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Welcome to the *Nutcracker Spectacular*! It is our privilege to bring Ballet Arkansas and the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra together at the Robinson Center to celebrate this beloved holiday tradition with you. As one of Little Rock's most anticipated cultural events, the *Nutcracker Spectacular* brings enchantment and joy to our community year after year. We're honored by your presence, and we hope today's performance fills you with the magic of the season. This production is Arkansas' largest and longest-running holiday performance, featuring a cast and crew of nearly 400. I want to acknowledge the hard work and collective efforts of our board, staff, company artists, community cast, crew, and volunteers. It takes many hands to raise the curtain on the *Nutcracker Spectacular*, and I couldn't be prouder of what we'll present today.

Our season continues in the New Year at the Robinson Center on Valentine's Day with a full-length production of *Romeo & Juliet*, featuring the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra. Later, we present *Nouveau*, sponsored by the Stella Boyle Smith Trust, with live music and world premieres by renowned choreographers, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Shakespeare's iconic comedy brought to life through dance—both at the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts.

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Thank you again for joining us today and for making Ballet Arkansas part of your holiday season. Enjoy the show!

Michael Fothergill
Executive and Artistic Director,
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None of this would be possible without your steadfast commitment. Your dedication to the arts and our organization is truly commendable, and we are deeply grateful for your support. As we look forward to many more inspiring performances together, your ongoing involvement is vital to our success and sustainability. Thank you for being an integral part of the fabric of Ballet Arkansas within our community.

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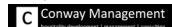
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The Nutcracker Spectacular

December 13-15, 2024
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Ballet Arkansas would also like to thank Jana Beard, Allison Wilson and Shuffles and Ballet II for their generous support of Ballet Arkansas and the NUTCRACKER SPECTACULAR.

For the safety of our dancers and better enjoyment of the performance, Ballet Arkansas asks that you please turn off all electronic devices and refrain from the taking of photographs or videos of the production.

THE NUTCRACKER STORY

ACT I – PARTY SCENE

The overture begins on a snowy Christmas Eve as guests arrive for the Stahlbaum family's annual holiday party. Excitement looms in the air. The Stahlbaums and their children, Clara and Fritz, welcome their guests and as the hours pass on, the party grows festive with music and dance. Herr Drosselmeyer, Clara and Fritz's mysterious godfather, arrives late to the surprise of all in attendance. He gathers the children and tells them a story of the enchanted Nutcracker, Mouse King, and Sugar Plum Fairy, using three life-sized dolls that soon



become the delight of the party. Thereafter, Herr Drosselmeyer presents Clara with a wooden replica of the Nutcracker which draws envious eyes from all the guests. As Clara dances with the Nutcracker, a jealous Fritz attempts to steal the doll for himself and accidentally destroys it. Clara is heartbroken, though Herr Drosselmeyer mends the Nutcracker with a handkerchief. To Clara's excitement, he informs her that magic will return the Nutcracker to its original condition at the stroke of midnight. After a final dance, the guests and their weary children depart, and the Stahlbaum household goes to sleep.

ACT I – BATTLE AND SNOW SCENE

As the clock strikes midnight, strange noises are heard from the Stahlbaum parlor. Clara emerges in the moonlight seeking her beloved Nutcracker and soon after falls asleep with the doll in her embrace. Strange and mysterious things begin to happen. The Christmas tree grows to a massive height and enormous mice fill the room, taunting the frightened Clara. She runs from the mice, only to discover the Nutcracker has become life-sized just as told in Herr Drosselmeyer's story. A ghastly Mouse King rages a great battle and just as it appears victory is lost, the Nutcracker defeats him with Clara's help. Ever grateful for her act of bravery, the Nutcracker leads Clara on a journey to the Land of the Sweets.

ACT 2 – LAND OF THE SWEETS

Clara and the Nutcracker arrive safely and are met by the radiant Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. When told of the battle and Clara's heroism, the Sugar Plum Fairy awards the two with delightful sweets from around the world. As the magical evening fades, Clara suddenly awakens in the Stahlbaum parlor to the sight of the Nutcracker in its doll form. Christmas morning has come and Clara ponders if the extraordinary events of the evening were all a dream. Only Herr Drosselmeyer knows for sure.

The Nutcracker Spectacular

Friday, December 13, 2024 | 7:30 pm • Sunday, December 15, 2024 | 2:30 pm

ACT I – PARTY SCENE

<i>Clara</i>	Lynn Johnson
<i>Herr Drosselmeyer</i>	David Cummings (FR), Aldrin Vendt (SU)
<i>Fritz</i>	Milo Smith
<i>Party Children</i>	Rhett Eichhorn, Naomi Pruiksmá, Savanna Smith, Martha Galdamez, Nora Johnson, Elizabeth Umeda, Kinley Rushing, Rayna Philip, Lulu Wallace
<i>Governess</i>	Erin Geohegan
<i>Frau and Dr. Stahlbaum</i>	Rachelle Maass and Jim Wise
<i>Maid</i>	Lisa Johnson
<i>Grandparents</i>	Jeanne Anson and David Ratliff
<i>Party Parents</i>	Jenny Johnston and Danny Wood, Angela Rowe and Robert Herring, Lisa Mundy and Ashay Patel, Jess Hunter and Gerardo Galdamez
<i>Ballerina Doll</i>	Meredith Loy (FR), Lauren Yordanich (SU)
<i>Nutcracker Doll</i>	Benjamin Piner (FR), Keith Newman (SU)
<i>Rat King Doll</i>	William Heidi (FR), Benjamin Piner (SU)

ACT I – BATTLE SCENE

<i>Infantry</i>	Elliott Frazee, Emma Long, Lillie-Jade Williams, Olive Chunn, Martha Ann Adams, Halo Harris, Veronica Grigorian, Charlotte Maass, Evelyn Selig, Caroline Hudson, Carys Deshotel, Clara Kate Winslow, Norah Oakley, Jordyn Johnson
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<i>Commandants</i>	Lilly Alexander, Breaker Evans, Anne Frances Glancy, Samantha Thompson, Laineý James, Nora Stevens, Kennedy Hill, Piper Robinson
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<i>Mice</i>	Violet Andrews, Millie Castaldi, Ellanor Diemer, Sallie Garrison, Kennedy Harris, Hailey James, Kerrington Keller, Annesley Keller, Avery Leis, Boden Marshall, Mary Nance, Mia Ouyang, Kiran Patel, Violet Smith, Charlotte St. Amour, Lucy Stevens, Libby Wallace, Sophia Weng
<i>Fainting Mouse</i>	Elijah Cunningham
<i>Rats</i>	Carolina White, Hannah Garber, Kennedy Stewart, Maddox Sowell, Marian Stewart, Lauren Garber

COMPANY MEMBERS SHOWN IN **BOLD**

KEY: FR Friday | SAM Saturday Matinee | SAE Saturday Evening | SU Sunday

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ACT I – SNOW SCENE

- Snow Queen and Snow King* **Celeste Lopez-Keranen** with **Keith Newman** (FR),
Sage Feldges with **William Heidi** (SU)
- Snowflakes* **Emmakate Franz, Lauren Yordanich, Murray McCormack,**
Brittany Dowdy (FR); **Emmakate Franz, Deanna Stanton,**
Leah Norwine, Meredith Loy (SU) with Eden Beck, Emma McGraw,
Haighlee Dorris, Matilda Ann Louvring, Lucy Busfield, Ellie Jennings,
Susana Conti, Alex Sebree, Jessica Gonzales, Mary Austin Griffin

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ACT 2 – LAND OF THE SWEETS

- Sugarplum Fairy and Her Cavalier* **Meredith Loy** with **Aldrin Vendt** (FR),
Lauren Yordanich with **David Cummings** (SU)
- Cherubs* Madeleine “Maddie” Jones, Kate Machen, Sydney Sick,
Vivian Maune, Parker Kees, Layla Slatton, Addison Thompson ,
Penelope Wright, Maddie Marshall, Emmy Kate Trimble, Sophia Molnar,
Evelyn Ann Hester, Chloe Bowman, Rose Lovenstein
- Seraphs* Mari Bess Pulla, Darina Dementyeva, Jane Pulla
- Nutcracker Prince* **Benjamin Piner** (FR), **Keith Newman** (SU)
- Archangels* Heidi Nance, Helen Wierciak,
Bailey Claire Hitchcock, Rosanna Louvring
- Spanish Hot Chocolate* **Brittany Dowdy, William Heidi** (FR), **Kerridwyn Schanck,**
Benjamin Piner (SU) with Anna Russell Brantley, Presley Webb,
Baylee Richards, Sloan Austin
- Arabian Coffee* **Sage Feldges, David Cummings** (FR),
Celeste Lopez-Keranen, Aldrin Vendt (SU)
with Mary Helen Faulkner, Zoey Rippetto, Benlee Richards,
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- Chinese Tea* **Kerridwyn Schanck** (FR), **Emmakate Franz** (SU)
with Ella Liu, Alisa Menyayeva, Audrey Johnson, Ella Edwards,
Chloe Chance, Allison Tuite, Ava Claire McGraw, Annalise Patel
- Russian Candy Cane* **Keith Newman** (FR), **William Heidi** (SU)
with Martha Galdamez, Savannah Morledge, Ashton Dickinson,
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- Dew Drop Fairy* **Murray McCormack** (FR), **Deanna Stanton** (SU)
- Flowers* **Emmakate Franz, Kerridwyn Schanck, Brittany Dowdy,**
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Deanna Stanton, Celeste Lopez-Keranen (SU) with Eden Beck,
Alex Sebree, Lucy Busfield, Ellie Jennings, Jessica Gonzales, Haighlee Dorris

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Saturday, December 14, 2024 | 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm

ACT I – PARTY SCENE

<i>Clara</i>	Olivia Sherbet
<i>Herr Drosselmeyer</i>	David Cummings (SAM), Aldrin Vendt (SAE)
<i>Fritz</i>	Connor McKenzie
<i>Party Children</i>	Sawyer Beight, Emory Compton, Savanna Smith, Harper Owens, Ryann Renfro, Hallie Young, Olivia Yu, Claudia Lasley, Flora Abraham
<i>Governess</i>	Linda Young
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ACT I – BATTLE SCENE

<i>Infantry</i>	Lydia Hanley, Audrey Burton, Evelyn Westerfield, Eva Gutierrez, Betty Hughes, Caroline Kilgroe, McKinnley Carroll, Jane Bright, Kourtnee Slaughter, Hannah Rainosek, Ember Fletcher, Josie McKay, Ellen Blair Hastings, Finley Moore
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<i>Fainting Mouse</i>	Whitley Griffin
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Rebecca Burn, Julia Mears, Jennings Owens
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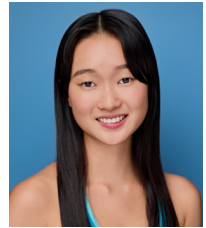
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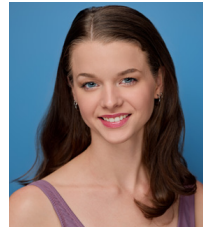
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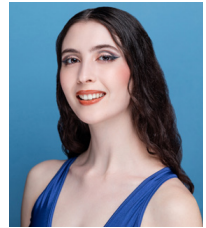
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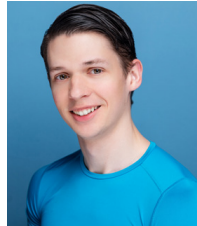
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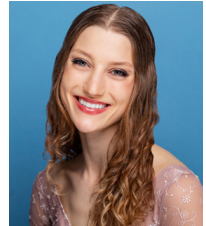
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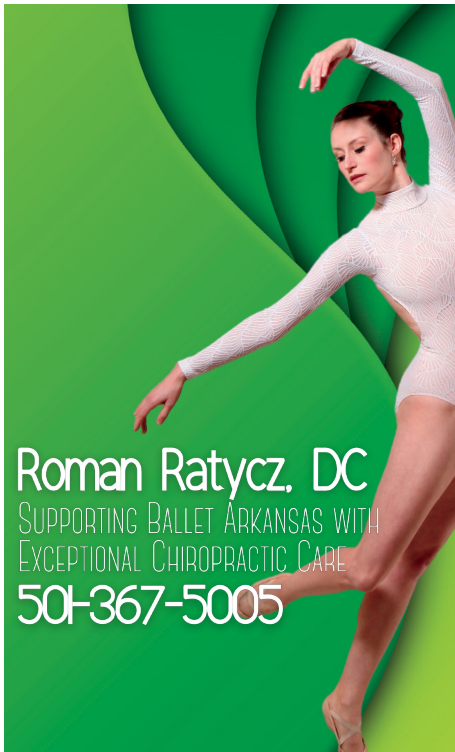
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