



# The Nutcracker



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# The Nutcracker

A Ballet in Two Acts

Choreography and Production

**Iain MacDonald**

Assisted by **Lauren Slade**

Additional Choreography

**Nicole Ferreira-Dill, Bruno Miranda,**

**Thabang Mabaso**

Artistic Management

**Iain MacDonald, Lauren Slade,**

**Thabang Mabaso**

Principal Coach **Shannon Glover**

Music **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**

Scenery **Wilhelm Disbergen**

Lighting **Simon King**

Costumes **Yolanda Roos and**

**Joburg Ballet**

The Mandela at Joburg Theatre

8, 15, 16 October at 18:30

9, 10, 16, 17 October at 15:00

All performances to

recorded music

Cover: Armando Barros as the Nutcracker

This page: Chloé Blair as Clara

Production photographs by Lauge Sorensen



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### From Esther Nasser | CEO

Joburg Ballet's *Nutcracker* is back with many changes and wonderful opportunities for choreographers in the company to inject new and exciting ideas into some well known extracts. If 2020 was a challenging year, 2021 has proved to be even more so. Dealing with changes and challenges in the company has been demanding on many levels for all concerned but I believe Joburg Ballet has the ability to align and identify with a vision that speaks to Joburg and the country at large as we move into the future. There are many exciting projects in the pipeline for 2022 and beyond and Joburg Ballet will continue to roll with the Covid-19 punches for as long as the pandemic continues to shape our world and our way of life.



### From Iain MacDonald | Artistic Director

Bringing *The Nutcracker*, our first full-length ballet to the stage since the start of the pandemic, is a huge achievement for Joburg Ballet. This wonderful, feel-good ballet with the soaring Tchaikovsky score conjures up all the emotions of family, fun, laughter and excitement – emotions I feel we have been deprived of for some time. I am delighted to be drawing on the choreographic talents of company members Nicole Ferriera-Dill and Bruno Miranda who have been invited to choreograph sections of the production. I would like to thank ballet mistress Lauren Slade and Thabang Mabaso of the artistic team as well as mom-to-be Shannon Glover for their expertise. Inviting dance studios to participate in the ballet with us is always a privilege and sharing the passion and joy will hopefully inspire these future dancers. Without the continued support of our sponsors and audiences we wouldn't be able to continue doing what we do best – perform. Please enjoy the performance and we look forward to seeing you at the ballet again soon.

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# The Story

## Act 1: The Stahlbaum Home

It is Christmas Eve and Mr. and Mrs. Stahlbaum are hosting their Christmas Party. The Stahlbaum's daughter, Clara, awaits the arrival of her godfather, Dr. Drosselmeyer and his son Karl with whom Clara is in love. There is much anticipation among the children as they spy the gifts under the Christmas Tree. The dancing is interrupted by the arrival of Dr. Drosselmeyer and his son. The appearance of Dr. Drosselmeyer creates great excitement because he is known for his magical tricks and all wonder what new magic he has brought with him this year. After the children have received their Christmas gifts, only Clara has yet to receive her present. She believes for a moment that Dr. Drosselmeyer has forgotten her but suddenly he presents her with the best gift of all – an antique nutcracker doll. Clara is thrilled with her unusual and mysterious present. The party comes to an end and the guests depart.

In the stillness that follows the festivities, Clara returns to the drawing room to look for her nutcracker doll. She finds it and falls asleep under the Christmas Tree. The clock strikes midnight and mice appear, followed by giant rats led by the fearsome Rat King. The Rat King and the nutcracker doll battle fiercely until Clara rushes to the aid of the nutcracker doll. Vanquished, the rats disappear. Dr. Drosselmeyer takes Clara by the hand and leads her off on a magical journey through the Land of Snow.

## INTERVAL

## Act 2: Kingdom of the Sweets

Clara and Dr. Drosselmeyer arrive in the Kingdom of the Sweets where they are met by a dazzling array of fascinating characters who perform for them dances from many exotic lands. To crown it all, the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy performs a majestic pas de deux together with the nutcracker doll who has been transformed into a handsome cavalier.

Sarah Miller, Chloé Blair, Cristina Nakos, Gabriel Fernandes





## The Cast

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Clara   | Chloé Blair / Alice le Roux / Darragh Hourrides  |
| Dr. Drosselmeyer, Clara's Godfather               | Gabriel Fernandes / Armando Barros / Revil Yon   |
| Karl, Dr. Drosselmeyer's son                      | Ruan Galdino / Revil Yon / Gabriel Fernandes / Armando Barros  |
| Mr. Stahlbaum, Clara's father                     | Revil Yon / Craig Pedro / Ivan Domiciano   |
| Mrs. Stahlbaum, Clara's mother                    | Nicole Ferreira-Dill / Monike Cristina / Cristina Nakos  |
| Maid  | Anke van Rooyen / Josie Ridgway / Nina Simpson   |
| Butler  | Lerato Letlape / Thabani Ntuli   |
| Grandfather                                       | Mbongeni Moyake / Donavin Cicatello  |
| Columbine   | Shana Dewey / Chloé Blair / Alice le Roux / Darragh Hourrides /<br>Nina Simpson  |
| Harlequin   | Bruno Miranda / Mario Gaglione / Tumelo Lekana / Ivan Domiciano /<br>Mbongeni Moyake / Donavin Cicatello   |
| The Rat King                                      | Ivan Domiciano / Bruno Miranda / Tumelo Lekana / Craig Pedro   |
| The Nutcracker                                    | Armando Barros / Revil Yon / Ruan Galdino / Gabriel Fernandes  |
| The Snow Cavalier                                 | Ruan Galdino / Revil Yon / Gabriel Fernandes / Armando Barros  |
| The Spanish Dance                                 | Shana Dewey / Savannah Ireland / Cristina Nakos<br>Revil Yon / Bruno Miranda / Ruan Galdino / Armando Barros /<br>Ivan Domiciano   |
| The Chinese Dance                                 | Josie Ridgway / Latoya Mokoena<br>Tahlula Elliot / Alice le Roux / Chloé Blair / Anke van Rooyen<br>Nina Simpson / Anke van Rooyen / Latoya Mokoena  |
| The Arabian Dance                                 | Monike Cristina / Cristina Nakos / Darragh Hourrides<br>Bruno Miranda / Gabriel Fernandes / Ruan Galdino / Craig Pedro   |
| Mirletons   | Savannah Ireland / Shana Dewey / Nicole Ferreira-Dill / Monike Cristina /<br>Darragh Hourrides<br>Cristina Nakos / Nina Simpson / Alice le Roux / Josie Ridgway /<br>Chloé Blair<br>Darragh Hourrides / Alice le Roux / Savannah Ireland / Nina Simpson /<br>Chloé Blair / Anke van Rooyen |
| The Russian Dance                                 | Tumelo Lekana / Bruno Miranda / Mbongeni Moyake / Thabani Ntuli<br>Ivan Domiciano / Ruan Galdino / Bruno Miranda / Mario Gaglione /<br>Tumelo Lekana<br>Mario Gaglione / Craig Pedro / Donavin Cicatello / Thabani Ntuli   |
| The Sugar Plum Fairy                              | Nicole Ferreira-Dill / Shana Dewey / Monike Cristina   |
| Her Cavalier                                      | Armando Barros / Revil Yon / Ruan Galdino / Gabriel Fernandes  |
| Party guests, children, mice,<br>rats, snowflakes | Artists of Joburg Ballet   |



Chloé Blair





Gabriel Fernandes and Alice le Roux



Armando Barros





Gabriel Fernandes



Sarah Miller, Chloé Blair, Cristina Nakos





Nicole Ferreira-Dill





Mario Gaglione, Revil Yon, Tumelo Lekana



Gabriel Fernandes and Monike Cristina





Monike Cristina

## PRINCIPALS



Nicole Ferreira-Dill



Shannon Glover



Monike Cristina



Shana Dewey



Ruan Galdino



Revil Yon

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Ivan Domiciano



Mario Gaglione



Craig Pedro

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Mbongeni Moyake



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Bruno Miranda



Thabani Ntuli  
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