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# *THE NUTCRACKER*

CHOREOGRAPHY BY

Xuan Cheng & Ye Li after Marius Petipa & Lev Ivanov

MUSIC BY

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# THE NUTCRACKER

## ACT I

### Scene 1: The Stahlbaum Home

Christmas Eve has arrived and the Stahlbaum family has opened their home for a festive gathering. Clara Stahlbaum and her brother Fritz join the other children in games and merrymaking and, of course, everyone dances. Presents are given to the children and the party continues until a mysterious figure sweeps into the room. After moments of suspense, everyone realizes the mystery man is none other than Drosselmeyer, the beloved local toymaker and magician, and Clara's godfather. Drosselmeyer reveals five lifelike dolls he has created, captivating both the children and their parents. After the dolls dance, Drosselmeyer orders them to be put away and presents the final gifts of the evening to Clara and Fritz. Clara is immediately enchanted with her gift: a doll-sized nutcracker in the shape of a man, carved of wood. Fritz, however, displeased with his own gift, begins a jealous crusade against Clara and her new nutcracker. The chase ends abruptly when Fritz accidentally drops and breaks the nutcracker. Drosselmeyer steps in and patches the nutcracker's wound. The party dwindles, the partygoers leave, and Clara's mother turns out all the lights as the house quiets for the night.

Unable to sleep, Clara sneaks out of bed to find her nutcracker. As she scoops him into her arms and heads back to bed, the clock strikes midnight. Just at that moment, Drosselmeyer appears and with a delicate dose of magic, sends Clara into a sudden dream state. At once, Clara awakens in the dreamworld and discovers the room is filling up with large, sneaky mice who have arrived to battle an army of soldier dolls. With Drosselmeyer's help, Clara's nutcracker transforms into a life size soldier. The nutcracker bravely leads the soldiers in a fight against the mice and their Mouse King, but still carries his wound from Fritz's carelessness earlier in the evening. The Mouse King advances on the nutcracker, cornering him. Clara, clever and swift, heaves her slipper at the mouse. The distraction gives the nutcracker the chance to fatally stab the Mouse King and end the battle.



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### Scene 2: A Pine Forest

As reward for Clara's bravery, Drosselmeyer transforms the nutcracker once more. The wounded, wooden soldier becomes a handsome prince. The prince leads Clara out of her home's parlor and onto a moonlit path through a pine forest. The forest is brimming with beautiful dancing snowflakes who guide the pair on their journey to the Prince's kingdom.

## ACT II

### Scene 1: The Land of Sweets

Clara and the prince arrive in the Land of Sweets. The prince thanks the Sugar Plum Fairy for safeguarding the kingdom in his absence and tells her of Clara's courage and help in defeating the Mouse King.

To celebrate Clara's heroism, the Sugar Plum Fairy gifts a crown to Clara and escorts her to the throne where she will sit to indulge in a tour of sweets and delights from around the world. At the peak of the festivities, the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier dance a duet.

The entire kingdom of the Land of Sweets emerges once more for a final waltz and to wish Clara a safe journey on her next adventure. The Sugar Plum Fairy bestows a kiss upon Clara's head and Clara, full of valor and grace, waves farewell.



# CASTING

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

### **ACT I:**

**Dr. Stahlbaum**  
Ye Li\*

**Frau Stahlbaum**  
Anne Van Horn

**Herr Drosselmeyer**  
Chris Perkins

**Clara**  
Fiona Zhang

**Fritz**  
Molly McCoy

**Clara's Friends**  
Emily Hao  
Rakhi Hewitt  
Emerson Lewis  
Audrey Perkins

**Party Kids**  
Elsa Tolman-Foote  
Bailey Galbraith  
Acacia Lee  
Athena Caligiuri  
Grace Smith  
Amelia Parsons  
Isla Cheung  
Yichen Hou  
Belinda Zhu  
Audrey Folsom  
Crystal Fang  
Skyler Hobbs  
Petra Widman  
Alicia Luo  
Morgan Weaver  
Leah Yang  
Tomo Yamaoka  
Yuka Kozakai  
Terra Cheng  
Gavin Kreth  
Josiah Cheung  
Declan Robinson

**Adult Party Guest**  
Anne Van Horn  
Catherine M. Gurski  
Lin Zhu  
Xijue Wang  
Agnes Widman  
Dan Weaver  
Ralph Ebbutt  
Ian Ing  
Erick Widman

**Grandma**  
Frances Portillo

**Grandpa**  
James Mehrens

**Dolls**  
Keana Cooper  
Annabelle Schlicke  
Lily Zheng

**Soldier Doll**  
Marika Handa  
Elise Yu

**Nutcracker**  
Tango Hayato Fujita-Gomez\*

**Mouse King**  
Inari Watkins

**Mouse**  
Keana Cooper  
Lily Zheng  
Annabelle Schlicke  
Emerson Lewis  
Morgan Weaver  
Belinda Zhu  
Audrey Folsom  
Petra Widman  
Skyler Hobbs  
Alicia Luo  
Crystal Fang

**Soldier**  
Marika Handa  
Elise Yu  
Rakhi Hewitt  
Elsa Tolman-Foote  
Leah Yang  
Tomo Yamaoka  
Yuka Kozakai  
Terra Cheng

**Prince**  
Tango Hayato Fujita-Gomez\*

**Snow Queen**  
Sophia Alicata

**Snowflakes**  
Emily Hao  
Rakhi Hewitt  
Emerson Lewis  
Elsa Tolman-Foote  
Audrey Perkins  
Isabella Tran  
Bailey Galbraith  
Keana Cooper

Lily Zheng  
Marika Handa  
Molly McCoy  
Annabelle Schlicke  
Emily Song  
Elise Yu  
Inari Watkins

### **ACT II:**

**Sugar Plum Fairy**  
Ava Ebbutt

**Clara**  
Fiona Zhang

**Prince**  
Tango Hayato Fujita-Gomez\*

**Angels**  
Chloe Jia  
Satomi Jin  
Erin Miller  
Clara Smith  
Josie Smith  
Mei Lee  
Emily Zhang

**Spanish dancers**  
Momoka Semba\*  
Sakura Fukumoto\*  
Nanako Tamaribuchi\*  
Saya Hano\*

**Arabian dancers**  
Sophia Alicata  
Keana Cooper  
Lily Zheng  
Molly McCoy  
Annabelle Schlicke

**Chinese dancers**  
Elise Yu  
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**Russian Dancers**  
Leah Yang

Tomo Yamaoka  
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Terra Cheng  
Isabella Tran  
Bailey Galbraith  
Elsa Tolman-Foote

**Danish shepherdesses**  
Emily Hao  
Rakhi Hewitt  
Emerson Lewis  
Audrey Perkins

**Little Bunny**  
Chloe Jia  
Satomi Jin  
Erin Miller  
Clara Smith  
Josie Smith  
Mei Lee  
Emily Zhang

**Dew Drop**  
Emily Song

**Flowers**  
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**Grand Pas de Deux**  
Ava Ebbutt  
Evan Swenson\*

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Evan Swenson\*

\*Guest Artist

## ABOUT



### **XUAN CHENG, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR**

As a ballerina, teacher, director, and dance world visionary, Xuan Cheng shares the immense joy and beauty of dance, instilling peoples' lives with a transportive sense of magic and grace. With performances that are full of "musicality, technical skill, attention to detail, intelligence and heart," (*Dance International Magazine*) Cheng celebrates twenty years as a professional dancer, closing out her decade-long tenure as Principal Dancer for the Oregon Ballet Theatre with a final performance in February 2023. Having recently joined the Hong Kong Ballet as Ballet Mistress and Principal Dancer, Cheng acts as a bridge between cultures, bringing international perspective to her role at OIBA.



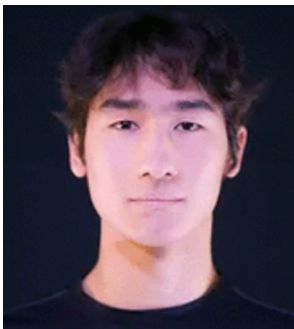
### **YE LI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Known for his astonishing technique and sensitive musicality, award-winning choreographer Ye Li presents dynamic, meaningful performance with exquisite detail. His lush and gripping work has won multiple prizes in the Palm Desert Choreography Festival: *The Daylight Within* won second prize in 2022, and *You Will Return* won second prize in 2019. The latter piece made its international debut at The Achievement Exhibition of the 12th "TaoLi Cup" National Dancing Education Performance of China in 2019. A multi-award-winning performer, Li soloed with Oregon Ballet Theatre for four years, and is now the Rehearsal Director of OBT2, Oregon Ballet Theatre's Junior company.



### **CASA DE ARTE, CULTURAL EXCHANGE PARTNER**

Casa de Arte is a celebrated dance and performance studio in Kumamoto, Japan focused on both traditional ballet and Argentine tango, founded by Hernan Gomez and Maki Fujita (a former member of the Stuttgart Ballet). Considered "the ballet jewelry box for the children in Kumamoto," Casa de Arte hosts frequent performances and is a central hub for ballet teachers in the region. Having directed studios in both New York City and Japan, Gomez and Fujita bring worldly knowledge to their performance and teaching.



### **TANGO HAYATO FUJITA-GOMEZ, GUEST ARTIST**

At just nineteen years old, Fujita-Gomez enjoys the role of assistant ballet & tango teacher at Casa de Arte, Kumamoto. Born in New York City, Fujita-Gomez moved with his family to Japan when he was one year old. He started dancing Argentine Tango at the age of three, joined the boy's ballet class at the Kumamoto Ballet Institute at the age of eight, and was honored to perform as Franz in Kumamoto Ballet Theater's "Nutcracker" at the age of 11.



### **EVAN SWENSON, GUEST ARTIST**

Artist, dancer and teacher Evan Swenson brings his knowledge, passion, and love for dance into every setting. Evan is the Managing Director for BalletRED's 22/23 season, and has danced with many companies across the US, including Houston Ballet, Atlanta Ballet, New York Theater Ballet, with additional freelancing in Los Angeles, New York, Europe, and China. He is featured in tv and film on Syfy's FaceOff, Mattel's Barbie in the Pink Shoes, Petals on the Wind, and many other commercial projects. Evan continues to teach and perform while working towards a BA through the LEAP program at St. Mary's College of CA.

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