Diamond Dance Works and the Diamond Conservatory of Ballet present

The Land of Snow and Sweets

From Acts I and II of The Nutcracker

Choreography by Kan

ako Imayoshi, Camila Corrales,

Samantha Gray, and Randy Pacheco

Special Coach and Master Instructor: Natalia Magnicaballi

Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov in 1892

Music by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Diamond Dance Works Director/Owner: Danielle Cicogna

Diamond Conservatory of Ballet Director: Kanako Imayoshi

The Nutcracker Artistic Director: Kanako Imayoshi

November 21st at 11:00am and 2:00pm at Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center

Please maintain the audience decorum required of classical ballet performances. Clapping is welcomed at the end of any dance or anytime you are impressed by anything you see. Enjoy the show!

We are so glad you are here!

On Christmas Eve, Clara eagerly awaits her godfather, Uncle Drosselmeyer, who arrives with extraordinary gifts, including a wooden nutcracker. When her brother Fritz breaks it, Drosselmeyer mends the toy, sending the children off to bed with a mysterious smile as midnight approaches.

Unable to sleep, Clara creeps downstairs to check on the nutcracker. As the clock strikes twelve, the room transforms: Mice and toys grow giant, and a fierce battle breaks out. Clara bravely hurls her slipper at the Mouse King, defeating him and breaking an old curse that transforms the nutcracker into a prince.

To thank Clara, the Prince takes her aboard a magical sleigh to the Land of Sweets. There, the Sugar Plum Fairy honors Clara with a grand celebration featuring dancing Spanish chocolate, Arabian coffee, Chinese tea, Marzipan flutists, and Mother Ginger's Polichinelles. After waltzing alongside candied flowers and the Fairy herself, Clara bids a fond farewell as dawn approaches.

Clara wakes up under the Christmas tree with the nutcracker cradled in her arms, wondering if her magical adventure was truly just a dream.

Casting 2026

Clara

Bela Davila (11am), Mia Cincoski (2pm)

Snow Scene

Marti-Ann Brantley*, Mia Cincoski (11am)*, Bela Davila (2pm)*, Ayla Hasstedt*, Hannah Heavner*, Sarah Kilcup*, Jillian MacHugh*, Kalle Myers*, Anya Niemi, Maci Bonner*, Esme Cooper, Quinn Falk*, Camila Haddad*, Jemma Hasstedt*, Alexis Johnson*, Emma Moore*, Elise Ramos*, Lillianne Sanchez*, Kendall Stilwell, Savannah Westfall*, Willa Ziesel*

Angels of the Sugar Plum Fairy

Zara Anleu, Avalynn Church, Charlotte Clipner, Annabella Denault, Isla Folsom, Gracen Hagenno, Kynslee Hull, Ava McCrory, Penelope Piedra, Evelynne Shipman, Cedella Soto, Ella Stolper, Atalie Varner, Kieran Westfall, Emilia Wright

Sugar Plum Fairy

Josephine Marshall

Opening Entrance

Full cast

Spanish Hot Chocolate

Sarah Kilcup*, Jillian MacHugh*

Arabian Coffee

***Arabian Princess* – Addison Evjen (11am), Anya Niemi (2pm)**

Marti-Ann Brantley*, Mia Cincoski (11am)*, Bela Davila (2pm)*, Addison Evjen (2pm), Ayla Hasstedt*, Hannah Heavner*, Kalle Myers*, Anya Niemi (11am)

Chinese Tea

Reagan Barton, Gianna Cicogna, Charlee Fladhammer, Paisley Hermit-Constable*, Kennedy Motzouris, Mila Naegeli, Kinsley Neubauer, Stella Ontiveros, Charlotte Victor

Russian

Marlie Covell*, Natalia Fugiel*, Livia Harris*, Paisley Hermit-Constable*, Tennessee Kittredge*, Penelope Ramirez*, Macie Scherling*, Anna Billings, Adeline Bogart, Adalynn Davis, Brenna Doyle, Annsley Duncan, Charlotte Flack, Scarlett Gallardo, Anniston Hagenno, Charlotte Hanson, Mila Naegeli, Emma Walker

Marzipan

Lead- Kalle Myers *

Maci Bonner*, Esme Cooper, Quinn Falk*, Camila Haddad*, Alexis Johnson*, Elise Ramos*, Kendall Stilwell, Savannah Westfall*

Mother Ginger's Polichinelles

Ava Anleu, Ava Roach, Livia Harris*, Kylar Holder, Kylie Hull, Adlynn Katz, Madison Mayfield, Vivienne Shipman, Nessa Vasquez, Charlotte Westfall

Waltz of the Flowers

Sugar Plum Fairy- Josephine Marshall

First-soloists - Marti-Ann Brantley*, Addison Evjen, Ayla Hasstedt*, Hannah Heavner*

Demi Soloists - Maci Bonner*, Quinn Falk*, Camila Haddad*, Alexis Johnson*, Elise Ramos*, Savannah Westfall*

Corps de Ballet - Marlie Covell*, Natalia Fugiel*, Jemma Hasstedt*, Mary Kilcup, Tennessee Kittredge*, Ruby Kumpf, Juliet MacHugh*, Emma Moore*, Penelope Ramirez*, Lillianne Sanchez*, Macie Scherling*, Willa Ziesel*

Finale

Full cast

**Denotes Diamond Conservatory of Ballet Dancer*

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