

2021 PRODUCTION STAFF & CREW

Artistic Director and Choreographer: Julie Hebb

Music: Peter Illych Tchaikovsky

Performed by the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra

Additional Choreography:

Arabian Chocolate & Waltz of the Flowers: Angela Grassie

Chinese Tea: Janelle Abbott Staley & Ian Rodgers

Lighting Designer: Bretton Reiss

Lights and Sound Operator: Katie Juster

Stage Manager: Janelle Abbott Staley

Assistant Stage Manager: Kate Smith

Production Crew: Chloe Makela, Kelsey Heyland

Set Design and Construction: Donald Goettler

Props and Furnishings Coordinator: Kate Smith

Costume Mistress: Susan Hirsch

Costume Assistance: Zoe Jellison

To our Backstage and Front of House Volunteers: Thank you!

Special thanks to:

My advisor Janelle Abbott Staley for her always supportive guidance; The STAR Theatre for their hosting of *The Nutcracker*; and many thanks to my family Don, Courtlynn, and Lolo for their unending support.

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THE NUTCRACKER²⁰²¹



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 AT 6PM • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AT 1PM & 6PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AT 12PM

THE STAR THEATRE
KITTERY, ME

Dear Guests,

Welcome to The Dance Annex's 5th year of *The Nutcracker*!

It is time to celebrate not only the joy of the season and the fifth year of this special production, but our return to LIVE dance! We are so excited for this! The pandemic has thrown many wrenches into all of our lives and we have managed, through it all, to create a production full of joy and excitement. And we are thrilled to share it with you!

Looking back, the 2019 season was the studio's most successful year, with our strongest start ever leading into 2020, and then along came the pandemic. We adapted with virtual offerings and modified class schedules for all of 2020 and the unfortunate cancellation of all of our performances, including the 2020 *Nutcracker*. While registrations waned, the studio managed to weather the year with the assistance of a small amount of federal grants and a great amount of Dance Annex family support and dedication. Thank you!! We would not be here today without your patronage and continued commitment. We have ROCKSTAR families at The Dance Annex!

In 2021, our *Nutcracker* has continued to grow, with our largest cast to date, and our youth dancers exceeding our expectations. While this year has continued to bring the challenges of pandemic life to the studio, in school, at home, and at work, our local professionals, college students, youth dancers and their families have continued to rally together through it all. It is truly a time for celebration! And of gratitude.

Behind the scenes, it is the dedicated help and support from our amazing volunteers that make this and every production possible. From the bottom of our hearts: Thank you!! To the STAR Theatre, our amazing Dance Annex staff, our production team, incredible cast and technical crew: thank you for sharing your talents with us! I could not be more proud of this gifted, dedicated cast and crew.

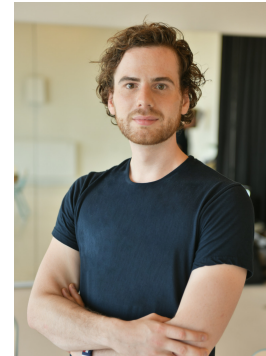
Lastly, thank you for coming today and supporting local, live performing arts—especially now. These productions could not succeed without an audience to support them. Together we can continue to bring live concert dance arts to the greater Seacoast community.

Enjoy the show! And may the magic of *The Nutcracker* carry you through the holiday season!

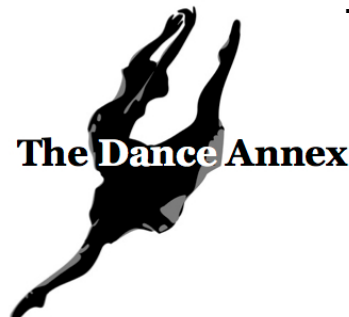
Julie Hebb
Artistic Director, The Dance Annex



Ruth Whitney (Sugar Plum Fairy) Ruth Whitney is a Boston-based dancer who received her early training and performance experience with the Boston Ballet, studying under Tatiana Nikolaevna Legat and Laura Young. She is currently a guest artist with City Ballet of Boston and has performed regionally and internationally with companies including Boston Ballet, Teatrul De Balet Sibiu, and as a principal dancer with Festival Ballet Providence. Her classical repertoire includes Odette/Odile, Aurora, Juliet, Sugarplum Fairy, Marguerite, Firebird and Titania as well as Balanchine's neo-classical *Agon* and *Apollo*. Ms. Whitney has been fortunate to work with many wonderful choreographers and mentors including Gianni Di Marco, Viktor Plotnikov, Pavel Rotaru, Donna Silva, Anne Tolbert and Marcus Schulkind. Ms. Whitney is grateful and excited to be joining the Dance Annex in this year's production of the *Nutcracker*.



Boris Richir (Cavalier) is originally from Antwerp, Belgium, and received his dance education at the Paris Opera Ballet School. He started his professional career in 2009 when he joined the prestigious Semperoper Ballet in Dresden, Germany. In 2014, Mr. Richir joined the Boston Ballet. Since 2017, he has been a guest artist with various companies in the USA and in Europe. Mr. Richir has performed soloist and lead roles in a wide repertoire ranging from *The Nutcracker* to contemporary pieces such as the ballets of W. Forsythe. He appears in the 2012 filming of *The Nutcracker* of the Semperoper Ballet Dresden by ARTE. In 2012, Mr. Richir became assistant director of ART of Ballet Courses and master classes, where he is responsible for the organization of high-level dance summer courses across Europe. In 2017, Mr. Richir founded United Dance, a non-profit organization offering dance courses to youth and young adults with Down syndrome in Europe and North America.



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for Winter 2021/22.**

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We've Moved!

Come visit our new studio space at
647 US Route 1 in York in
Meadowbrook Plaza.

Ribbon Candy.....Kendra Popek, Lorelei Samon, Meghan McCoy Seedner

The Confectionery

Mother Ginger.....Julie Hebb

Gumdrops.....Summer Flaherty, Andrew Grassie, Brinn McKenney

Bakers.....Amelia Gordon, Allison Grassie, Caroline Guay,
Avery Rice, India Veilleux

Gingerbreads.....Hannah Dionne-Underwood, Claire Hopkins,
Maya Schrimper, Penelope Staley

Waltz of the Flowers

Dew Drop Fairy.....Elyssa Bigos

Flowers.....Jemma Glenn Wixson, Shelbea Makela, Abigail Patten,
Kendra Popek, Lorelei Samon

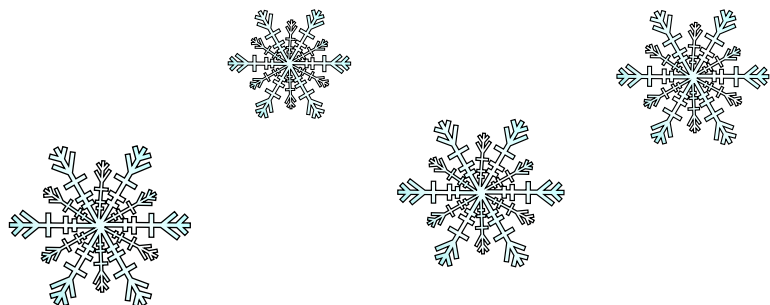
Rosebuds.....Maisy Del Deo, Courtney Goettler, Ava Peltz

Grand Pas

Sugar Plum Fairy.....Ruth Whitney

Cavalier.....Boris Richir

Finale.....Full Company



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The Nutcracker

Directed & Choreographed by Julie Hebb

Music by Peter Illych Tchaikovsky

Performed by the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra

Guest Artists

Ruth Whitney & Boris Richir

The 2021 Company

Corrine Allaire
Nigella Anderson
Elyssa Bigos
Isabella Boucher
Poppy Brown
Maisy Burlingame
Olive Chisolm
Carmela Del Deo
Maisy Del Deo
Hannah Dionne-Underwood
Jillian Dorazio
Molly Finan
Summer Flaherty
Kacie Friberg
Michael Friberg
Jemma Glenn Wixson
Courtlynn Goettler
Donald Goettler
Amelia Gordon
Andrew Grassie
Angela Grassie
Allison Grassie
Andrew Grassie
Caroline Guay
Julie Hebb
Claire Hopkins

Madison Jenkins
Sarah Koerschner
Imogen Lightner
Amelia Martell
Cooper Mendoza
Maeve McEachern
Brinn McKenney
Terney McKenney
Katherine Meyers
Shelbea Makela
Nathan Moyer
Abigail Patten
Ava Peltz
Kendra Popek
Avery Rice
Coralyn Robinson
Ian Rodgers
Lorelei Samon
Maya Schrimper
Meghan McCoy Seedner
Emma Smith
Janelle Abbott Staley
Penelope Staley
Willoughby Staley
India Veilleux
Izabel Yaxley

ACT I

SCENE I: THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

It is Christmas Eve and there is magic in the air. Toymaker and magician Herr Drosselmeyer is in his workshop, adding finishing touches to the gifts he will bring to a very special holiday party. The Stahlbaums are hosting an extraordinary celebration at their home. Their daughter Clara and her friends and their guests dance and play around the Christmas tree. The festivities are suddenly interrupted by the arrival of a mysterious guest. In addition to the spectacular toys, Drosselmeyer brings Clara a magical wooden doll, The Nutcracker.

Clara.....Emma Smith
Herr Stahlbaum.....Andrew Grassie
Frau Stahlbaum.....Lorelei Samon
Herr Drosselmeyer.....Donald Goettler
Maid.....Maisy Del Deo
Party Guests.....Corinne Allaire, Kacie Friberg, Michael Friberg
Party Girls.....Nigella Anderson, Madison Jenkins, Amelia Gordon,
Caroline Guay, Katherine Meyers
Party Boys.....Carmela Del Deo, Andrew Grassie
Young Party Girls.....Allison Grassie, Willoughby Staley
Party Tees.....Maeve McEachern, Ava Peltz
Soldier Doll.....Courtlynn Goettler
Ballerina Doll.....Elyssa Bigos
Mouse Doll.....Shelbea Makela

SCENE II: THE BATTLE SCENE

*It is almost midnight and the house is quiet. Clara sneaks down to the living room to visit her beloved Nutcracker and falls asleep holding him under the Christmas tree. She awakens to find mice all around her and the Nutcracker gone. The clock strikes midnight. Drosselmeyer appears, and the magic begins. The tree grows to an enormous size and the now life-sized toy soldiers arrive to defend Clara. A battle between the Nutcracker and the Mouse Queen begins. When the Nutcracker is wounded, Clara bravely intervenes to help him defeat the Mouse Queen. Before her eyes, The Nutcracker is transformed into a **handsome** Prince.*

Nutcracker Prince.....Ian Rodgers
Mouse Queen.....Shelbea Makela
Mouse Lieutenant.....Coralyn Robinson
Mice.....Maisy Burlingame, Andrew Grassie, Claire Hopkins,
Imogen Lightner, Sarah Koerschner, Penelope Staley
Soldier Officers.....Isabella Boucher, Izabel Yaxley
Battalion.....Hannah Dionne-Underwood, Allison Grassie, Amelia Martell,
Brinn McKenney, Cooper Mendoza, Avery Rice, Maya Schrimper, India Veilleux

ACT I

SCENE III: THE LAND OF SNOW

Drosselmeyer and the Nutcracker Prince guide Clara to the Land of the Snow, where they are greeted by the Snow Queen, while snowflakes and frost dance all around them.

Snow Queen.....Angela Grassie (TBD)
Snow Queen & Snow King.....Elyssa Bigos & Nathan Moyer (TBD)
Snowflakes.....Elyssa Bigos, Jemma Glenn Wixson, Angela Grassie, Shelbea Makela,
Abigail Patten, Kendra Popek, Lorelei Samon, Meghan McCoy Seedner
Frost.....Molly Finan, Maeve McEachern, Katherine Meyers

~INTERMISSION~

ACT II

THE KINGDOM OF SWEETS

*Clara and the Nutcracker Prince arrive at the Kingdom of Sweets, where they are welcomed by the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. To honor Clara and her efforts to save the Nutcracker Prince, the Sugar Plum Fairy commands that all of her subjects dance for her. **Chocolate, Coffee, Tea, Peppermint, Ribbon Candy, Candied Gingerbreads, and Waltzing Flowers** present Clara with beautiful performances before bidding her farewell. Clara finds herself back at home on Christmas morning, with her beloved Nutcracker doll.*

Clara's Arrival at the Enchanted Palace

Palace Herald.....Lorelei Samon
Palace Couriers.....Isabella Boucher, Coralyn Robinson
Palace Pages.....Poppy Brown, Olive Chisolm, Imogen Lightner, Teirney McKenney

Spanish Chocolate.....Jillian Dorazio, Jemma Glenn Wixson, Shelbea Makela
Maisy Del Deo, Molly Finan, Maeve McEachern

Arabian Coffee.....Abigail Patten
Corps.....Nigella Anderson, Ava Peltz

Chinese Tea.....Janelle Abbott Staley & Ian Rodgers
Corps.....Carmela Del Deo, Madison Jenkins, Willoughby Staley, Izabel Yaxley

Peppermint.....Angela Grassie & Nathan Moyer
Corps.....Courtlynn Goettler, Katherine Meyers