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Prologue: Christmas Eve at the von Stahlbaums’

In 19th century Germany, Christmas gifts are opened on Christmas Eve. In the von Stahlbaum living room, the entire family is having a Christmas party. The magical Dr. Drosselmeyer, godfather to Clara and Fritz, comes to the party bringing Christmas surprises. Clara receives a painted Nutcracker as her gift. Her brother Fritz, in a jealous rage, breaks it.

Clara von Stahlbaum ............ Amy Synoradski
Fritz von Stahlbaum ............ Charlotte Eldridge
Councilor von Stahlbaum ...... Robert Buntzen
Frau von Stahlbaum ............ Karen Kelly
Maids ............................ Ruthanne Belotti, Theresa Zix
Butler .............................. Kenneth Balint
Grandmother ..................... Craig Ruppert
Grandfather ...................... Thomas Giroir
Dr. Drosselmeyer ................ John Simone
Kissing Doll ..................... Stephanie Jones
Rag Doll ......................... Kristen Corman
Soldier Doll ...................... Philip Mollett
Adults ............................ Laura Broach, Deanna Fiscus, Cynthia McCollum, Camille Ross, Stephen Blande, David Curwen, Stewart Jarrett, Bill Parton
Clara’s Friends .................. Suzanne Brazeal, Cassie Helfer, Michelle Uthoff, Ellen Waggett
Fritz’s Friends ................... Susan Eldridge, Marianne Hall, Michelle Persch, Marsha Rustad
Cousins ............................ Angela Quatrocelli, Tamara Wiley, Diana Wolfson

Ushers courtesy of Keyettes, South Portland High School.

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Act I, Scene 1: Battle of the Mice and Toy Soldiers

After the guests have left, Clara creeps downstairs and falls asleep with the Nutcracker in her arms. In her dreams strange things begin to happen! She dreams the toy soldiers grow to life-size and battle the mice. Finally, the wicked Mouse King is slain and the Nutcracker Soldier is transformed into a handsome Prince.

Mouse King ............... Craig Ruppert
Mice ..................... Kenneth Balint, Andrew Blackmore, Stephen Blande, David Curwen, Stewart Jarrett, Bill Parton

Nutcracker Soldier ... Charlotte Eldridge
Toy Soldiers .......... Suzanne Brazeal, Susan Eldridge, Marianne Hall, Cassie Helfer, Michelle Persch, Marsha Rustad, Michelle Uthoff, Ellen Waggett

Nutcracker Prince .......... Roland Roux

Act I, Scene 2: The Land of Snow

Awakened, Clara finds herself in a world of white slopes and snowflakes, the Land of Snow. Through the land ruled by the Snow King and Queen, the Nutcracker Prince and Clara journey on to another kingdom.

Nutcracker Prince .......... Roland Roux
Snow King .................... Gregory Evans
Snow Queen ................. Kristen Corman

Snowflakes ................. Ruthanne Belotti, Laura Broach, Deanna Fiscus, Stephanie Jones, Karen Kelly, Angela Quatrocelli, Camille Ross, Tamara Wiley, Diane Wolfson

Stallions ................. Robert Buntzen, David Curwen

Snowflake Chorus .......... Sunrise Chorus of Cape Elizabeth Middle School, Gail Parker, Director and members of Co-Opera, Arlene Winger, Director

INTERMISSEION
Act II: The Kingdom of Sweets

The Angel Sweets herald the arrival of Clara and the Nutcracker Prince. The Sugar Plum Fairy commands her subjects to tempt Clara with all the sweets of a little girl's dreams. The final temptation is the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Nutcracker Prince. All too soon Christmas Eve is over and the Nutcracker Prince takes Clara home in his magical sleigh.

Angel Sweets ............ Suzanne Brazeal, Susan Eldridge, Marianne Hall, Cassie Helfer, Michelle Persch, Marsha Rustad, Michelle Uthoff, Ellen Waggett
Sugar Plum Fairy ........... Judith Gosnell
Nutcracker Prince ........... Roland Roux

Divertissements:
(1) Spanish Chocolate
   Cynthia McCollum, Camille Ross, Stephen Blande, Stewart Jarrett
(2) Arabian Coffee
   Karen Kelly and David Curwen Corps
   Ruthanne Belotti, Angela Quatrocelli Diane Wolfson
(3) Ribbon Candy
   Cynthia McCollum with Stephanie Jones, Tamara Wiley
(4) Chinese Tea
   Andrew Blackmore, Gregory Evans
(5) Russian Trepak
   Philip Mollett, Craig Ruppert
(6) Waltz of the Flowers
   Dew Drop Fairy
   Robyne Watkin Cavaliers
   Robert Buntzen & Bill Parton
   Flowers
   Ruthanne Belotti, Laura Broach, Deanna Fiscus, Stephanie Jones, Karen Kelly, Cynthia McCollum
(7) Madame Regniere
   Thomas Giroir Bon-Bons
   Charlotte Eldridge, Angela Quatrocelli
   Grand Pas de Deux
   Judith Gosnell and Roland Roux
   Finale ..................... Entire Company