

THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF DANCE PRESENTS



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The Nutcracker

of Parker

PACE CENTER

NOVEMBER 20-25, 2025



Welcome to The Nutcracker of Parker!

As the lights rise and the first notes of Tchaikovsky's score fill the theater, I'm reminded that what we've built together is so much more than a ballet. It's a family, a legacy, and a story that keeps unfolding year after year — written by dancers, parents, community volunteers, and dreamers who bring this magical holiday tradition to life.

When we first performed *The Nutcracker of Parker* in 2003 at Chaparral HS theater, we couldn't have imagined what it would become — a beloved town tradition, a gathering place for our community, and a celebration of art that connects us all. Along the way, there have been triumphs and challenges, laughter and tears, and moments of grace that none of us will ever forget.

This year, I'm honored to share that I'm writing a book inspired by the spirit of our show, titled *Nutcracker Magic*. Its release is planned for Nutcracker Season 2027, and I cannot wait to share it with you.

Thank you for being part of this remarkable story. Whether you've danced, volunteered, or simply come to watch, *you* are the reason this Nutcracker continues to shine, year after year.

With gratitude and holiday joy,

Lisa Tuska

Lisa Tuska
Owner/Producer of The Nutcracker of Parker
Presented by Colorado School of Dance



LEADS

CLARA:

Amelia Velasquez (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)

Lilah Repstine (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

NUTCRACKER PRINCE:

Christopher Rudolph

HERR DROSSELMEYER:

Oleg Dedogryuk

SUGAR PLUM FAIRY & CAVALIER:

Jenna Skipworth & Conner Horak-Flood

DEW DROP:

Libby Johnson

SNOW QUEEN:

Lily Esper

MARZIPAN SOLOIST:

Averie Bartz (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)

Madison Goodpaster (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

MOUSE KING:

Tyson Potter (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)

Caiden Dantzer (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

MR. & MRS. STAHLBAUM:

Stephen and Lisa Tuska

FRITZ:

Blakely Stacy (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)

Adeline Eichelberger (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

MOTHER GINGER:

Karen Levine



**Colorado School of Dance's
Colorado Youth Ballet Company
Members 2025-2026**

Youth Ballet Company (Level 2s)

Juniper Allen, Jacqueline Bowen, Victoria Bowen, Zoe Eggleston, Reagan Harris, Bryce Amelia Hunt, Penelope Kibbie, Claire Lacava, Adeline McCreesh, Michaela Monaghan, Bria Nelson, Maleah Paul, Leighton Rigberg, Olivia Thomas, Addylynn Vasquez, Brecklyn Wenzel, Harper Wildeman, Harper Zielaskowski

Junior Ballet Company (Level 3s)

Reese Berretta, Madison Biggs, Taylor Bryan, Sadie Burns, Charlotte Darbonne, Maisie Doyle, Adeline Eichelberger, Maria Ferrera, Kensington Fullmer, Lucy Heroux, Cassidy Kneezle, Felicity Meyer, Alannah Moore, Mackenzie Nigloschy, Alyson Perez-McPherson, Emily Reece, Charlotte Rigberg, Kallie Rossi, Maya Schwalm, Nora Scott, Emma Shellenberger, Brooklyn Ashley Smith, Lucy S. Smith, Blakely Stacy, Hailey Wiegand, Ellyana Worley

Intermediate Ballet Company (Level 4-5s)

Averie Bartz, Sydney Biggs, Caiden Dantzer, Alessandra Eichelberger, Olivia Gillette, Aislynn Gonzalez, Madison Goodpaster, Gabrielle Greenfield, Edie Johnson, Presley Montoya, Mia Mustapha, Tyson Potter, Madison Rouse, Christopher Rudolph, Hannah Sawaya, Kylee Scott, Ayla Szabo, Grace Townley, Izabella Vasquez

Senior Ballet Company (Level 5-6s)

Sophie Beller, Lily Esper, Libby Johnson, McKenna Kerekes, Molly Martin, Rachel Reed, Lilah Repstine, Amelia Velasquez

Colorado Youth Ballet Company Auditions are held each year in early AUGUST during the Nutcracker AUDITION at Colorado School of Dance (CSD). Cast Auditions are open to all students, taking at least one class at CSD, and at least 5-years-old and in Kindergarten.



THE STORY

The Nutcracker tells the magical story of young Clara Stahlbaum, who receives a wooden nutcracker from her godfather at her family's annual Christmas party.

When the festivities end and the house grows quiet, Clara sneaks back to check on her new treasure. But at the stroke of midnight, she is swept into a world of magic, as her Christmas tree grows to towering heights, toy soldiers spring to life, and an army of mice charges into the room, led by the fearsome Mouse King.

Clara's Nutcracker leads the battle and, with Clara's courage, triumphs over the Mouse King. Just when she fears she has lost her brave Nutcracker forever, he transforms into a kind prince who invites her on an extraordinary journey. Together they travel through the glittering Land of Snow, where the Snow Queen guides them to a magical sleigh bound for the enchanted Land of Sweets.

There, the Sugar Plum Fairy welcomes Clara with a dazzling celebration. Dancers from around the world perform in her honor, followed by the radiant Waltz of the Flowers led by the graceful Dew Drop Fairy.

The ballet culminates in the iconic Grand Pas de Deux of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. As the festivities draw to a close, Clara is gently guided home, where she awakens in her living room—left with the dreamy question every child cherishes:

Was it all just a dream... or did she really dance inside the magic?

SHOW ORDER

ACT 1:
THE PARTY
THE BATTLE
LAND OF SNOW

-20 MINUTE INTERMISSION-

ACT 2:
LAND OF THE SWEETS
WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS
GRANDE PAS DE DUEX

FINALE

ACT 1: THE PARTY



CLARA:

Amelia Velasquez (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)
Lilah Repstine (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

HERR DROSSELMEYER:

Oleg Dedogryuk

MR. & MRS. STAHLBAUM:

Stephen and Lisa Tuska

FRITZ:

Blakely Stacy (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)
Adeline Eichelberger (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

MAIDS:

Sydney Biggs & Aislynn Gonzalez (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)
Sydney Biggs & Mia Mustapha (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

CLARA'S FRIENDS:

Olivia Gillette & Madison Rouse (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)
Presley Montoya & Grace Townley (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

HARLEQUIN DOLLS:

Penelope Kibbe & Addylynn Vasquez (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)
Michaela Monaghan & Harper Zielaskowski (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

BALLERINA DOLL:

Rachel Reed (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)
McKenna Kerekes (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

SOLDIER DOLL:

Izabella Vasquez (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)
Edie Johnson (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

PARTY GIRLS:

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Alyson Perez-McPherson, Charlotte Rigberg,
Lucy S. Smith, Hailey Wiegand, Ellyana Worley

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Taylor Bryan, Maisie Doyle, Alannah Moore,
Emily Reece, Emma Shellenberger

PARTY BOYS:

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Reese Berretta, Sadie Burns, Lucy Heroux, Cassidy Kneezle,
Felicity Meyer, Maya Schwalm, Brooklyn Ashley Smith

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Madison Biggs, Charlotte Darbonne, Maria Ferrera,
Kensington Fullmer, Mackenzie Nigloschy,
Kallie Rossi, Nora Scott

PARTY PARENTS:

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Karine Barizon, Rich Berretta, Ron Brown, Maggie Lugo,
Sandra Monaghan, TR Monaghan, Linda Murzyn-Dantzer,
Jeff Pederson, Tamara Rigberg, Jordan Rigberg

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Justin Howley, Shoshana Howley, Lillian Kendall,
Sandra Monaghan, TR Monaghan, Daren Mustapha, Rachid Mustapha,
Nate Page, Brett Paris Nigloschy, Scott Paris Nigloschy

PARTY CHILDREN:

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Adison Diloreto, Eliana Gabrielli, Selah Garbe, Lauren Howey,
Olivia Joiner, Everly Lambert, Hadley Richards, Charlotte Schafer,
Noelle Simmons, Lucy J. Smith, Silas Teagarden

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Madison Dortch, Cassidy Duffy, Charlotte Duffy, Jameson Duffy, Kacey Duffy,
Abigail Eichelberger, Patrick Kernahan, Elinor Leider, Laurel Moss,
Dalia Mustapha, Grace Page, Juliette Shaw



Oleg Dedogryuk
is celebrating
20 Years with
the company

ACT 1: **THE BATTLE**

NUTCRACKER PRINCE:

Christopher Rudolph

SOLDIERS:

Soldier Lieutenants:

Penelope Kibbie, Claire Lacava, Addylynn Vasquez

Cannon Soldiers:

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23: Cassidy Kneezle & Brooklyn Ashley Smith

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25: Madison Biggs & Maria Ferrera

Soldiers:

Amelia Abdo, Zoe Eggleston, Etta Erfman, Bryce Amelia Hunt, Mikalah Jakupovic, Elise Leider, Isabella Mitchell, Madeline Monnig, Zofia Morris, Aunalise Olmsted, Maleah Paul, McKenna Scott, Reagann White

*Nutcracker Prince Understudies: Tyson Potter & Caiden Dantzer



MOUSE KING:

Tyson Potter (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)

Caiden Dantzer (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

MICE:

Lead Mice:

Juniper Allen, Jacqueline Bowen, Victoria Bowen, Reagan Harris, Adeline McCreesh, Michaela Monaghan, Bria Nelson, Leighton Rigberg, Olivia Thomas, Brecklyn Wenzel, Harper Wildeman, Harper Zielaskowski

Baby Mice:

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Addison Aylesworth, Brinley Bowler, Camille Browne, Maggie Carlisle, Ivorie Fejeran, Leila Imsirovic, Mattie Johnson, Ella Rasbach, Cooper Simpson, Kinley Szabo, Raegan Wenzel

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Emerson Brandenburg, Lana Cavanary, Madelyn Dufford, Ellie Fuhrmann, Elsie Kiesel, Delaney McMurdo, Walker Nigloschy, Ella Rasbach, Lily Ure



ACT 1: **LAND OF SNOW**



Snow Queen:

Lily Esper

Snow Demi-Soloists:

Sophie Beller & Libby Johnson (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)

Libby Johnson & Molly Martin (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

Snow Corps De Ballet:

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Olivia Gillette, Madison Goodpaster, McKenna Kerekes, Molly Martin,
Presley Montoya, Rachel Reed, Lilah Repstine, Madison Rouse,
Hannah Sawaya, Ayla Szabo, Grace Townley, Izabella Vasquez

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Averie Bartz, Sophie Beller, Olivia Gillette, Madison Goodpaster,
Edie Johnson, McKenna Kerekes, Presley Montoya, Rachel Reed,
Madison Rouse, Grace Townley, Izabella Vasquez, Amelia Velasquez

*Understudies: Snow Queen: Libby Johnson & Lilah Repstine
and Corps De Ballet: Sydney Biggs, Alessandra Eichelberger,
Aislynn Gonzalez, Gabrielle Greenfield, Mia Mustapha, Kylee Scott





20 MINUTE INTERMISSION

Flowers & Nutcrackers are available in lobby.

Thank you for supporting our
fundraising efforts!

ACT 2: LAND OF SWEETS

ANGELS:

Lead Angels:

Sydney Biggs, Alessandra Eichelberger, Aislynn Gonzalez,
Gabrielle Greenfield, Edie Johnson, Mia Mustapha, Kylee Scott

Baby Angels:

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Jacquelyn Duffy, Lailah Khan, Haislee Szabo, Emma Vasquez, Evelyn Volden

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Isla Coughlin, Jacquelyn Duffy, Chelsie Duffy, Johnny Duffy, Reagan Petty

ROYAL COURT PAS DE DEUX:

Charlotte Rigberg & Tyson Potter (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)

Alannah Moore & Caiden Dantzer (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

THE ROYAL COURT:

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Lucy Beller, Reese Berretta, Taylor Bryan, Sadie Burns,
Campbell Carruth, Charlotte Darbonne, Renee Decker, Maria Ferrera,
Lucy Heroux, Cassidy Kneezle, Felicity Meyer, Alyson Perez-McPherson,
Lydia Reed, Kallie Rossi, Maya Schwalm, Emma Shellenberger,
Lucy S. Smith, Violet Varner

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Reese Berretta, Madison Biggs, Taylor Bryan,
Charlotte Darbonne, Maria Ferrera, Kensington Fullmer,
Madison Garcia, Olivia Halstead, Joscelynn Jaramillo,
Giana Nelson, Mackenzie Nigloschy, Alyson Perez-McPherson,
Kallie Rossi, Madeline Shaw, Emma Shellenberger,
Lucy S. Smith, Melina Todis, Lexi Wood



DIVERTISSEMENTS:

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Russian: Hailey Wiegand & Ellyana Worley; Chinese: Zoe Eggleston & Michaela Monaghan

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Russian: Maisie Doyle & Nora Scott; Chinese: Adeline McCreesh & Addylynn Vasquez

SPANISH CHOCOLATE:

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Spanish Leads: McKenna Kerekes & Presley Montoya

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Spanish Leads: Libby Johnson & Lily Esper



ACT 2: LAND OF SWEETS

ARABIAN COFFEE

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Arabian Leads: Madison Rouse & Caiden Dantzer

Arabian: Sophie Beller, Molly Martin, Lilah Repstine, Izabella Vasquez

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Arabian Leads: Olivia Gillette & Tyson Potter

Arabian: Averie Bartz, Rachel Reed, Grace Townley, Amelia Velasquez

CHINESE TEA

Chinese Leads

Zoe Eggleston, Penelope Kibbie, Claire Lacava, Adeline McCreesh,
Michaela Monaghan, Addylynn Vasquez

Chinese Ensemble

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Amara Glenn, Aspen-Blake Long, Eliza Salazar, Avery Siebes,

Brooklyn Ann Smith, Sloan Van Haveren

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Evelyn Bassett, Quinn Day, Lilian Gamblin, Phoebe Huff,

Aspen-Blake Long, Sadie Matthews



ENGLISH BAKERS

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Chef Bakers: Lucy Heroux, Felicity Meyer, Maya Schwalm

Bakers: Grace Aylesworth, Adeline Bobinchak, Harper Browne, Sloan Granger, Amara Hakes, Marin Hamby, Ava Merry, Sofia Sorensen, Evah Szabo, Lucy Thomas

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Chef Bakers: Charlotte Darbonne, Kensington Fullmer, Mackenzie Nigloschy

Bakers: Ella Eddy, Haddie Gaasch, Macie Gaasch, Scarlett Harvey, Emily Hodgson, Serena Howley, Madyson Johnson, Kelly McDowell, Mikaela Pepe, Ellie Ruddy, Kimberly Sakasai

RUSSIAN CANDY CANE

Demi-Soloists:

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Alannah Moore, Brooklyn Ashley Smith, Blakely Stacy, Hailey Wiegand, Ellyana Worley

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Maisie Doyle, Adeline Eichelberger, Emily Reece, Charlotte Rigberg, Nora Scott

Russian Ensemble

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Juniper Allen, Gabriela Barizon, Iris Beattie, Lela Dunn, Olivia Lugo, Maleah Paul, Leighton Rigberg, Olivia Thomas, Brecklyn Wenzel, Emery White

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Jacqueline Bowen, Victoria Bowen, Bennett Felkey, Reagan Harris, Bryce Amelia Hunt, Bria Nelson, Ellie Paterno, Harper Wildeman, Madeline Wilder, Harper Zielaskowski

MARZIPAN

Marzipan Soloist

Avery Bartz (11/20, 11/21, 11/23)

Madison Goodpaster (11/22, 11/24, 11/25)

Marzipan Ensemble

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Edie Johnson, Aislynn Gonzalez, Gabrielle Greenfield,

Hannah Sawaya, Kylee Scott, Ayla Szabo

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Alessandra Eichelberger, Gabrielle Greenfield, Edie Johnson,

Hannah Sawaya, Kylee Scott, Ayla Szabo

MOTHER GINGER & HER GINGERSNAPS

Mother Ginger: Karen Levine

Her Gingersnaps (Polichinelles)

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Aileen Michell Acosta, Remy Baillargeon, Isla Cahill, Avalynn Fields,

Layla Gatling, Claire Haslage, Pippa Khan, Isla Lambert,

Sophie MacBrayne, McKenna Morton, Raeleigh Pacheco, Blake Smith

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Dominic Barreth-Lucas, Ellie Beard, Daveigh Campbell, Makynzie Ferrera,

Ariana Guitron, Clara Leal, Elessia Mendoza, Stella Ostrow, Winnie Paterno,

Madilyn Pepe, Madeline Romanelli, Sadie Seniw



WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS

Dew Drop Fairy

Libby Johnson

Lilac Demi-Soloists

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23:

Sophie Beller, Lily Esper, Rachel Reed, Lilah Repstine

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25:

Sophie Beller, Lily Esper, Molly Martin, Amelia Vasquez

Corps de ballet

Performing All Shows: Averie Bartz, Olivia Gillette, Madison Goodpaster, McKenna Kerekes, Presley Montoya, Madison Rouse, Hannah Sawaya, Ayla Szabo, Grace Townley, Izabella Vasquez

Performing 11/20, 11/21, 11/23: Mia Mustapha, Kylee Scott

Performing 11/22, 11/24, 11/25: Sydney Biggs, Edie Johnson

*Understudies: Dew Drop Fairy: Lily Esper & Lilah Repstine

Corps de ballet: Alessandra Eichelberger, Aislynn Gonzalez, Gabrielle Greenfield

DANCE OF THE SUGAR PLUM FAIRY & CAVALIER

Sugar Plum Fairy

Jenna Skipworth

Cavalier

Conner Horak-Flood

GRAND PAS DE DEUX

**FINALE
CURTAIN CALL
-THE END-**



CREDITS

Music by: Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Choreography By (*Listed in Alphabetical Name Order*)

Amy Colwell: Gingersnaps

Rebecca Dean: Snow and Flowers

Oleg Dedogryuk: Party Scene, Arabian, Russian, Clara & Prince Pas de deux,

Royal Court & Royal Court Pas de deux, Grande Pas de deux

Charlie Graeber: Restaging of Snow and Flowers

Linden McPherson: Marzipan, Spanish, Restaging of Party Children
and Rehearsal of Party Children & Royal Court

Elizabeth Moore: Angels, Rehearsal of Snow and Flowers

Lisa Tuska: Party Children, Baby Angels, Staging Party Parent

Brittney Wakefield: Party Parents

Amanda Williams: Battle Scene, Bakers, Chinese & Russian Ensemble

A Special Thank you to Courtney & Matthew at Fred Astaire in Parker

Production Crew

Executive Producers: Stephen and Lisa Tuska

Ballet & Show Director: Elizabeth Moore

Associate Ballet Director: Oleg Dedogryuk

Interim Show Director & Youth Company: Amanda Williams

Assistant Studio Director: Amy Colwell

Stage Manager/Studio General Manager: Courtney Stremel

Rehearsal Asst: Karen Levine, Libby Johnson, Grace Townley

Costume Managers: Courtney Townley & Asst: Ruth Huff

Prop Manager: Mckenna Esper

Asst. Stage Manager: Troy Gleeson

Stage Hands: Jon Eichelberger, Mckenna Esper, Chris Huff

Set Artist: Heather Henderson

Pyrotechnics & Video: Veria Technologies

Photographer: Lindsay Barlow

A very special thank you to:
Our Many Volunteers, Our Cast Families
and the PACE Crew!

Autographs



Nutcracker of Parker 2011

Coming Up Next!

NOV 28

Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting at O'Brien Park

DEC 8-13

**Holiday Showcase
at Colorado School of Dance**

JAN 5, 2026

New Students welcome!

JAN 25

Dance for a Difference
**at Lone Tree Arts Center
(Tickets now on sale)**

MAY 29-MAY 31

Dance through the Decades & Twinkle Stars
at PACE Center

JUNE 4

**10th Annual Dalton's Moon Golf Tournament
(Mark Your Calendar now)**

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