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Composer	Peter I. Tchaikovsky
Choreographer	Shorry I Rarnard
Additional Choreography (multiple)	Erin Cunigan
Additional Choreography (multiple)	Eric Glenn
Illusionist	Cris Cooper
Additional Choreography for The Snow Forest Pas De Deux	
Additional Choreography for Arabian	Ryan Homsey

# **A SYNOPSIS**

#### ACT I ~ Proloque

The story opens in the mid-nineteenth century. It is Christmas Eve, and the Von Stahlbaums and their children, Clara and Fritz, have invited many friends and neighbors to a party. All the children play and dance, and although it is past their bedtime, they are allowed to stay until Herr Drosselmeyer arrives. He is Clara's mysterious Godfather who always brings unusual gifts. After making dolls come to life and dance, he gives Clara a special gift, a Nutcracker. Everyone enjoys her fun with the Nutcracker except her jealous brother Fritz. Grabbing it, he throws it to the ground and breaks it. Clara's Godfather mends it, and after a final dance, all the guests say goodbye.

Later that night, while everyone is asleep, Clara sneaks back downstairs to make sure her Nutcracker is safe and falls asleep. While sleeping, mice and rats appear, and Clara's Nutcracker becomes life-size. He leads the Toy Soldiers in a battle against the Mice. When the Rat King is about to defeat the Nutcracker, Clara distracts him by throwing her slipper. The Nutcracker is saved and turns into a handsome Prince.

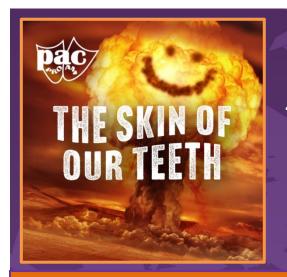
Grateful to Clara for saving his life, the Prince leads her through the Land of Snow, where they meet the *Snow Queen*, her *Snowflakes*, the *Frost Maidens*, and the *Ice Fairy*.

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#### ACT II ~ The Land of the Sugar Plum Fairy

Clara is led to a throne that has been prepared especially for her. **Cooks** bring her delicious cakes and candies while troupes of dancers from distant lands entertain her. There is a lively **Spanish** dance representing chocolate, a slow **Arabian** dance symbolizing coffee, a dance representing tea from **China**, and a vigorous **Russian Tropak** representing Ukraine. **Mirlitons** dance with their reed pipes, and the **Pulchinellas** and **Candy Canes** amuse Clara with their antics. Next, bouquets of beautiful flowers **Waltz** to honor Clara, and the **Sugar Plum Fairy** and her **Cavalier** crown the festivities with the **Grand Pas De Deux**.

To bid farewell to their little guest, each group of dancers returns for a last goodbye, for all dreams must come to an end but, was it only a dream?



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# **THE CAST**

# **ACT I**

Prologue Fairy	Bethany Gocking
THE PA	RTY
Clara's father, Councilor Von Sta	
Clara's Mother	Cassie Lucas
Clara	
Fritz	
Herr Drosselmeyer	
Drosselmeyer's Assistant	Austin Mays
Maids	Kelsey Floyd Kathy Moore
Maids Party Guests Alexande	er Allen Melissa Case Brent Dve
Clay Franklin, Tommy I	Hill, Katlyn Johnson, Scott Lucas,
	rphis, Grace Peak, Holdun Reed,
	ars, Gracie Skaggs, Mike Skaggs
Clara's Friends	
Kendra Livengo	od, Leah Warren, Nylah Whitfield
Fritz's Friends Eli Barno,	
Trice of ficinos	Sterling Nagle, Sam Smith
Cadets Turner	Aliona Jassa Cross Austin Mays
The Dolls:	Alicha, Jesse Cross, Austin Mays
	Charlotte Emerine
Polloring Doll	Harper Taylor
Harlaguin Doll	Ashleigh Skaggs
French Doll	Ava Purcell
Chanish Dall	Mattie Miller
	Alexis Hayes
THE BA	
Nutcracker/Prince	Eric Glenn
<b>Toy Soldiers</b> Turner Alicna	Katiyn Jonnson
l oy Soldiers	Jesse Cross, Kendal Dadisman,
	Dale, Addie Grimes, Julia Hobbs
	nston, Kaden Lucas, Austin Mays
Rats Charlotte En	
	Ava Purcell, Liz Schory, Jojo Shi,
	Maggie Stuecker, Harper Taylor
Rat Babies	Amelia Ellis, Allison Jewell
Mice	Sopnia Charney, Avery Lee,
	Maddie Mooneyhan, Hailey Nalley
THE SNOW	
Snow Queen	Olivia Paulsen
Snow Cavalier	Eric Glenn
Ice Fairy	Irinity Cummings
Frost Fairy	Kennedy Hamilton
Ice Maidens/	Alyssa Brangers, Peyson Coogle,
Myla Ha	wkins, Carly Mays, Lucy Melloan,
	Sydney Platt, Carlee Smith,
	Mackenzie Stockton, River Taylor
Snowflakes Alexsey Carroll,	
	cking, Alexis Hayes, Julia Hobbs,
	ice Key, Abby Liles, Mattie Miller,
Grace Peak, Ava Purc	ell, Liz Schory, Ashleigh Skaggs,
	Gracie Skaggs, Harper Taylor
Footmen	Turner Alicna, Jesse Cross,
	Kaden Lucas, Austin Mays

# ACT 2

# THE LAND OF SWEETS

Princess of the Realm Grace Peak			
Lollipops	Alyssa Brangers, Peyson Coogle,		
	Myla Hawkins, Carly Mays, Lucy Melloan,		
Syc	Iney Platt, Mackenzie Stockton, River Taylor		
Master Chef	Kendall Crew Avery Lee, Karrigan Elmore, Emilia Jackson,		
Cooks	Avery Lee, Karrigan Elmore, Emilia Jackson,		
	Aubrey Kyser, Maddie Mooneyhan,		
	Hailey Nalley, Lexi Yates		
Candy Canes	Alexsey Carroll, Trinity Cummings,		
	Grace Key, Abby Liles, Olivia Paulsen,		
0	Ava Purcell, Harper Taylor		
Spanish	Erin Cunigan, Eric Glenn		
Kussian	Trinity Cummings, Charlotte Emerine,		
	Bethany Gocking, Kennedy Hamilton,		
	Alexis Hayes, Mattie Miller, Ava Purcell,		
Chinasa	Ashleigh Skaggs, Harper Taylor resley Abell, Bailey Apperson, Kendall Crew		
	Kendal Dadisman, Liza Dale, Addie Grimes,		
	Julia Hobbs, Ali Johnston, Carlee Smith,		
Dragon Punnatagra	Turner Alicna, Jesse Cross,		
Diagon Fuppeteers	Clay Franklin, Katlyn Johnson,		
	Kaden Lucas, Kim Mays, Kathy Moore		
Pearl			
Angels	Kelsey Floyd Charlotte Emerine, Bethany Gocking,		
,go.o	Kennedy Hamilton, Alexis Hayes,		
	Isabela Moore, Liz Schory		
Arabian			
	Eric Glenn, Ashleigh Skaggs		
Mirlitons	Trinity Cummings, Kennedy Hamilton,		
	Mattie Miller, Salem Pabon		
Gingerbread	Presley Abell, Bailey Apperson ohia Charney, Amelia Ellis, Karrigan Elmore,		
Pulchinellas So	phia Charney, Amelia Ellis, Karrigan Elmore,		
	Emilia Jackson, Allison Jewell,		
	Aubrey Kyser, Lexi Yates		
Mother Ginger	WQXE radio personalities		
Waltz of the Flowers	Alexsey Carroll, Erin Cunigan,		
	Kennedy Hamilton, Mattie Miller,		
	Salem Pabon, Olivia Paulsen, Grace Peak,		
D D F:	Ashleigh Skaggs, Gracie Skaggs		
Dew Drop Fairy	Bethany Gocking		
Sugar Plum Fairy	Adeline Wylie		
Sugar Plum Cavaller	Eric Glenn		

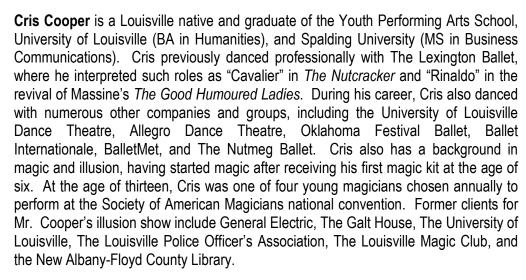
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# THIS YEAR'S GUEST ARTISTS







Eric Glenn was born and raised in Houston, Texas, which is where he first found his passion for dance. He started his training with Dina Vail and then went on to Houston Ballet Academy. Eric danced on full scholarship, where he had the opportunity to work with Ben Stevenson, Claudio Munoz, Priscilla Murphy, and Clara Cravey. He also received training from Uptown Dance Centre, working under Beth Gulledge Brown and Keith Cross. This is where Eric was first exposed to modern and contemporary dance. Eric graduated in 2007 from the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, where he trained with Luanne Carter and Janie Carothers. After high school, Eric attended the University of Oklahoma, where he graduated with his Bachelor of Fine Arts. At the University of Oklahoma, Eric received training from the entire dance faculty as long as guest artists like Helen Star, Violette Verdy, Howard Sayette, and others. Eric has had the pleasure to perform in ballets choreographed by Bronislava Nijinska, Miguel Terekhov, Ben Stevenson, Bruce Wells, Mary Margaret Holt, Steve Brule, and AlunJones. In addition, Eric was exposed to contemporary works choreographed by Robert Battle, Alvin Ailey, Darrel Grand Moultrie, Fritz Ludin, Derrick Minter, and Austin Hartel. After college, Eric started his dance career with Nevada Ballet Theatre and then went off to dance with Idaho Dance Theatre. Eric has also danced for Oklahoma Festival Ballet, Contemporary Dance Oklahoma, Off Centre Dance, Ballet Idaho, Osage Ballet, Kindwood Dance Theatre, and Uptown Dance Center. Eric is excited to dance with The Dance Centre of Elizabethtown for the 11th year in a row.



Adeline Wylie began dancing in Spring, Texas, at age thirteen after ten years of competitive gymnastics. She completely fell in love with dance after joining Uptown Dance Company II, where her technique and artistry developed and advanced. She trained in summer intensives at Ballet Austin, Texas Ballet Theater, and Alvin Ailey. She then trained in the Professional Division at Texas Ballet Theater, where she performed in numerous ballets by Ben Stevenson O.B.E., such as *The Nutcracker* and *Cinderella*. Ms. Wylie has also had the privilege of dancing in Lew Christensen's *Beauty And The Beast*, as well as the U.S. premiere of Will Tuckett's *Pinocchio*. Adeline is currently in her fifth year dancing professionally with Uptown Dance Company.

# THE CREW

Stage Manager_	Jeff Mann	<b>Dressers</b> Aleia	Ellis, Carla Epperson, Nora Gocking
<b>Technical Direct</b>	orAaron Taylor	Allisor	n Kyser, Angela Liles, Nicole Melloan,
<b>Lighting Design</b>	Chanelle "Trashcan" Dau Pino,		Heather Paulsen, Ashley Purcell
	Paige "Beeps" Johnson		Leigh Ann Schory, Angie Yates
Stage Crew	Sherry Barnard, Taylor Barno, Erin Cunigan,	Packing/Load In/Load O	ut Crew
	Madison Cunigan, Matt Cunigan, Aaron Dale,	Josey C	rew, Erin Cunigan, Matthew Cunigan,
Joh	nnathan Grimes, Brian Gocking, Brayden Hall,	Kristy Da	disman, Aleia Ellis, Bethany Gocking
Laci Knowles, Em	nily "Staples" Kohler, Mia "Moss Man" Moss, John Pur	rcell, Ashley I	Hawkins, Josh Hawkins, Angela Liles
	Addison Walker, Kaylie Witcher		Olivia Paulsen, Ashleigh Skaggs
Costumes	Sherry Barnard, Erin Cunigan,	<b>Fundraising Coordinato</b>	rLaura Beth Hayes
	Kelsey Floyd, Hannah Isaacs,	Fundraising Crew	
	Angela Liles, Allison Lovins	Jennifer Co	oogle, Tara Cummings, Kelly Emerine
Men's Period Co	stumes	Boutique Coordinator	Noelle Hodap
The Ste	phen Foster Story (Anne S. Arnold, Designer)	Boutique	Lakira Barno, Moira Taylo
		Guest Artist Lodging	Todd Pollard - Wingfield Inn/Suites
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Prologue Fairy - Bethany Gocking



Clara - Ava Emerine



Clara and Friends (Back to Front) Lydia Alicna, Ava Emerine, Bridget Alicna, Leah Warren, Nylah Whitfield



Fritz, Cadets and Friends (Back to Front)
Turner Alicna, Kaden Lucas, Jesse Cross, Austin Mays,
Carson Crew, Sam Smith, Kamden Cunigan, Sterling Nagle,
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Party Guests - Tommy Hill, Gracie Skaggs



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Toy Soldier Dolls – Charlotte Emerine, Harper Taylor



Ballerina Doll – Ashleigh Skaggs



Harlequin Doll – Mattie Miller Spanish Doll – Alexis Hayes Harlequin Doll – Ava Purcell



Rats (Back to Front)
Abby Liles, Maggie Stuecker, Jojo Shi, Liz Schory, Harper Taylor, Alexis Hayes, Charlotte Emerine, Ava Purcell Rat Babies – Allison Jewell, Amelia Ellis



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Snow Queen and Cavalier - Olivia Paulsen and Eric Glenn



Mice Sophia Charney, Hailey Nalley, Maddie Mooneyhan, Avery Lee



Frost Fairy – Kennedy Hamilton Ice Fairy – Trinity Cummings



River Taylor, Mackenzie Stockton, Alyssa Brangers, Lucy Melloan, Sydney Platt, Peyson Coogle, Carlee Smith, Carly Mays
Frost Fairy – Kennedy Hamilton; Ice Fairy – Trinity Cummings



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Snowflakes Alexis Hayes, Abby Liles, Julia Hobbs, Ava Purcell



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Alyssa Brangers, Mackenzie Stockton, Myla Hawkins, Carly Mays, River Taylor, Lucy Melloan, Sydney Platt, Peyson Coogle



Master Chef – Kendall Crew
Cooks (Back to Front)
Hailey Nalley, Emilia Jackson, Aubrey Kyser, Lexi Yates Maddie Mooneyhan, Karrigan Elmore, Avery Lee



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Olivia Paulsen, Alexsey Carroll, Ava Purcell, Trinity Cummings, Grace Key, Harper Taylor, Abby Liles



Angels (Back to Front)
Kennedy Hamilton, Liz Schory, Isabela Moore, Bethany Gocking, Charlotte Emerine, Alexis Hayes



Russian (Back to Front)

Trinity Cummings, Harper Taylor, Hadley Paulsen, Ava Purcell, Ava Emerine, Charlotte Emerine, Mattie Miller, Naavah Lopez



Spanish - Eric Glenn & Erin Cunigan



Arabian Cris Cooper, Ashleigh Skaggs, Alexsey Carroll, Eric Glenn



Chinese (Back to Front)

Kendall Crew, Addie Grimes, Bailey Apperson, Julia Hobbs, Ali Johnston, Carlee Smith, Kendal Dadisman, Liza Dale, Presley Abell



Mirlitons - Salem Pabon, Kennedy Hamilton, Mattie Miller, Trinity Cummings



Pulchinellas (Back to Front)
Lexi Yates, Aubrey Kyser, Amelia Ellis, Sophia Charney, Emilia Jackson, Allison Jewell, Karrigan Elmore
Gingerbread – Presley Abell, Bailey Apperson



Dew Drop Fairy - Bethany Gocking



Pink Waltz of the Flowers Olivia Paulsen, Kennedy Hamilton, Alexsey Carroll



Yellow Waltz of the Flowers Grace Peak, Ashleigh Skaggs, Salem Pabon Adaline Wylie

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