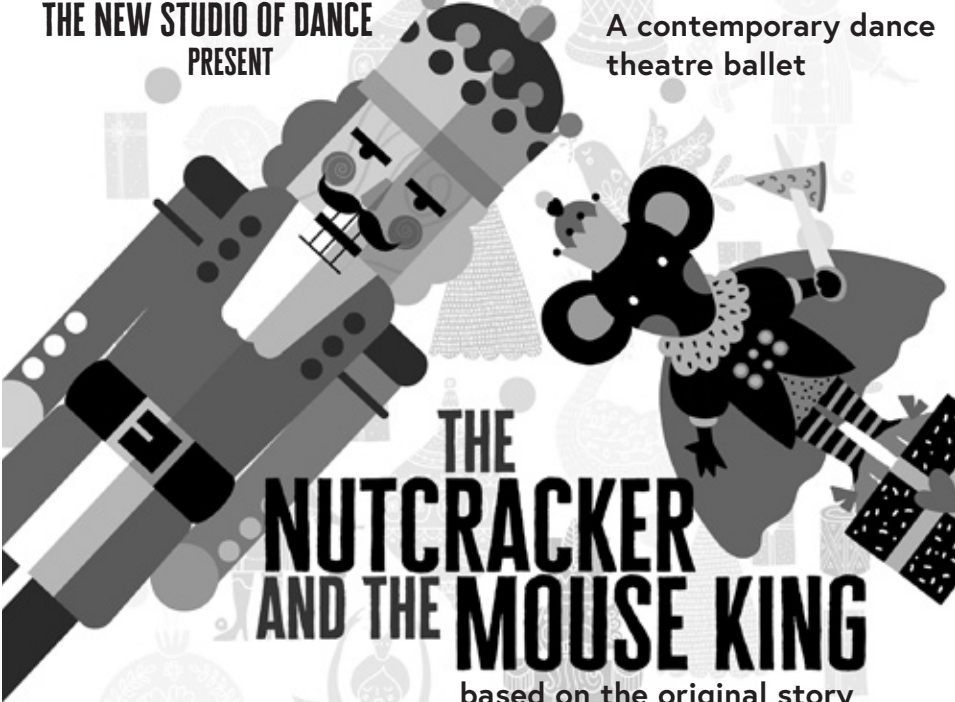




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A contemporary dance
theatre ballet

A stylized illustration in shades of gray and black. On the left, a nutcracker with a mustache and a pointed hat is shown in profile. On the right, a mouse king in a dark, ornate outfit is depicted. The background is filled with various Christmas-themed icons like a tree, gifts, and ornaments.

THE NUTCRACKER AND THE MOUSE KING

based on the original story
by E.T.A. Hoffmann

Friday
**DECEMBER
2ND**
at 7:30pm

Saturday
**DECEMBER
3RD**
at 2:00pm
& 7:30pm

Wortham Center for the Performing Arts
Asheville NC

**Asheville Contemporary Dance Theatre and New Studio of Dance
Proudly Present The 206th Year Anniversary of
“The Nutcracker and The Mouse King”**

Inspired by the E.T.A. Hoffman’s Story

Directed by Giles and Susan Collard

Cast of Main Characters

Drosselmeier: Giles Collard

Marie: Angela Gorman

Fritz: JoJo Cooper

Parent 1: Diana Cabrera

Parent 2: Melissa Wilhoit

Nutcracker & Drosselmeier’s Nephew: Sharon Cooper

Mother Mouse: Clara Monts/Violet Dewhirst

Mouse King: Kye Gaitonde

Sausage Queen: Jaime McDowell

Sausage King: Sky McDowell

Beautiful Cursed Princess: Annabelle Singleton/Maliya Weeks

Astrologer: Keith Shubert

Sailor: Sarah Comer

Mermaid: Ella Day/Ava Manderson

~Act I~

Scene I Christmas Eve: *A Snowy Street, Germany*

Drosselmeier

Snow: Asheville Contemporary Dance Theatre: Diana Cabrera, Sarah Comer, Sharon Cooper, Kye Gaitonde, Angela Gorman, Bella Lindsey, Maddy Peeples, Melissa Wilhoit

Hussar: Samantha McCloud/Noah Bialik

Children in Snow: Charlie Blackwood, Gladys Dray, Evelyn Morrison, Hazel Perkins, Maya Storck

Street Cleaners: Inga Drake, Sophia Monnar, Cricket Peeples, Evie Andalora Smith, Evie Tavener

Scene II Christmas Eve Party: *Marie and Fritz’s Home, Germany*

Marie, Fritz & Drosselmeier

Parent 1: Diana Cabrera

Parent 2: Melissa Wilhoit

Party Guests: Diana Cabrera, Sarah Comer, Sharon Cooper, Jojo Cooper, Ella Day, Kye Gaitonde, Angela Gorman, Bella Lindsey, Ava Manderson, Sky McDowell, Clara Monts, Violet Dewhirst, Maddy Peeples, Annabelle Singleton, Maliya Weeks

Party Kids: Inga Drake, Sophia Monnar, Cricket Peeples, Evie Andalora Smith, Evie Tavener, Noah Wilhoit Lugo

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Scene III The Battle: Marie's Room

Nutcracker & Mouse King

Clock Dance: Drosselmeier

Wind up Dolls: Inga Drake, Sophia Monnar, Cricket Peeples,
Evie Andalora Smith, Evie Tavener

Spanish Doll: Maddy Peeples

Elastic Dolls: Sarah Comer, JoJo Cooper, Ella Day, Violet Dewhirst, Bella Lindsey,
Ava Manderson, Clara Monts, Maliya Weeks

The Mouse King's Army: Evan Abbene, Tristan Castle, Sally Fender,
Tucker Rolett, Gauge Vaden

The Nutcracker Army: Noah Bialik, Jane Day, Inga Drake, Cricket Peeples,
Sophia Planicka, Juniper Winnecour

~The Story Within The Story ~

Scene IV The Story of the Hard Nut: *In a Kingdom far, far away ...*

Drosselmeier as The Storyteller

Marie, & Fritz

King & Queen of Sausages

Mice Children: Zola Brown, Maysen Kelso, Scout Kornegay, Nora Layfield, Vivian Rounsville,
Maia Smith, Ella Ray Sule

Mother Mouse

King's Guards: Arie Lee Birdsong, Maya Brown, Sydney Thompson

Scene V The Story of the Cursed Princess: *In a Kingdom far, far away ...*

Drosselmeier, Marie & Fritz

King & Queen

Cats: Sarah Comer, Jojo Cooper, Ella Day, Violet Dewhirst,
Bella Lindsey, Ava Manderson, Clara Monts, Maddy Peeples, Maliya Weeks

Mouse King

Scene VI The Story of the Curse of the Nutcracker: *In a Kingdom far, far away ...*

Drosselmeier, Marie & Fritz

Not-So-Pretty Princess

King & Queen

Astrologer

Drosselmeier's Nephew/Nutcracker

15 Minute Intermission

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~Act II~

Scene VII Mouse King Defeated: *Back in Marie's Room*

Dolls, Mouse King, Fritz, Marie, Nutcracker, Drosselmeier

Dark Dolls: Sarah Comer, Sophia Monnar, Evie Tavener

Sugar Masks: Jane Day, Inga Drake, Cricket Peeples, Evie Andalora Smith,
Juniper Winnecour

Scene IIX The Secret Lake of Syrup: *Nutcracker's Kingdom*

Nutcracker, Marie, Sailor

Sailor Crew: Inga Drake, Sabine Endries, Sophia Monnar, Cricket Peeples,
Evie Andalora Smith, Evie Tavener, Everleigh Yeiser

Water and waves: Maya Brown, Ruby Fender, Coralie Hearne, Emory Lindberg,
Libby Mason, Josie Mikulski, Emily Porter, Everleigh Yeiser

And the Mermaid

Scene IX Candy Palace with Marie and The Nutcracker: *Nutcracker's Kingdom*

Bon Bons: Cassady DeAntonio, Ella Hovrmale, Sylvie Ramsey, Noah Wilhoit Lugo,
Alice Woody

Candy Hoopers: Eris Babel, Rose Blackwood, Hannah Dunnuck, Sabine Endries, Ruby Fender,
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Pop Rocks: Sarah Comer, JoJo Cooper, Ella Day, Violet Dewhirst, Kye Gaitonde, Bella Lindsey,
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Guardians of the Peppermint Dragon: Willow Castle, Margeaux Le,
Noah Wilhoit Lugo

Dragon Feet and Legs: Noah Bialik, Samantha McCloud

Aerialists: Isabella Lindsey, Gillian Maurer

Scene X True Love: *Marie's Room*

Marie & Drosselmeier's Nephew/Nutcracker

Finale

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Dragon: Giles Collard

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Stage Combat Director: Giles Collard

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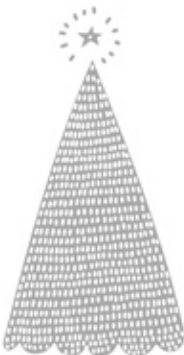
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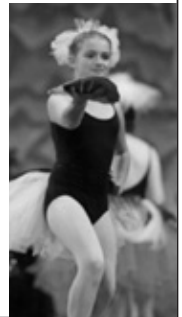


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