

Thank you to Chalet Sports for selling tickets again this year!

Thank you to The Dance Alliance for selling roses and Nutshell trinkets! All the money raised will go to local dancers for scholarships, like Ms. Jennifer Bummer at the Bolshoi in Moscow.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of everyone who helped with The Nutshell. The giving spirit of The Dance Center families truly is the meaning of the holidays. We could not produce this show without our volunteers.

Thank you to the backstage crew: Karen Funke, Susan Stengel, Alex and Susan, Nick and Mary Beth, and John Y.

Most importantly, we applaud the dancers! Their enthusiasm and determination are an inspiration to us. Their joy of dancing really shines!

We would like to recognize the "FIVE YEAR VETERANS" of Nutshell: Chloe Boone, Mary Rose Hicko, Megan Hubbard, Emma Rose Mills, Maya Moody, Ian Novak, Haley Roe, Liza Roe, and Katherine Seessel. THANK YOU for dancing with us for five years!!!

We look forward to producing the show for you again next December.

THANK YOU!!! Anna Hall and Deborah Yarrington

Ps. Save the date: January 9, Saturday @ 5:30pm at The Dance Center: We will be having the pizza/pot luck Nutshell DVD party!!! Image Factory is filming the show and we will have it available for purchase (\$20).

Nutcracker in a Nutshell

Scene One: Clara Falls Asleep...The Battle

The Nutcracker Ballet begins with Clara sneaking downstairs after a family holiday party to dance with her new beloved gift, a beautiful Nutcracker doll. She falls asleep and begins to dream. Clara's charming dolls come to life. Then, Clara begins to go upstairs, but her dream takes a turn. Mice and Rats come out and threaten her. Her Nutcracker doll magically turns into a real prince. He calls for Soldiers to take care of the mice. However, the Rat Queen enters, and a real battle begins. The Nutcracker finishes off the Rat Queen, but he receives a terrible battle wound.

Clara	Haley Roe
Nutcracker	Jack Schwem
Little Dolls	Marina Black, Brooke Bothner, Liesl Gerlach, Molly Madden, Ella Roe, Clara Skovbjerg
Dolls	Dale Des Enfants, Isaac Mills, Liza Roe
Mice	Renee Johnson, Kaitlyn Landers, Mimi Lawrence, Claire Mills, Annika Mittelsteadt, Sami Murphy, Ciara Thane, Eloise Trafton, Lucy Wunsch
Rat Queen	Rebekah McKeehan
Rats	Megan Hubbard, Gracie Kittell, Devin Mahoney, Ruby Schipf
Soldiers	Graham Branch, Ansel Mills, Isaac Mills, Ian Novak, Quincey Skovbjerg

Scene Two: Angels Heal The Nutcracker

As Clara is crying over her fallen prince, she finds angels surround them. The angels heal the Nutcracker Prince, and the Sugar Plum Fairy appears to welcome them to her land, and the local residents give Clara gifts.

Angels	Jesse Lee Brown, Willa Devlin, Jocelyn Funderbunk, Sienna Geddes, Gillian Madden, Lilia Mann, Olivia Miller, Maria Riek, Hazel Steinhauer, Adelle Welch, Helen Williams
Sugar Plum	Lottie Ortman

Scene Three: The Land of the Sweets

The colorful characters from The Land of the Sweets dance for Clara and The Nutcracker Prince.

Spanish	Maddie Funke With Annika Champe, Emma Rose Mills, Meryl Pawlick,, Liza Roe
Chinese	Mary Rose Hicko With Chloe Boone, Althea Davey, Katherine Seessel, Scout Trom
Mirliton	Moria Glaus, Maya Moody, Dale Des Enfants

Arabian	Nancy Rich With Emma Decker, Madeline Kelly, Sarah Rich, Lauren Seessel
Russian	Olivia Castle, Megan Hubbard, Gracie Kittell, Devin Mahoney, Ruby Schipf
Italian	Ella De France, Alexandra Flory, Lucia Hemingway, Sydney Rogers, Laken Trebesch, Terra Trom And the Baker Boys: Graham Branch, Ansel Mills, Ian Novak, Quincey Skovbjerg
Gingerbread Mom	Drew Seessel
Children	Madison Anderson, Gillian Madden, June Mann, Ryan Mahoney, Annalise Pessl, Siena Popiel, Norah Shaw, Ash Lee Schumacher, Lauren Seessel, Kai Smith

Scene Four: The Waltz of the Flowers

The Lilac and the Flowers dance a lovely ballet for Clara. Then, the Sugar Plum dances a lively variation.

Lilac	Karen Stengel
Soloists	Moria Glaus, Mary Rose Hicko, Maya Moody, Meryl Pawlick
Garlands	Chloe Boone, Annika Champe, Kate Lawrence, Erin McKinney, Anna Riek, Maegan Wacker
Sugar Plum	Lottie Ortman

Scene Five: The Land of the Snow... The Finale

The Nutcracker leads Clara to The Land of the Snow. The Snow Dancers create a winter wonderland. Afterwards, Clara's fantasy comes fully alive with everyone dancing together. However, her sweet dream and new friends begin to fade away...

Snow Queen	Miriell Waldman
Soloists	Annie Augustine, Olivia Castle, Kati Furniss, Emma Rose Mills
Snowflakes	Althea Davey, Sophia Edelman, Alison Erickson, Rochelle Hold, Megan Mahoney, Katherine Seessel, Lizzie Totten, Scout Trom

