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THE Nutcracker

SATURDAY

December 10, 2022
2:00 PM & 6:00 PM

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December 11, 2022
2:00 PM

Artistic Director
Daniel Klinkhammer

Featuring
Matthew Sather as Dr. Drosselmeyer



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I'm sure we can all agree that the arts contribute both culturally and economically to a city's livability. I am pleased that the Rochester Dance Company is an active contributor to the "arts-life" of this community. I appreciate your support – evidenced by your presence at this wonderful event – of a thriving arts culture in our growing, vibrant community.

Now, sit back and enjoy one of the truly great holiday presentations: ***The Nutcracker***, brought to you by our very own Rochester Dance Company.



Mayor Kim Norton

Welcome!

In the two decades that have passed since I performed in my very first production of Rochester Dance Company's *The Nutcracker*, many things have changed. One thing that hasn't changed, however, is the rush I feel watching the combined artistry and athleticism of all dancers when they step out on any stage.

My first year in the Company, I played the role of Fritz, our lovely Clara's mischievous brother who breaks his sister's new toy and sets the action of our performance in motion. Little has changed in my adoration for the mayhem this character brings to the stage, and how effortlessly I felt the little piece of Fritz in me come back when I began restaging this performance in August.

Something that HAS changed in the nearly twenty years of RDC's existence, is my personal role in The Company. I am honored and humbled to call myself the Artistic Director of THIS Company, a place where countless hours of my youth were spent learning as much as I possibly could about Dance and about life in the world of Theatre and the Performing Arts.

We thank you for coming and supporting the Arts and Culture of Rochester, a vital facet of this community that is so important to the development and enrichment of the lives of children and adults alike.

Without further ado, I ask that you sit back, relax, and enjoy the magical holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*.

Mr. Daniel Klinkhammer
Artistic Director, 2022-2023 Season

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Rochester Dance Company (RDC) was founded by Ellen Huston and Wendy Bielen Jahraus. This pre-professional dance company provides a serious training program and one-of-a-kind performance opportunities for talented young dancers in the Rochester area.

Mission

The mission of Rochester Dance Company, an independent regional non-profit, is to train dedicated youth ballet dancers to deliver exceptional theatrical stage performances. RDC enriches the community and introduces ballet to diverse audiences, fostering a lifelong support of the arts.

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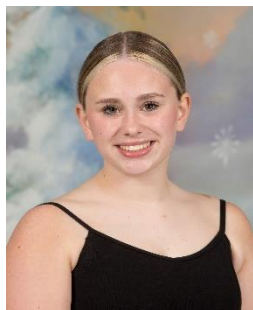
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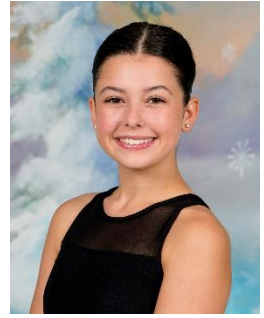
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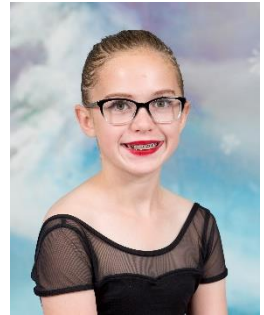
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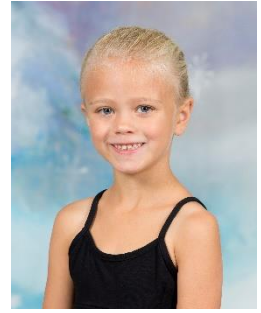
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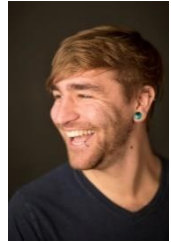


Willow Whalen
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Daniel Klinkhammer ~ Artistic Director and The Nutcracker Prince

Daniel Klinkhammer, a Rochester native and former Rochester Dance Company member, began his dance training at the age of 7 and has been dancing ever since. His movement training began with Gymnastics, Tae Kwon Do, and Diving before he started taking Jazz dance classes. Shortly after, he began taking Ballet, and eventually Ballroom, Hip-Hop, and Modern dance. During his time as an RDC Company Member, Daniel performed as Fritz in the Company's inaugural performance of The Nutcracker, and continued dancing with the Company in various roles and productions through high school.

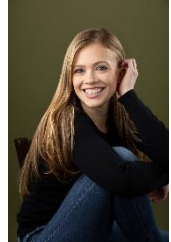


While attending the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, he studied under prominent local dance artists and performed works created by U of M Faculty members and nationally recognized guest choreographers alike. In the spring of 2016, he graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Dance.

Daniel currently teaches dance at Byron Dance Academy as well as The Dance Lab. He teaches Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Jazz, and Modern dance, as well as works with both studio's competition teams. Mr. Klinkhammer is excited to reprise his role as The Nutcracker and give back to one of the core dance organizations that helped mold him into the artist he is today as he continues with his role as the Artistic Director.

Morgan Olson ~ Ballet Mistress

Originally from the Rochester area, Morgan started taking dance classes at the age of two at Janet Lang Dance Studio (JLDS). Studying various styles of dance, including ballet, jazz, tap, modern, contemporary, and hip hop, the dance studio soon became her second home. Growing up, Morgan performed in several productions of The Nutcracker with Rochester Dance Company. Her favorite roles include Clara and the Dew Drop Fairy. She also danced competitively with the JLDS competition team.

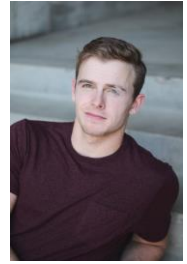


Morgan continued her dance education at Minnesota State University, Mankato where she graduated in 2019 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. During her time at MSU, she studied under multiple dance artists and performed in countless dance productions and musicals. Her most memorable moments include studying abroad in Paris, France, and performing at the ACDA National Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Professionally, Morgan has performed with Stark Dance in the Twin Cities and TheatreZone in Naples, Florida. She currently teaches at Dance Conservatory in Mankato and The Dance Lab in Rochester. Morgan is ecstatic about the opportunity to return to Rochester Dance Company, this time as Ballet Mistress, and to continue to educate local dancers.

Matthew Sather ~ Guest Artist - Drosselmeyer

Matthew Sather is a triplet from Spencer, Iowa with two amazing sisters. He graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato with a BFA in Musical Theatre. Some of his favorite college roles include Harold Hill in The Music Man, Phoebus in The Hunchback of Notre Dame and Younger Brother in Ragtime. Professionally, Matthew has been involved with regional theatres across the country. His favorite roles include Tulsa in Gypsy at TheatreZone, Ethan in The Full Monty at Maples Repertory Theatre, and Rooster in Annie at Crane River Theatre. Currently Matthew is based out of the Twin Cities where he is an active member of the Morris Park Singers and can be seen singing with Ryan and The Rugrats. Outside of theatre and music, Matthew is a financial advisor at DSB Rock Island where he is an active member of their investment committee and spearheads their 401(k) practice. He is excited to be back as Dr. Drosselmeyer with Rochester Dance Company and would like to thank Daniel, Morgan, and the team for another great opportunity. Additionally, he would like to thank his incredibly supportive family and friends.



Hanwen Wong ~ Guest Choreographer

Hanwen grew up dancing with CAAM Chinese Dance Theater in St. Paul where she trained in traditional Chinese folk dance, ballet, and acrobatics. In high school, Hanwen was a member of Mounds View Viewettes Varsity Dance Team and became captain her senior year. In 2018, Hanwen graduated from Villanova University, in Philadelphia, with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. While in college, she was the Co-President of the Villanova Dance Company. She performed and trained in jazz, ballet, hip-hop, lyrical, contemporary, and modern dance styles. While obtaining her Doctorate of Physical Therapy at Mayo Clinic, she taught at The Dance Lab and has continued to be a guest choreographer for the competition team. Currently, Hanwen is a physical therapist for M Health Fairview in Minneapolis, MN. She has a passion for performing arts rehabilitation and helping dancers achieve their goals. Hanwen would like to thank Daniel, Morgan, and the Rochester Dance Company for the opportunity to add the spirit of Chinese folk dance to the show.



Mikaela Sarran ~ Mother Ginger

Mikaela Sarran was born and raised in Rochester, MN. She started dancing when she was 3 years old at Janet Lang Dance Studio. She has a background in acting and modeling. She was a member of the Rochester Dance Company from 2003 - 2014 (with a few missed years in between). She has performed many roles in the Nutcracker, most notable being Mikaela Mouse! She went to Century high school where she was on the fall dance team for 4 years, along with being captain her senior year. After high school she attended the University of Minnesota - Duluth where she got a public health degree with a dance minor! She was a part of the UMD Dance Team for 4 years and was junior and senior captain! While attending college she was also teaching at a local dance studio in the area. After college, she came back home to Rochester where she got a job at Mayo Clinic as a Clinical Research Coordinator for the Department of Medicine and started working at the Dance Lab!



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Caelynn Petersilie

To watch you dance is to see your heart speak. Keep doing what you love and letting your passion shine. Congratulations on another amazing performance.

Mom, Dad, and Ethan



Rochester Dance Company
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Lilly Soltis

We are so excited to watch you dance Dew Drop this year! You've come a long way from your cat whiskers - Congratulations!

Mom, Dad, Caroline & Maia



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Piper Macken

Since the day you were born, we've loved watching you shine - you make us SO proud! It's always a blast seeing your hard work pay off!

Mom and Dad



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You put 100% into everything you do - it is so fun watching your hard work and determination pay off! Keep chasing your dreams.

Mom and Dad



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You continually amaze us! We are proud of your perseverance, diligence and sheer beauty each time you embark on this adventure we know as "The Nutcracker".

Mom, Dad, Natalia,
David, Zach and Ava



Rochester Dance Company
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Ava Elizabeth Gagnon

Ava, we are so proud of all your hard work, dedication and talent! You dance with such grace and we are mesmerized by your movements. Your strength and perseverance are simply amazing! You are an inspiration to everyone around you. It has been such a blessing to watch you become this beautiful and talented dancer! We hope that you know, you are deeply loved. We will always be here to love, support and cheer you on along your journey. Remember, success doesn't come from what you do occasionally, it comes from what you do consistently. Dance Ava dance.
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Grandma and Grandpa



Rochester Dance Company
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Rylie Keefe

Congratulations Rylie! We love watching you grow each year. You were born to be on a stage!

Love, Mom, Dad,
Jax and Easton



Rochester Dance Company
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Ellie Dickinson

Congratulations on another outstanding production of The Nutcracker! We love you and are so proud of you!

Mom, Dad, and Nelson



Rochester Dance Company
presents

Bailey Lent

Bailey, we are so proud of your hard work and dedication to dance. We enjoy watching you doing what you love! Have a great show!

Love, Mom, Dad, Owen and Mason



Rochester Dance Company
presents

Olivia Oliver

Congratulations on another amazing Nutcracker season; it has been such a great joy to watch you dance over the years. We are so proud of what a wonderful young woman you have become; we can't wait to see what your future holds. We love you so much!!

With lots of love Mom, Dad, Gabi, and Averi



Rochester Dance Company
presents

Greenlee Laughlin

We are so proud of how hard you have worked across the board. We love watching you dance and seeing how happy you are doing it! Congratulations, Greenlee. We love you!

Mom, Dad, and Jack



Rochester Dance Company
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Ellis and Emery Cox

Best of luck in the show!
We love watching you both perform.

Mom, Dad, and Poppy



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Emma Crockett

It is a pleasure to see your joy when you are dancing.

Love, Gram and Poppo.





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SYNOPSIS

Act I

It's a cozy Christmas Eve at the Silberhaus' home; their children, Fritz and Clara, wait anxiously for their family and friends to arrive. When the guests finally appear, the party picks up with dancing and celebration. A mysterious guest arrives dressed in dark clothing, nearly frightening Fritz but not Clara. Clara knows he is Godfather Drosselmeyer, the toymaker. Drosselmeyer reveals to the children that he has brought them gifts. The children are given various gifts, and Fritz is given a Rat puppet, but Clara is given the best gift of all, the Nutcracker. Fritz grows jealous, snatches the Nutcracker from Clara, and it isn't long until the Nutcracker breaks. Clara is upset, but Drosselmeyer fixes it with a handkerchief.

The party grows late, and everyone generously thanks the Silberhauses before they leave. As Clara's family retires to bed, she checks on her Nutcracker one last time and ends up falling asleep under the Christmas tree with the Nutcracker in her arms.

At the stroke of midnight, Clara wakes up to a frightening scene. Out of nowhere, mice appear and begin to circle the room while the toys and Christmas tree come to life. Drosselmeyer appears and brings the Rat puppet and Nutcracker to life. They join the mice and toy soldiers in a fierce battle. Clara desperately throws her shoe at the Rat Queen to help her beloved Nutcracker win the battle. The Nutcracker is crowned Prince, and they meet the Snow Queen, who invites them into her Forest of Snowflakes. The snowflakes dance magnificently in the beautiful forest. Soon the Snow Queen says goodbye as Clara and the Prince continue their magical journey.

Act II

After their magical journey through the snow forest, they come to their destination in the Land of Sweets. Upon their arrival, they are greeted by the Sugar Plum Fairy. She introduces them to all the characters that inhabit the Land of Sweets. Clara and the Prince are presented with gifts and are offered a throne. From the throne, Clara watches the many dances of the Land of Sweets. The Sugar Plum Fairy is the last to dance. Suddenly things start changing, and Drosselmeyer appears again. The Sugar Plum Fairy bids goodbye, and Clara is transported back to the living room. When she awakes, things are exactly as they were when she fell asleep. Or are they?



The Nutcracker

Cast Listed in Order of Appearance

Act I

Party Scene: Christmas Eve at the home of the Silberhaus family

Clara Silberhaus	<i>Hadlee Lanning, US: Ellis Cox</i>
Mrs. Silberhaus	<i>Dawn Lenz</i>
Whiskers the Cat	<i>Nicholas Johnson</i>
Rudolf the Dog	<i>Finley Macken</i>
Maids	<i>Sarah Gardner, Ytzel Reynoso</i>
Mr. Silberhaus	<i>Dave Lenz</i>
Fritz Silberhaus	<i>Collin Repede, US: Yannik Tiedje Oglesbee</i>
Party Guests	<i>Lisa Epp, Steve Epp, Mike Hemmingson, Amy Hugo, Patrick Oliver, Hana Pletichova</i>
Friends of Clara	<i>Emery Cox, Emmy Diehn, Katie Rendernick, Kennedy Rollie, Julia Seelhammer</i>
Friends of Fritz	<i>Chloe Carter, Ansley Epp, Ava Gagnon, Esme Gargollo, Piper Macken, Yannik Tiedje Oglesbee</i>
Dr. Drosselmeyer	<i>Matthew Sather</i>
Toy Soldiers	<i>Braelynn Abts, Ellie Dickinson, Elliana Johnson, Kelsey Kurth, Liliam Lewis, Isla MacKay, Eleanor Messina, Sylvia Moore, Nella Pletichova, Katharine Repede, Olivia Sapon, Kiko Sato, Madilyn Snyder, Willow Whalen</i>
Ballerina Doll	<i>McKayla Fogarty, US: Rylie Keefe</i>
Harlequin Doll	<i>Macy Reckward, US: Greenlee Laughlin</i>
Mechanical Soldier	<i>Marren Hemmingson, US: Makenna Matzek</i>

Transformation & Battle Scenes:

Midnight, Christmas Eve, in the Silberhaus Living Room

Nutcracker Prince

Daniel Klinkhammer

Toys/Candy

*Eva Buss – Candy Cane; Emma Crockett –
Teddy Bear; Elanor Groves – Lollipop; Caelynn
Petersilie – Sugar Plum; Olivia Stenzel – Elf
US: Javonna Wells-Pittman*

Reprise of Ballerina Doll,
Harlequin Doll, Mechanical
Soldier & 2 Toy Soldiers

*McKayla Fogarty, Macy Reckward, Marren
Hemmingson, Ellie Dickinson, Elliana Johnson*

Mouse Queen

Bailey Lent, US: Macy Reckward

Mice

*Lena Benn, Kymber Bestor, Ashley Kurth, Lyra
Lande, Violet Macken, Addison Messner, Clara
Moore, Alexis Rau, Lily Scott, Chloe Stahosky,
Lauren Taraba, Emma Theuer, Anastasia Topel,
Brooklyn Ufkin, Mia Verdoorn*

Snow Scene

Land of the Shimmering Snowflakes

Snow Queen

Olivia Oliver, US: Lilly Soltis

Snow Maidens

*Annie Borgmeier, Abbi Jacobson, Madeline
Johnston, Lilly Soltis*

Snow Flakes

*Ellis Cox, Avery Epp, Addison Huschka,
Rylie Keefe, Greenlee Laughlin, Makenna
Matzek, Ellen O'Hara, Graceanne
Rendernick, Sarah Rendernick, Sophia
Tiedje Oglesbee, Emery Vick, Javonna
Wells-Pittman US: Eva Buss, Emma
Crockett, Sarah Gardner, Elanor Groves,
Marren Hemmingson, Caelynn Petersilie,
Ytzel Reynoso, Olivia Stenzel*

Act II

Land of the Sweets

Enchanted Kingdom of the Sugar Plum Fairy

Angels	<i>Jillian Denzer, Maisie Gargollo, Isabella Hager, Catherine Hugo, Kiera Montgomery, Kayla Rocholl, Ava Stelpflug, Ava Tobin</i>
Sugar Plum Fairy Attendants with the Sugar Plum Fairy	<i>Violet Macken, Addison Messner, Clara Moore, Lauren Taraba, Anastasia Topel, Mia Verdoorn with Ellen O'Hara</i>
Salutations	<i>Madeline Johnston (Spanish); Graceanne Rendernick (Arabian); Annie Borgmeier (Marzipan); Katie Rendernick and Yannik Tiedje Oglesbee (Chinese); McKayla Fogarty (Russian); Lilly Soltis (Dew Drop Fairy); Avery Epp and Rylie Keefe (Demi-Flowers)</i>
Chocolate/Spanish	<i>Madeline Johnston (Lead), Eva Buss, Greenlee Laughlin, Bailey Lent, Olivia Oliver, Macy Reckward, Emery Vick, Javonna Wells-Pittman US: Sarah Rendernick, Sophia Tiedje Oglesbee</i>
Coffee/Arabian	<i>Graceanne Rendernick US: Avery Epp</i>
Marzipan	<i>Annie Borgmeier (Lead), Sarah Gardner, Addison Huschka, Makenna Matzek, Ytzel Reynoso US: Abbi Jacobson, Bailey Lent, Emery Vick</i>
Tea/Chinese	<i>Chloe Carter, Emery Cox, Emmy Diehn, Ansley Epp, Ava Gagnon, Esme Gargollo, Piper Macken, Katie Rendernick, Collin Repede, Kennedy Rollie, Julia Seelhammer, Yannik Tiedje Oglesbee</i>
Russian	<i>Annie Borgmeier, McKayla Fogarty, Madeline Johnston, Bailey Lent, Ellen O'Hara, Olivia Oliver, Macy Reckward, Graceanne Rendernick, Lilly Soltis</i>

Polichinelles

Braelynn Abts, Ellie Dickinson, Elliana Johnson, Kelsey Kurth, Liliam Lewis, Isla MacKay, Eleanor Messina, Sylvia Moore, Nella Pletichova, Katharine Repede, Olivia Sapon, Kiko Sato, Madilyn Snyder, Willow Whalen

Mother Ginger

Mikaela Sarran

Dew Drop Fairy

Lilly Soltis US: McKayla Fogarty

Demi Flowers

Avery Epp, Rylie Keefe

Flowers

Emma Crockett, Ellis Cox, Elanor Groves, Marren Hemmingson, Abbi Jacobson, McKayla Fogarty, Caelynn Petersilie, Sarah Rendernick, Olivia Stenzel, Sophia Tiedje Oglesbee US: Annie Borgmeier, Addison Huschka, Madeline Johnston

Dew Droplets

Lena Benn, Kymber Bestor, Ashley Kurth, Lyra Lande, Alexis Rau, Lily Scott, Chloe Stahosky, Emma Theuer, Brooklyn Ufkin

Sugar Plum Fairy

Ellen O'Hara

Waltz Finale

All dancers from Act II (except angels)

Apotheosis

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Matthew Sather*

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You make the cutest little puppy!
Watching you experience new and exciting things, especially when it requires courage, is one of our favorite things - we are so proud of you!

Mom and Dad



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Javonna Wells-Pittman

Congrats on your first RDC
Nutmacker production! We are so proud of all of the hard work and dedication you have put into this! We love you!!!

Mom & Dad & Ji'Robert



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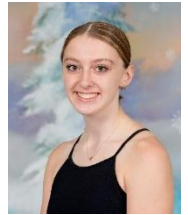
Annie Borgmeier ~ Snow Maiden, Lead Marzipan, Russian

Annie started dance at Janet Lang Dance Studio and currently dances at The Dance Lab and has been for five years. She mainly trains in ballet, contemporary, tap, and jazz, and dances competitively. This is Annie's second year in RDC's *The Nutcracker* and she is very excited to perform as lead Marzipan, Russian, and Snow Maiden. Her previous role was Clara in last year's performance. She attends Century High School as an eleventh grader and enjoys spending time with her friends and family. Annie would like to thank her family for their endless support and encouragement. And give special thanks to Daniel and Morgan for all of the hard work they put in to make the show so special.



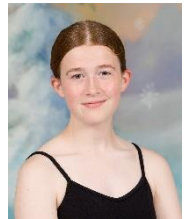
Madeline Johnston ~ Snow Maiden, Lead Spanish, Russian

Madeline Johnston is thrilled to be participating in RDC's *The Nutcracker* for the first time this year! She will be performing the roles of Lead Spanish, Snow Maiden, Snowflake, and Russian. She has been dancing since age two, and currently dances at The Dance Lab. Outside of dance, Madeline is a junior at Pine Island High School, where she participates in several clubs and extracurricular activities. She would like to thank all of her family and friends, and all of her teachers at The Dance Lab. Their love and support means the world! She would also like to especially thank Daniel and Morgan, who give her the amazing opportunity to spread the Christmas spirit!



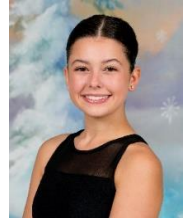
McKayla Fogarty ~ Ballerina Doll, Flowers, Russian

McKayla Fogarty is overjoyed to be performing in her eighth year of Rochester Dance Company's production of *The Nutcracker*. She will appear in the roles of Ballerina Doll, Flower, and Russian. Some of her previous roles are Toy Soldier, Polichinelle, Party Girl, Party Boy, Snow Flurry, Chinese, Marzipan, Flower, Demi-Flower, and Dew Drop Fairy. Some of McKayla's other productions in RDC are *Cirque de Ballet*, *Neverland*, *Coppelia*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and *Hansel and Gretel*. McKayla has been dancing since age three and is currently training at Byron Dance Academy. Outside of RDC, McKayla is a junior at Mayo High School and is a part of the Mayo Marching Band, Mayo Cross-Country, and Mayo Track and Field. McKayla would like to thank Ted Southern, Barry Leon, Daniel Klinkhammer, and Morgan Olson for helping her grow and become a better dancer. McKayla would also like to thank her friends and family for always supporting her in her dancing career.



Bailey Lent ~ Mouse Queen, Spanish, Russian

Bailey Lent is excited to perform in this year's *Nutcracker* dancing as the Mouse Queen, Spanish, and Russian. Bailey's training started at the age of 3 at Janet Lang Dance Studio and at age 11 continued to The Dance Lab where she currently dances. In addition to being a part of Rochester Dance Company Bailey is also a member of The Dance Lab Performance Team and has been competing for 8 years. She also enjoys training in numerous styles of dance such as ballet, jazz, contemporary, and tap. Bailey is currently a junior at John Marshall high school. She wants to thank her parents and family for their loving support. She would also like to thank her dance teachers Lelia Friel, Joanie Lande, Daniel Klinkhammer, and Morgan Olson for their excellent training.



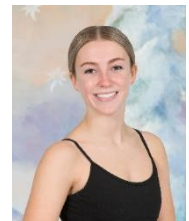
Ellen O'Hara ~ Sugar Plum Fairy, Snow Flake, Russian

Ellen O'Hara is thrilled to be performing in her fifth year of Rochester Dance Company's production of *The Nutcracker*. She will appear in the roles of Snow Flake, Russian, and Sugar Plum Fairy. In the past, she has been a Toy Soldier, Party Girl, Party Boy, Toy, Lollipop, Snow Flurry, Snow Flake, Spanish, Chinese, Flower, Arabian, and Snow Queen. Ellen O'Hara has been dancing since age four and is currently training at The Dance Lab. Outside of dance, Ellen is a senior at Mayo High School and is a part of the Fall Dance Team, Mayo Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society. Ellen would like to thank Morgan Olson, Daniel Klinkhammer, Lelia Friel, Joanie Mix Lande, and all other teachers and mentors who have shaped her into the dancer she is today. She would also like to thank her friends and family for supporting her and encouraging her in her dancing career.



Olivia Oliver ~ Snow Queen, Spanish, Russian

Olivia Oliver is extremely excited to be performing the roles of Snow Queen, Spanish, and Russian in her 11th *Nutcracker* season. Some of Olivia's previous roles in *The Nutcracker* include Angel, Mouse, Polichinelle, Soldier, Toy, Chinese, Party Girl, Snow Maiden, Maid, Flower, Mirliton, Ballerina Doll and Clara. Along with *The Nutcracker*, some of Olivia's favorite RDC productions she has been involved in include *Cinderella*, *Cirque de ballet*, *Timeless Classics*, *Neverland*, *Coppelia*, and *Sleeping Beauty*. Ms. Oliver has been dancing since age two and is currently training at Byron Dance Academy. Olivia would like to thank Ted Sothern, Barry Leon, Wendy Jahraus, Daniel Klinkhammer, Morgan Olson, Erica Bryant, and Michaela Kolbeck, for inspiring her love of dance and always pushing her beyond her limits. Outside of dance, Olivia is a senior at Century High school, a member and captain of the Century Fall Dance Team, the Student Body Treasurer for Century Student Government, and takes part in various other organizations. Olivia would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her throughout her dancing career and beyond.



Macy Reckward ~ Harlequin Doll, Spanish, Russian

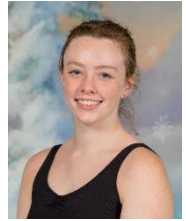
After watching *The Nutcracker* year after year, Macy Reckward is soaring on stage in her second year with Rochester Dance Company as the Harlequin Doll as well as Spanish and Russian ensemble! Reckward is on her 15th year of dance, currently training at The Dance Lab with a skill of all styles. Outside of the studio, Reckward is a junior at John Marshall High School, does further strength training at Progression Fitness, and is a dance ambassador for Jenny Rae Images. She would like to recognize

Daniel and Morgan for being both great directors and even better people, as well as her other instructors that work with her every day. Finally, Macy wants to thank her loved ones, friends, and family for standing with her when it was much needed.



Graceanne Rendernick ~ Snow Flake, Arabian, Russian

This is Graceanne's second year performing in Rochester Dance Company's *The Nutcracker*. She is thrilled to take the stage in the roles of Arabian, Snow Flake, and Russian. She currently trains at The Dance Lab in a variety of styles including ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary, acro, and hip hop. She would love to give a special thanks to her RDC instructors Morgan and Daniel for all of the things they've taught her this year. This is Graceanne's senior year at Lourdes High School. Outside of dance, she loves to draw and paint.



Lilly Soltis ~ Dew Drop Fairy, Snow Maiden, Russian

Lilly Soltis is thrilled to dance the roles of Dew Drop Fairy, Russian male, and Snow Maiden in RDC's 2022 production of *The Nutcracker*. Lilly has previously performed the roles of Whiskers the Cat, Angel, Party Girl, Lollipop, Snow Flake, Spanish, Marzipan, Flower, and Demi-flower. She began her training at 3 years old at Janet Lang Dance Studio and now dances at Ballet Blake and The Dance Lab. She has spent summers training with Oregon Ballet Theatre and American Midwest Ballet, and she is currently a junior at John Marshall High School. Lilly would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her all these years, and especially all of her dance teachers including Morgan Olson, Daniel Klinkhammer, Joanie Mix Lande, Sandra Thompson, Lelia Friel, and Daniel and Julie Blake for believing in her and getting her to where she is today.



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- ❖ RDC dancer parents and family members for volunteering behind the scenes during tech week and to make the production run smoothly.
- ❖ Patrons and supporters of RDC, without you this would not be possible.

We sincerely apologize to anyone we may have inadvertently missed.

Rochester Dance Company
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Addison Messner

Addison, congratulations on your 2nd year in *The Nutcracker*! Always follow your dreams! We love you!

Dad and Mom



Rochester Dance Company
presents

Clara Moore

Clara, Congratulations on your first *Nutcracker* performance! We love watching you dance and we are so proud of you!

Mom, Dad and Eleanor



2022 RDC Nutcracker Crew

This year's production of the RDC Nutcracker would not be possible without the continued support of dancer parents and other volunteers to plan the production and help our dancers during the performances backstage.

In particular, we extend a gracious and heartfelt thanks to the following RDC staff and volunteers:

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Thank you!



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- All the Party Parents for their time, energy, and assistance backstage
- The pre-professional dancers for all their help, support, and creative ideas

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Caelynn Petersilie

You are a beautiful dancer. We are proud of your commitment to having a great production. You dance with your heart.

Grandma and Grandpa P



Rochester Dance Company
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Eva Buss

Congratulations Eva!
We are proud of you.

Dad & Mom, Frannie,
Richard & Leo



Rochester Dance Company
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Caelynn Petersilie

We are so proud of you.
We love your "plays."

Love, Papa and Nana



Rochester Dance Company
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Sylvia Moore

Congratulations Sylvia on your first Nutcracker performance!
We are so proud of all your hard work and dedication! We love you so much!!

Dad and Mom



Rochester Dance Company
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McKayla Fogarty

From your very first steps - on tiptoe - who could've predicted you'd perform Ballerina doll?! Our hearts are glowing with every graceful and strong step.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Alicia



Rochester Dance Company
presents

Macy Reckward

Congratulations on another great year of hard work and a great performance! You always work so hard and we are so proud.

Love, Mom & Dad



Rochester Dance Company
presents

Elliana Johnson

Congratulations on marching into your 5th Nutcracker season! We love to watch you share your love of dance. Keep soldiering on!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Nick



Rochester Dance Company
presents

McKayla Fogarty

Congratulations to you and your cast mates. We are very proud of our family dancer and The Nutcracker is always a Christmas season treat!

Papa, Nana & Jim



Rochester Dance Company
presents

Nicholas Johnson

We are so excited to watch you in your furrst Nutcracker season! Your love of cats makes you pawsitively purrfect for this role. We love you meowly much!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Elliana



Rochester Dance Company
presents

Nella Pletichova

Dear Nella, congratulations on your very first Nutcracker performance. We are so happy to watch you enjoying ballet on stage!'

Love you, Mom and Dad



Rochester Dance Company
presents

Mia Verdoorn

We love you so much.
We are proud of you!

Mom, Dad and Jack



Rochester Dance Company
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Ellen O'Hara

We love you and we are so proud of you, Ellen! We love watching you dance. Congratulations on your performance in your final year of the RDC Nutcracker!

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Love, Mom and Dad



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Chloe Carter

Beans, we are so proud of your dancing accomplishments! We love watching you twirl around on stage. Keep on dancing. Love you so much!

Mom and Dad



Rochester Dance Company
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Emma Crockett

We are so proud of your hard work and love watching you dance. Keep up the great work! Love you!

Mom, Dad, Cate & Nick



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Graceanne, Sarah & Katie Rendernick

So proud of all of you! You all work so hard and it's so fun to see you all perform! Graceanne, this is your last year and we are so proud of you and can't wait to see you perform this year. Sarah and Katie this is your first year and we can't wait to see you! Congratulations!

Mom and Dad



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Lily Scott

We are so proud of you! We can't wait to watch you dance!

Mom, Dad, Aiden,
Reid, and Anya



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Helena Benn

Lena, we are so proud of you. We love you so much.

Love, Mom Dad and Oma



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presents

KyMBER Bestor

We are so proud of you for shining like the star you are! You will always be our favorite tiny dancer! We love you!

Mommy, Daddy, and Tyne



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