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THE NUTCRACKER

SAJ DANCE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS
10TH ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OF



STARRING ANAHI MARISCAL
AS CLARA
DIRECTED BY STEPHANIE
ANN JENKINS



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Richard's Center for the Performing Arts

PRESENTS

THE NUTCRACKER



Music by
Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

with

Clara
Anahi Mariscal

Sugar Plum Fairy
Giana Gannon

Choreographed by
George Ballanchine, Stephanie Ann Jenkins, and Amylia Cantu

Directed by:
Stephanie Ann Jenkins

Hip-Hop Instructor/Choreographer/Team Assistant
Amylia Cantu

Tumbling/Beginning Hip Hop
Adriana Gracia

Tumbling Assistance
Ginana Gannon

Ballet 1
Chloe Salvail

SHOW ORDER

Act 1

Party Scene
Clara's Dream
Battle Scene
Snow

Act 2

Sugar Plum
Spanish
Arabian
Marzipan
Chinese
Candy Cane
Polichinelles
Coda
Finale



CAST

Act 1

Clara Stahlbaum	Anahi Mariscal
Sister	Ryleigh Arthen
Party Kids	Dani Chavez Ava De Castro Penelope Franz Camila Garcia Olivia Garcia Sara Garcia Anedel Jimenez Adalynn Juarez Jayleene Juarez Elsie McCoy Valentina Sanchez Melgoza
	Ryleigh Arthen James Hansele Zoey Hines Lilianne Ruiz
Party Parents	Adriana Gracia Maggie Andrews Jessica Ramirez
Mother	Heaven Rodriguez
Maid	Yetlanezi Mesa
Harliquinn	Annalise Maranan
Colombine	Amaya Mancilla
Mouse Queen	Annalise Maranan
Nutcracker Prince	Leo Bondurich
Army of Soldiers	Luna Valera Amaya Mancilla Alana Harris James Hansele
Snow	Amaya Mancilla Yetlanezi Mesa Julieta Alvarez Annalise Maranan
Sugar Plum Fairy	Giana Gannon
Spanish Hot Chocolate	Lianne Ruiz Zoey Hines Ryleigh Arthen James Hansele
Arabian	Amaya Mancilla

CAST

Act 1 (continued)

Marzipan	Yetanezi Mesa
Chinese	Julieta Alvarez
Candy Cane	Annalise Maranan
Polichinelles	Leads Amaya Mancilla Yetlanezi Mesa Core Dancers Mila Aguilar Jaelynn Canales Brooklyn Carter Amia Cormier Kamila Gamez Talia Hawley Madisyn Lillyman Zoey Lomeli Caylee Lopez Ivy McCoy Maelynn Monetathchi Elsie Monjaraz Sienna Pass Indica Ulloa
Coda	Giana Gannon
Finale	Giasna Gannon Yetlanezi Mesa Amaya Mancilla Julieta Alvarez Annalise Maranan James Hansele Zoey Hines Lilianne Ruiz Ryleigh Arthen Anahi Mariscal

STAFF



STAFF



Miss Chole - Instructor

STAFF



DANCE TEAM FOCUS - Our dance team focuses on the experience. It's about learning from different teachers, dancing on different stages, and meeting other dancers. We focus on fellowship with your teammates, self-expression, and teamwork. We want our dancers to develop self-confidence and learn self-expression. As our motto says, we dance to express, not to impress.

This year's National Finals Conventions / Competition is hosted in Las Vegas. Please help our team raise the funds needed to participate by visiting the snack bar and other concessions in the lobby.

While our team is award-winning, the awards are a by-product of the work. If your dancer is interested in the team, [register for ballet](#) and speak to our Creative Director at your first class.

Read more about the team and donate directly to your favorite dancer or to the team's travel expenses on our [team website](#).

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Crew Members

Stage Manager	Amylia Cantu
Costuming Manager	Cathy Jenkins
House Manager	Anna Marsical
Prop Construction	Richard Jenkins
Props Master	Mike Santa Cruz
Props	Danny Chavez Hugo Garcia Daniel Santa Cruz Ron Brian
Ticket Sales	Sandra Espitia
Snack Bar	Isabel Sabalza Ariana Meza
Boutique	Stephanie Garcia Jessica Meza
Backstage Assistants	Mariah Garcia Jennika Guzman Marissa Knight Maggie Andrews Heaven Rodriguez Ron Brian
Ushers	Juan Mariscal Jacob Marsical Joshua Ulloa

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This year's production of the Nutcracker is possible through the combination of the unique talents of our students, parents, and staff from Shadow Hills High School and Desert Sands Unified School District. The entire ensemble would like to give a very special thank you to the following people.

SPECIAL THANKS

DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Kelly May-Vollmar, Ed.D. Superintendent PSUSD
 - David Dunn - Principal - SHHS
 - Mary Alexander - Assistant Principal SHHS
 - Yazmin Henry - Administrative Assistant PSUSD Risk Management
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A Note from our Creative Director

Good Evening, and welcome to SAJ Dance Productions' 10th Annual performance of The Nutcracker.

The dancers before you tonight have been working long and hard hours. They have sacrificed personal time and have dedicated themselves to their craft. Their dedication shows their love for the art of dance. Being a mentor and teacher to them all makes me proud and thankful.

Our dancer's respect for leadership and their craft is unparalleled. We require our students to be dedicated to their studio and each other. They learn bonding skills, respect for themselves, and commitment to a group.

We are proud of the fact that our shows are not recitals. They are productions. They are bigger and more complex shows, helping our dancers learn what professional performances feel like.

The staff has pushed students to their fullest potential, opened their minds to new perspectives, and helped them grow as people, not just dancers.

The near future promises more growth and more programs. We upgraded the retail area to include an online store.

PLEASE REMEMBER FOR THE COMFORT OF THOSE AROUND YOU AND THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN. WE DO NOT PERMIT VIDEOGRAPHY OR PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE CHILD WHILE THEY ARE PERFORMING.

We thank you for sharing your holiday season and choosing SAJ as your Christmas entertainment. Please help me welcome the dancers of SAJDP as they perform their 8th annual performance of The Nutcracker.

*Dance to express, not to impress,
xx Miss Stephanie*

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Scan the QR code to get your tickets now and be part of the excitement!

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