

Utica Dance and Hamilton College  
Department of Music and Dance present

# *The Nutcracker* 2023

Wellin Hall, Schambach Center for the Performing Arts

Friday/December 1, 7 pm\*

Saturday/December 2, 2 pm & 7 pm\*

Sunday/December 3, 2 pm

\*two performances with the Hamilton College Orchestra  
and Hamilton College Choir Trebles and Guests

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## **NUTCRACKER SYNOPSIS**

A family holiday tradition, the magical tale by E.T.A. Hoffmann depicts a family's Christmas Eve party. Daughter Clara receives an odd, enchanting gift from her godfather Drosselmeyer—a Nutcracker doll. After the party Clara falls asleep in front of the Christmas tree, with the wooden Nutcracker cradled in her arms. Then a vivid dream begins, and a battle takes place between the Nutcracker, now life size, and the Rat King. The victorious Nutcracker then escorts Clara through a beautiful snow scene to the Land of Sweets, where Clara is treated to an array of colorful dances from around the world.

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### **Act 1**

Overture  
No. 1 Ornamentation and Illumination  
of the Christmas Tree  
No. 2 Marche  
No. 3 Petit Galop  
No. 4 Scène-Arrival of Drosselmeier  
No. 5 Scène et Danse Scene and  
Grandfather's Dance  
No. 6 Drosselmeier's Magic  
No. 7 Battle  
No. 8 Snow Pas de Deux  
No. 9 Waltz of the Snowflakes

### **Act 2**

No. 10 Clara's Arrival and  
Introduction  
No. 14 Variation 2 Dance of the  
Sugar Plum Fairy  
No. 12 Divertissement: Spanish,  
Arabian, Chinese, Russian,  
Mirlitons, Pulcinella  
No. 13 Waltz of the Flowers  
No. 14 Grand Pas de Deux  
Coda  
No. 15 Finale et Apotheose

# Act 1

CLARA: Caroline Huang, Angelyn Garcia (Su)

FRITZ: Ewan Leising

GIRLS: Sophia Bull (Sa2), Lila Burgdoff (Sa7), Angelyn Garcia (F, Sa2, 7) Caroline Huang (Su), Aria Lark, Sofia Malempati (F, Sa2, Su), Karina Parkhomchuk (F, Sa7, Su)

BOYS: Dalilah Ayala (Sa2, 7), Sophia Bull (Sa7), Lila Burgdoff (Sa2), Amanda Capuana (F, Su), Miriam Grove (F, Su), Annabella Jodway (Sa2, 7), Emila Nadarevic (F, Su), Kendra Pion (F, Su), Sylvie Peplinski (Sa2, 7)

MR. SILBERHAUS: Anthony Graham

MRS. SILBERHAUS: Erin Morris

GRANDMOTHER & GRANDFATHER: Ruth Hedeem, David Hedeem

DROSSELMEIER: Aubrey Campbell\*

LADIES PARTY GUESTS: Verna Agen, Linda Lubey (F, Su2), Rebecca McLain (Sa2, 7), Heidi Watko

GENTLEMEN PARTY GUESTS: Matt Grove, Phil Horzempa, Thomas Warda

COLUMBINE & HARLEQUIN DOLLS: Sean Morris with Elisabeth Hedeem (F), Maya Brown (Sa2), Violet Pedulla (Sa7), Isla Zammiello (Su)

MOROCCAN DOLLS: Jake Brach, Bailey Harrer

MAIDS: Evelyn Campbell, Kali Gorski, Amani Hamid, Alice Riley\*

MOUSE KING: Sean Morris

NUTCRACKER PRINCE: Jake Brach

MICE: Eliana Bajrektarevic, Adrian Cobanera, Ca'Mara Cole, Ca'Ree Cole, Harper Dellecese, Dwala Eddings, Sofii Pyshniak, Soley Lanaux, Eva Lavallee, Ainsley Lester, Zora Morris, Hillary Poueriet Gomez (F, Su), Natalie Godding (F, Su), Yuan Lin (F, Su), Camila Pena Tejada (Sa2, 7), Ellie Young (Sa2, 7)

SOLDIERS: Evelyn Campbell, Olivia Corleto, Lisi Dunckel, Miriam Grove, Ewan Leising, Kristina Pejcic, Sofia Pejcic, Finley Peplinski, Phoenix Townsend, Amanda Capuana/Rebecca McLain, Angelyn Garcia/Caroline Huang, Violet Pedulla/Julia Parrotta

CAVALRY: Maya Brown, Bailey Harrer

SNOW QUEEN & SNOW KING: Isla Zammiello, Dwayne Brown (F, Sa2); Lucy Nevin, Tanner Schwart (Sa7); Madison Polarolo, Jake Brach (Su)

SNOW & SLEIGH ANGELS: Dwala Eddings, Solarah Lanaux, Hillary Poueriet Gomez (Fr7, Su2): Ca'Ree Cole, Harper Dellecese, Zora Morris, Sofii Pyshniak (Sa2, 7): Eliana Bajrektarevic, Ca'Mara Cole, Eva Lavallee, Ainsley Lester

LITTLE SNOWFLAKES: Dalilah Ayala, Sophia Bull, Lila Burgdoff, Annabella Jodway, Aria Lark, Sofia Malempati, Emila Nadarevic, Karina Parkhomchuk, Sylvie Peplinski, Kendra Pion

SNOWFLAKES: Maya Brown, Miriam Grove, Bailey Harrer, Julia Parrotta, Violet Pedulla, Kristina Pejcic, Finley Peplinski, Phoenix Townsend (Fr7, Su2): Evelyn Campbell, Amanda Capuana, Sofia Pejcic, Madison Polarolo (Sa2, 7): Olivia Corleto, Lisi Dunckel, Alice Riley, Isla Zammiello, Understudies: Angelyn Garcia, Caroline Huang

# INTERMISSION

## Act 2

SUGAR PLUM FAIRY VARIATION: Elisabeth Hedeem

ANGELS: Dalilah Ayala, Sofia Bull, Lila Burgdoff, Olivia Corleto, Angelyn Garcia/  
Caroling Huang, Annabella Jodway, Aria Lark, Sofia Malempati, Emila Nadarevic,  
Karina Parkhomchuk, Sylvie Peplinski, Kendra Pion

SPANISH: Bailey Harrer, Julia Parrotta, Kristina Pejcic, Finley Peplinski

LITTLE SPANISH:

(F, Su): Eliana Bajrektarevic, Solarah Lanaux, Eva Lavallee, Ainsley Lester  
(Sa2, 7): Harper Dellecese, Dwala Eddings, Zora Morris, Sofia Pyshniak

ARABIAN: Sean Morris with Maya Brown (F, Sa2); Violet Pedulla (Sa7, Su)

CHINESE: Olivia Corleto, Ewan Leising, Sofia Pejcic, Evelyn Campbell (Sa2, 7)  
Lisi Dunckel (F, Su), Angelyn Garcia (F, Sa2, 7), Caroline Huang (Su)

CHINESE LION DANCERS: Adrian Cobanera, Ca'Mara Cole, Ca'Ree Cole,  
Hillary Poueriet Gomez

RUSSIAN: Jake Brach, Aubrey Campbell, Anthony Graham, Miriam Grove,  
Bailey Harrer, Phoenix Townsend, Amanda Capuana (F, Su), Lisi Dunckel (Sa2, 7),  
Evelyn Campbell (F, Su), Alice Riley (Sa2, 7)

MIRLITONS: Lydia Barber\*, Samantha Flaherty\*, Madison Polarolo (F, Sa2),  
Isla Zammiello (Sa7, Su)

SHEEP: Eloise Barns, Maisie Barns, Hannah Dellecese, Harper Dellecese,  
Summer Grimes, Gabriella King, Chloe Paw, Kalani Palaphanh, Kennedy Palaphanh,  
Shweyati Poe, Grettel Rivas, Teagan Roy, Sydney Sassone, Sitara Srinivasa,  
Yuan Ling, Zora Morris, Camila Pena Tejada, Ellie Young

PULCINELLA:

Dalilah Ayala, Sofia Bull, Lila Burgdoff, Annabella Jodway, Aria Lark,  
Sofia Malempati, Emila Nadarevic, Karina Parkhomchuk, Sylvie Peplinski,  
Kendra Pion

FLOWERS: Maya Brown, Violet Pedulla, with Lydia Barber\*, Samantha Flaherty\*,  
Bailey Harrer, Madison Polarolo (F, Sa2)/Isla Zammiello (F, Sa2), Olivia Corleto (Sa2, 7),  
Evelyn Campbell (F, Su)/Alice Riley (Sa2, 7), Amanda Capuana (F, Su)/Lisi Dunckel (Sa2, 7),  
Angelyn Garcia (F, Sa2, 7)/Caroline Huang (Su), Miriam Grove, Kristina Pejcic,  
Sofia Pejcic (F, Su), Finley Peplinski, Phoenix Townsend

GRAND PAS DE DEUX: (F, Sa2): Lucy Nevin & Tanner Schwartz  
(Sa7, Su): Elisabeth Hedeem & Dwayne Brown

FINALE

\*Hamilton College student

## Utica Dance Alumni Ensemble

Jake Brach, Maya Brown, Bailey Harrer, Julia Parrotta, Violet Pedulla, Finley Peplinksi

## Utica Dance Class of 2024

Elisabeth Hedeem, Sean Morris, Kristina Pejic, Isla Zammiello

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### CREDITS

CHOREOGRAPHY & STAGING: Nancy Long

MUSIC: Peter Il'yich Tchaikovsky

LIGHTING DIRECTOR: Elliott Lester

ASSISTANT LIGHTING DIRECTOR: Isabel Romero

### UTICA DANCE, INC.

PRESIDENT & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: Nancy Long

FACULTY: Kathy Ryan, Anthony Salatino, Rebekah Hedeem, Lindsey LaFountain

COSTUMES: Isobel A. Bliss, Grace Callard (high school intern)

**NANCY LONG** danced professionally throughout the U.S. and Europe as a member of the Joyce Trisler Dancecompany and appeared as a guest with the Washington Opera Ballet, Alvin Ailey, and Jose Limon dance companies. Nancy taught in Hamilton College's Dance Department from 1984-85. For 31 years Nancy served as Professor of Dance and Director of the Dance Program at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute until 2014 when she founded Utica Dance, Inc. Her choreography ranges from full-length original story ballets to a full-evening work based on the life of the Sufi poet, Rumi. Nancy co-founded and ran the modern dance company Utica Danceworks from 1984 until 1989. As a member of the New York State DanceForce, Nancy partners yearly with Hamilton College Performing Arts and MVCC to bring a professional dance company to the area for local residencies including performances and classes for school children.

### UTICA DANCE GUEST ARTISTS

**Dwayne Brown**, is a native New Yorker. He trained at The Ailey School and received a B.A. in Psychology from Vassar College. As a professional dancer and performer his credits include: (Theatre/Stage) The Metropolitan Opera, San Francisco Opera, The Kennedy Center, Lyric Opera Chicago, Carnegie Hall; (TV/ Film) *At Home With Amy Sedaris* (TruTV), *The Get Down* (Netflix), *NYC Summer* (FX), *Great Performances at The Met* (PBS); (Commercial) Mount Gay Rum, Stadium Goods, The Consistency Project, and; (Modern Dance) Bill T. Jones/AZ Co., Ralph Lemon, Kevin Beasley, Sean Curran, Reggie Wilson, and Douglas Dunn. Recent credits include: NYFW for Rowing Blazers, and the film *She Came To Me*, directed by Rebecca Miller, in theaters now. He is represented by Clear Talent Group and currently serves on the advisory committee for ARTBATH, an immersive performance salon series at the historic Blue Building.

**Lucy Nevin** began her professional ballet training at the School of American Ballet when she was ten years old. After graduating in 2016 from SAB, she was accepted into The Washington Ballet Studio Company under the leadership of Julie Kent. She was Ms. Kent's first promotion as director at TWB. After one season in the Studio Company, she was promoted to TWB Company, where she performed numerous soloist roles in *The Sleeping Beauty*, *Swan Lake*, *Giselle*, *The Nutcracker*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and many more. Lucy danced with The Washington Ballet until June of 2022 and now lives in New York City as a freelance artist.

**Tanner Schwartz** began dancing at The Westside School of Ballet in Los Angeles and later studied at the School of American Ballet in NYC. In 2002 he was the recipient of the D.A.N.C.E. award, to dance as an apprentice with the Royal Danish Ballet. After that he went on to dance with Pennsylvania Ballet, Boston Ballet, Joffrey Ballet, The Washington National Opera, and The Metropolitan Opera.

# Hamilton College Orchestra

Heather Buchman, Conductor

**WELCOME!** Utica Dance and the Hamilton College Departments of Music and Dance & Movement Studies welcome you to our third co-production of Tchaikovsky's complete *Nutcracker* ballet.

This production of *The Nutcracker* clearly illustrates how the results of collaboration exceed the sum of the parts. The students of Utica Dance and Hamilton College's Dance & Movement Studies have a rare opportunity to dance *The Nutcracker* with a live orchestra. And the Hamilton College Orchestra and College Choir Trebles have the excitement of performing one of the great ballet scores as part of a fully staged production with the Utica Dance and Hamilton College dance students and guest professional artists.

We are humbled by the excitement and enthusiasm for this project across the campus and in the community. And we are delighted to offer you the chance to experience *The Nutcracker* as it was meant to be experienced.

**Heather Buchman**, Professor of Music, is director of the Hamilton College Orchestra and also serves as co-chair of the Departments of Music and Dance & Movement Studies. She regularly works with Society for New Music as both conductor and trombonist, and frequently guest conducts Symphoria.

**Victoria Nieto**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Music, is Director of the Hamilton College Choir and Hamilton Voices. Originally from Venezuela, she recently completed her DMA in Choral Conducting from the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami. She is also teaching a course in Caribbean Music.

## **Thanks to all who contributed to this production, especially:**

- Michelle Reiser-Memmer, Jim Gadsby, and Elliott Lester for their support
- Utica Dance parent volunteers for their generous contributions

# ORCHESTRA

## **Violin I**

Elise Kwon '26  
Esther Koo '25  
Christina Monroe '27  
Layla Jarrahy '25  
William Siudzinski '27  
Taras Bohach  
Laura Chase  
Mergie Morgan-Davie

## **Violin II**

Katy Appleman '26  
Alex Powell '27  
Zachary Neiss '27  
Caitlin Moehrle '24  
Angela Liu '27  
Sasha Knoll '27  
Samantha Lee '27  
Claire Wilcox

## **Viola**

Annabelle Pearson '27  
Abby Bundy '27  
Ashlyn Garrick '27  
Summer McClintic '24  
Elaine Fraser '26  
Sarah Wheatley '24  
Mark Khairallah '27  
Paula Richardsson

## **Cello**

Seungchan Yun '27  
Jenna Lee '27  
Alan Becker '27  
Carina Jones '25  
Brian Kruse  
Joanna Robertson

## **Bass**

Braeden Chomo '26  
Wynne Shaul  
Clara Winkel '27

## **Flute**

Kate Connolly '26  
Gwen Child '25  
Annie Mercure '27  
Anna Yatteau '27

## **Oboe**

Asher Kaplan '27

## **English Horn**

Katie Martins

## **Clarinet**

Jun Cho '25  
Kristiana Klein '26  
Maggie Mieczkowski '25

## **Bass Clarinet**

Andrew Fredericks '25

## **Bassoon**

Ben Howell '24  
Ellie Carlson '27

## **Horn**

Makoto Carolin '27  
Emma Wilson '27  
Dawson Biondi '27  
Paula Kinev

## **Trumpet**

Peter Ryan '26  
Terry Caviness

## **Trombone**

Ben Dettelback  
Gabriel Ramos  
Spencer Copeland '27

## **Tuba**

Matthew Murchison

## **Percussion**

Jake Durando '24  
Tara Houser '27  
Brett Hajdaj '27  
Edwin Mensah-Boateng '25

## **Harp**

Julia Smith '25

## **Celesta**

Sarah Healy '24

## **CHORUS**

Lana Anghel '26  
Norma Callejas '26  
Maia Chakin '25  
Brigit Cook '27  
Angie Dalle Mule '27  
Shraddha Datta '24  
Elizabeth Gee '24  
Sophie Gordon '26  
Alex Herr '25  
Amelie Heying '27  
Helen Higgins '24  
Patricia Higgins '26  
Yejin Lee '27  
Jules Mancuso '24  
Maggie Marks '25  
Smrithi Menon '27  
Oliver Nathanielsz '26  
Kirk Petrie '24  
Julia Ramsay '26  
Alice Riley '27  
Emma Ruccio '2  
Alyssa Samuels '25  
Anna Skrobala '24  
Aubrey Wallen '26  
Cynthia Yang '25