, Bad Guy by Billie Eilish and Finneas O'Connell
performed by Violin Covers

Choreographer: Ak Mullen Johnson

Chocolate

Performance Group Duet

Music: *Hanuman* — Rodrigo y Gabriela; performed by the artists.

Choreographer: Dominic Who

Coffee

Performance Group

Music: *Desert Sand* — Palms Down Inc.; *From Birth to the Earth: Afro-Percussion Music for Dance and Movement*

Choreographer: Reequal Smith

Tea

Senior Jazz

Music: *Lu Xun (Instrumental)* — The Shanghai Restoration Project (David Liang)

Choreographer: Elan MacKey

Trepak

Intermediate Hip Hop II & Performance Group

Music: *Beautiful People* — Chris Brown, Benny Benassi, Jean Baptiste, & others.

Choreographer: Joe Dames

Dance of the Mirlitons

Adult Intermediate Jazz

Music: *Dance of the Mirlitons* — Tchaikovsky; remixed with *Wild* by Lewo Beats.

Choreographer: Dawn Ward-Dames

Mother Ginger & Clowns

Julia Sauv , Intermediate Musical Theatre, and Guests from Elementary Musical Theatre

Music: *Entry of the Gladiators* — Julius Fu ik; performed by Andr  Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra.
Choreographer: Wanda Naylor

Waltz of the Flowers

ITP Ballet, Dew Drop

Music: *Waltz of the Flowers* — Tchaikovsky; performed by the Tchaikovsky Symphony Orchestra.
Choreographer: Kayla Shaw-Mills

Pas de Deux

Sugar Plum Fairy and Nutcracker

Music: *Pas de Deux* — Tchaikovsky; performed by Sir Simon Rattle & the Berliner Philharmoniker.
Horton Hears a Three — Palms Down Inc.
Choreographers: Dominic Who and Reequal Smith

Tarantella

Adult Hip Hop

Music: *More* — Usher; written by Usher Raymond, RedOne (Nadir Khayat), Charles Hinshaw Jr., & Bilal Hajji.
Choreographer: Joe Dames

Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy

Sugar Plum Fairy

Music: *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy* — Tchaikovsky;
performed by Mikhail Pletnev and the Russian National Orchestra
Foulzi & Dora — Palms Down Inc.
Choreographers: Kayla Shaw-Mills and Reequal Smith

Coda

Adult Beginning Ballet II

Music: *Coda* — Tchaikovsky; performed by performed by Sir Simon Rattle & the Berliner Philharmoniker.
Choreographer: Dominic Who

Finale — All Dancers

Music: *Final Waltz and Apotheosis (Op. 71, No. 15)* — Tchaikovsky; performed by Sir Simon Rattle & the Berliner Philharmoniker.



CHOREOGRAPHY & STAGING

Joe Dames · Elan MacKey · AK Mullen-Johnson · Wanda Naylor · Kayla Shaw-Mills · Reequal Smith
Dawn Ward-Dames · Morgan Wagner · Dominic Who

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director: Wanda Naylor
Stage Manager: Sharon Keller
Assistant Stage Manager: Shawnte Burrell
Head Lighting: John Michael Flynn
Head Audio: Kevin MacLean
Head Carpenter: Greg Mountain
Head Props: Jennafer Beck
LX focus: David Holman, Tony Doyle
Carpentry: Brent Rogerson
Flys: Barry Vessey
Props: Tony Doyle, Malcolm MacLean
Wardrobe: Karyn Macphee, Jenny Dunn
Camera: Jessie Duarte

SPECIAL THANKS

To our incredible **backstage volunteers** your dedication ensures the magic shines.

To our **students** your passion lights up the stage. We are immensely proud of your artistry.

To our **families** your steadfast support and belief in the power of dance make this possible.

To our **production crew and CCOA team** your behind-the-scenes expertise elevates every moment.
We are profoundly grateful for your commitment.

To our **instructors and choreographers** thank you for bringing vision, artistry, and heart to this production.
Thank you for guiding our dancers and shaping this unforgettable experience.

To **Demi Pointe** thank you for providing costumes, shoes, and accessories that elevate
our dancers' presentation.

To **Bernadette's Flowers** thank you for crafting the beautiful bouquets that brighten this festive season.

To **Anna Wansbrough** for capturing the dynamic performers on stage as we remix the magic to tell our
Nutcracker story.

To **Andreas Fobes** thank you for transforming cardboard houses into beautiful gingerbread ones.

CAST LIST

ACT I — Party Scene

Adult Beginning Ballet II (Guests):

Kate Adams, Danielle Burke, Janice Burke, Sam McInnis, Delaney Nickerson, Lyndsey Paynter, Amber Powell, Daniel Powell, Kevin Simmons, Sophia Ward

Children — Elementary Musical Theatre:

Savannah Arsenault, Ava Bruce, Ciaran Flanagan, Sofia Garza, Adaira Laird, Gwen MacDonald, Stella MacSwain, Alissa Mahar, Valentina Morales, Diaz Maia Mueller, Thea Richardson, Sofia Rodriguez, Eloise Stetson, Nina Yang, Elora Zhang

Maids — Senior Ballet:

Bella Bronaugh, Savannah Bronaugh, Evelyn Bulpitt, Sadie Chisholm, Raquel de Carvalho, Émilie Laurin, Cassandra Masse, Miranda Ortega, Ruby Squires, Arabella Slote, Sadie Slote

Lead Maid: Sydney Gallant

Jesters: Lauren Carr, Payton Perry

Dolls: Bella Bronaugh, Ruby Squires

Toy Soldier: Avery Lichty

Clara Stahlbaum: Lily Nicholson

Mrs. Stahlbaum: Sidnie Williams

Drosselmeyer: Joe Dames

Fritz: Elsa Laird

Dream Scene & Battle

Soldiers: Danica Barry, Hanaye Ono, Brynne Shipley, Zoe White

Mouse Scouts: Valerie Man, Angelina Stelmashchuk

Mouse King: Elizabeth Ann Wedge-Lafferty

Mice: Liliane Bellamy, Dinelle Fernando, Genevieve Hewko, Keira Omar-McCallum, Ocean Perry, Chikondi Tamula, Roslyn Tamula, Cressida Tshimbalanga

Nutcracker: Savannah Bronaugh

Clara: Lily Nicholson

Pine Forest / Land of Snow

Pine Forest Queen: Lauren Ramsay

Pine Forest Ensemble: Amália Barbosa, Tori Beagan, Avery Lichty, Émilie Laurin, Cassandra Masse, Charlize van Schalkwyk, Raquel de Carvalho

Snow Waltz — Adult Intermediate Ballet: Rebekah Dempsey, Alauryn Dunn, Kristen Gore, Amy Irving, Hannah McGaughey, Christen Morrison, Ruby Squires, Katherine Strongman, Morgan Toole, Sidnie Williams

Snow Waltz Trio: Ivy Gorman, Lauren Ramsay, Violet Weale

Snow Queen: Charlotte Carr

ACT II — The Land of the Sweets

Angel Leads: Payton Perry, Ruby Squires and Sugar Plum Fairy

Angels — Elementary Ballet I/II & Intermediate Ballet I

Elementary I/II: Lillian Bidd, Ella Mackenzie Brooke, Bella Campelo, Payton Constantinou, Alice Day, Ronan Doyle-Smith, Priya Gulati, Evelyn Howatt, Charlotte Kaye, Charlotte Porter, Amelia Stavert, Peyton Taylor, Devany Twiddy, Nella Verhulst, Lilah Waye, Cecilia Wu, Emmy Yan, Isla Younker, Sibley ZiolaBerry
Intermediate I: Fiona Aruqi, Amália Barbosa, Tori Beagan, Annah Chaudhary, Calista Clorey, Kirklin Darrach, Avery Lichty, Abigail Luo, Lillya MacDonald, Kendra MacLean, Isabel MacLeod, Charlize van Schalkwyk

Chocolate — Performance Group: Émilie Laurin, Raquel de Carvalho

Coffee — Performance Group: Charlotte Carr, Lauren Carr, Lexi Lockhart, Payton Perry, Lauren Ramsay, Ruby Keller

Tea — Senior Jazz:

Savannah Bronaugh, Bella Bronaugh, Raquel de Carvalho, Sadie Chisholm, Rhaya Coffin, Sydney Gallant, Ivy Gorman, Émilie Laurin, Violet Weale

Trepak — Intermediate Hip Hop II:

Tori Beagan, Petra Grin, Avery Lichty, Zoe MacDougall-Olaitan, Mattie Reardon

Guest Dancers — Performance Group:

Amalia Barbosa, Savannah Bronaugh, Charlotte Carr, Lauren Carr, Sydney Gallant, Ruby Keller, Lexi Lockhart, Cassandra Masse, Lily Nicholson, Payton Perry, Charlize van Schalkwyk, Violet Weale

Dance of the Mirlitons — Adult Intermediate Jazz:

Danielle Burke, Janice Burke, Chanel Charette-Hamelin, Rebekah Dempsey, Anna Lacroix, Doniel Powell, Katherine Strongman, Cindy Tam, Morgan Toole, Sidnie Williams

Mother Ginger: Julia Sauvé

Clowns — Intermediate Musical Theatre:

Rithvi Bankeerthi, Louis Campbell, Kate Dennis, Kirklin Darrach, Julia Faccin, Emily Hayman, Maria Howarth, Peyton Keenan, Elsa Laird, Cassandra Masse, Alina Mikhailova, Niamh O'Neill, Avah Perry

The Littlest Clowns: Mave Martin, Clara Meyer

Waltz of the Flowers — ITP (Intensive Training Program) Ballet:

Charlotte Carr, Lauren Carr, Ivy Gorman, Ruby Keller, Lily Nicholson, Payton Perry, Lauren Ramsay, Violet Weale

Dew Drop: Lexi Lockhart

Pas de Deux: Ruby Keller, Savannah Bronaugh

Tarantella — Adult Hip Hop:

Amber Powell, Janice Burke, Chanel Charette-Hamelin, Anna Lacroix, Lenore Hayward, Cindy Tam, Kelly MacKinnon

Sugar Plum Fairy - Performance Group:

Ruby Keller

Coda — Adult Beginning Ballet II:

Kate Adams, Danielle Burke, Janice Burke, Kelly MacKinnon, Sam McInnis, Delaney Nickerson, Lyndsey Paynter, Amber Powell, Doniel Powell, Sophia Ward

Finale: All Cast



Co-Founders: Peggy Reddin & Julia Sauvé

Director of Arts Education & Heritage: Francesca Perez

Program Manager: AK Mullen-Johnson

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Adam Brazier, Charlotte Byrne, Joe Dames, Cameron MacDonald, Elan MacKey, Callista McIsaac, AK Mullen-Johnson, Wanda Naylor, Laura Ono, Amanda Rotsma, Julia Sauvé, Kayla Shaw-Mills, Reequal Smith, Kristi Stewart, Morgan Wagner, Dawn Ward-Dames, Dominic Who, Sandy Zinck.