



THE ROYAL CITY YOUTH BALLET COMPANY SOCIETY  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

# THE *Nutcracker* 2024



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Music by Ilyich Tchaikovsky  
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A very successful production of Coppelia in the spring of 1989 was the inspiration to form the Royal City Youth Ballet Company. Company Manager, Donna Fishwick, and Artistic Director, Dolores Kirkwood O.B.C., recognized the need for a youth company to "bridge the gap between dance studio and professional company."

In September 1989, the Royal City Youth Ballet Company Society of New Westminster was founded by a board of six directors and now involves dancers from many dance studios. This is a unique society, formed to gather together young, enthusiastic dancers to learn and rehearse full length ballets. This non-profit organization is the only one of its kind in Canada, presenting full length ballets with professional artistic direction, costumes, sets and lighting.

The Company has performed in theatres throughout the Lower Mainland, Okanagan Valley, Vancouver Island, also Medicine Hat, Alberta, with an encore performance December 2009! RCYB has proudly represented our community in Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm in California, Disneyworld in Florida and aboard the Royal Caribbean, Princess, Norwegian and Carnival Cruise Line ships. At all times, our dancers are received as Goodwill Ambassadors for New Westminster and Canada and are always complimented on the level of professionalism demonstrated both on and off stage!

## SYNOPSIS

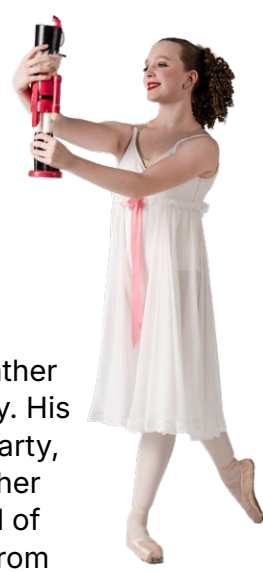
It is Christmas Eve, a time when dreams may become reality. Drosselmeyer, godfather to Clara, brings gifts and magic to her parents' home for the annual Christmas party. His special gift to Clara is a large Nutcracker soldier. When she falls asleep after the party, Clara is cradling the Nutcracker in her arms, and begins to dream. In her dream, her Nutcracker soldier fights a battle and transports her on a sleigh through the Land of Snow to the Land of Sweets, where she meets the Sugar Plum Fairy and people from faraway lands. The ballet closes as Drosselmeyer brings Clara back from her dream, still cradling her Nutcracker soldier and treasuring her wonderful dream.

**Interested in being part of our production?**

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# NUTCRACKER CAST

## ACT 1 PARTY SCENE

**NARRATOR** Lee Taylor  
**DROSSELMAYER** Nathan Fadear  
**NEPHEW** Colton Tremblay, Nicholas Schwartz  
**CLARAS MOTHER** Madeleine Campeau  
**CLARA'S FATHER** Benedict Quedenbaum, Aidan Springle  
**GUESTS - LADIES** Addison Gosselin, Aurora Kellogg, Jordyn Okeymow, Kennedy Gosselin, Megan Schwartz, Emily Schwartz, Maria Mauro  
**GUESTS - MEN** Aidan Springle, Benedict Quedenbaum, Daniel Vargas, Daryk Richards, Noah McKimm, Alex Schwartz, Brandon Thaci  
**PARTY AUNTIES** Megan Dosman, Taylor Leece  
**PARTY TWEENS** Grace Vaqarri, Madison Roy  
**PARTY COUSIN** Fiona VanCaeseele  
**PARTY GIRLS** Sydney Schiebler, Olivia Knight, Elle McQueen, Addisyn Falk, Madeleine Clarke, Elise Sidney, Ellie Knight, Ryleigh Montgomery, Charlee FitzGerald, Lena Hiraoka, Brienne Reeve, Monroe McQueen, Charlotte Christmann-Kinkela, Harwood Burnett, Amaluna Pierini, Melissa Zhang, Jordyn Pak

## ACT 1 FIGHT SCENE

**SOLO BABY MOUSE** Sophie Florence Deng, Gertrude Linder  
**BABY MOUSE** Miranda Liu, Sierra Seward, Leia Nakashima, Evie Caron, London Victor  
**STAR** Thea Harmse, Adrianna Sankovic  
**MOUSE KING** Lauren Gosselin  
**BIG MOUSE** Gabby Fraser, Emily Schwartz, Mary Hopkinson, Vivi Graca, Hannah Searcy, Rachel Jansen, Colton Tremblay, Madison Roy, Lexie Kinsey  
**SQUIRE** Mae Pearce  
**PRINCE** Noah McKimm  
**HEAD SOLDIER** Sophia Nakashima, Ruby Wasyluk  
**SOLDIER** Addisyn Falk, Elle McQueen, Elise Sidney, Sydney Schiebler, Evelyn Kinsey, Brienne Reeve, Olivia Knight, Charlee FitzGerald, Madeleine Clarke, Amaluna Pierini, Ellie Knight, Ryleigh Montgomery, Melissa Zhang

**PARTY BABIES** Isabella Gill, London Victor, Amelia Wylie, Evie Caron  
**PARTY DUO** Monroe McQueen, Everley Calbick-Wymer, Harwood Burnett, Sophie Florence Deng  
**TEENAGERS** Adrianna Sankovic, Sophia Nakashima, Ruby Wasyluk, Jordyn Okeymow, Angelina Li, Thea Harmse  
**CLARA** Annie Yang, Daenah Misa u/s  
**CLARA'S FRIEND** Amelia Jorgenson, Daenah Misa, Sydney Schiebler u/s  
**FREIDA** Everley Calbick-Wymer, Hyobi Choi  
**HARLEQUIN** Sophia Nakashima, Ruby Wasyluk  
**DOLL** Aurora Kellogg, Addison Gosselin, Adrianna Sankovic, Thea Harmse u/s  
**PAGES** Fiona VanCaeseele, Charlee FitzGerald, Emily Searcy, Brienne Reeve  
**BEAR** Lauren Gosselin  
**HEAD MAID** Mae Pearce  
**MAIDS** Vivi Graca, Gabby Fraser, Rachel Jansen, Kathryn Weiss-Beach, Hannah Searcy, Mary Hopkinson  
**PARTY TEEN (MALE)** Nicholas Schwartz, Colton Tremblay

**CAVALRY** Grace Vaqarri, Angelina Li, Vivi Graca, Madison Roy, Laura Jones, Hannah Searcy, Violet Thompson, Kennedy Gosselin, Ella Barker, Josie Allard, Lena Hiraoka, Kathryn Weiss-Beach  
**SNOW PRINCESS** Daenah Misa  
**SNOW QUEEN** Addison Gosselin, Aurora Kellogg, Maria Mauro u/s  
**SNOW KING** Benedict Quedenbaum, Daniel Vargas  
**SNOWFLAKES** Maria Mauro, Addison Gosselin, Megan Dosman, Kennedy Gosselin, Adrianna Sankovic, Madeleine Campeau, Aurora Kellogg, Sophia Nakashima u/s, Kennedy Gosselin, Thea Harmse, Jordyn Okeymow u/s, Taylor Leece u/s  
**REINDEER** London Victor, Miranda Liu, Hyobi Choi, Leia Nakashima, Gertrude Linder, Sophie Florence Deng, Evie Caron, Meliya Stier, Isabella Gill, Sierra Seward

## ACT 2 LAND OF SWEETS

**ANGEL** Grace Vaqarri, Mary Hopkinson, Violet Thompson, Rachel Jansen, Madison Roy, Hannah Searcy, Lexie Kinsey, Josie Allard, Ella Barker  
**SUGAR PLUM FAIRY** Mya Kresnyak, Addison Gosselin u/s, Aurora Kellogg u/s  
**CAVALIER** Dennis Imura  
**SOLO LITTLE ARABIAN** Sophia Nakashima, Daenah Misa  
**LITTLE ARABIAN** Elle McQueen, Amelia Jorgenson, Olivia Knight, Charlee FitzGerald, Melissa Zhang, Ryleigh Montgomery, Elise Sidney, Brienne Reeve, Sydney Schiebler, Addisyn Falk, Charlotte Christmann-Kinkela, Madeleine Clarke, Evelyn Kinsey  
**ROSE** Addison Gosselin, Aurora Kellogg, Adrianna Sankovic  
**ROSE BUDS** Megan Dosman, Adrianna Sankovic, Maria Mauro, Thea Harmse u/s  
**FLOWERS** Jordyn Okeymow, Daenah Misa, Taylor Leece, Madeleine Campeau, Ruby Wasyluk, Megan Dosman, Sophia Nakashima, Maria Mauro, Thea Harmse, Angelina Li, Adrianna Sankovic, Kennedy Gosselin  
**ARABIAN FEMALE** Addison Gosselin, Maria Mauro, Aurora Kellogg  
**ARABIAN MALE** Benedict Quedenbaum, Daniel Vargas, Daryk Richards  
**TREPAK** Jordyn Okeymow, Kennedy Gosselin, Megan Dosman, Madeleine Campeau, Taylor Leece, Maria Mauro, Adrianna Sankovic, Emily Schwartz, Ruby Wasyluk, Amelia Jorgenson  
**TREPAK BOYS** Aidan Springle, Daniel Vargas, Noah McKimm, Daryk Richards, Benedict Quedenbaum  
**MOTHER GINGER** Anita Schwartz, Madeleine Campeau  
**BUFFOON** Leia Nakashima, Harwood Burnett (N), Monroe McQueen, Hyobi Choi, Miranda Liu, Jordyn Pak, Everley Calbick-Wymer, Gertrude Linder, Amelia Wylie, London Victor, Sophie Florence Deng (N), Meliya Stier  
**SPANISH (FEMALE)** Megan Dosman, Madeleine Campeau, Maria Mauro, Kennedy Gosselin  
**SPANISH (MALE)** Aidan Springle, Benedict Quedenbaum, Daryk Richards, Daniel Vargas  
**TEA LEAVES** Harwood Burnett, Sydney Schiebler, Elise Sidney, Elle McQueen  
**CHINESE** Maria Mauro, Addison Gosselin, Megan Dosman, Jordyn Okeymow u/s, Thea Harmse, Kennedy Gosselin, Adrianna Sankovic, Madeleine Campeau  
**MIRLETON DOLL** Amelia Jorgenson, Daenah Misa  
**MIRLETON CHILD** Sophie Florence Deng, Jordyn Pak, Monroe McQueen, Harwood Burnett, Charlotte Christmann-Kinkela

## ROYAL CITY YOUTH BALLET COMPANY SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Erin Dosman, Kristine Gosselin, Deborah Jorgenson, Irene Mauro, Morgan McQueen, Jennifer Roy, Alexander Schwartz



**Artistic Director**  
Keitha Campeau A.R.C.T

Keitha was born and raised in Vancouver, B.C. At age 3, she began her dance training at The Kirkwood Academy of Performing Arts. In 1989, Keitha appeared in Royal City Youth Ballet's first production of The Nutcracker, and danced as a soloist in the company for many years to follow. She also danced with RCYB in Coppelia,

and Cinderella, and toured with the company to Disneyland, Disneyworld, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines and Princess Cruise Lines, Keitha was the owner and Director of The Northwest Academy of Performing Arts in New Westminster B.C. from 2009-2019. She has been part of the Artistic Committee for RCYB since 2013. Keitha is also an accomplished singer with an A.R.C.T in vocal performance. She has performed in several musicals with Royal City Musical Theatre, and also the North Shore Light Opera.

Keitha is also a premier level Highland Dancer and toured with her dance group "Tartan Pride" to Disneyland, Portugal and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. Keitha has a passion for teaching children and is so thrilled to be the Artistic Director of RCYB. The company has a special place in her heart as it was founded by her mother, Donna Fishwick, and her first Ballet teacher, Dolores Kirkwood. She would like to dedicate the shows to these two wonderful ladies.



**Associate Artistic Director**  
Sarah Sankovic ARAD, RAD, RTS

Sarah is a Vancouver trained dancer and teacher. As a student she successfully completed all her Royal Academy of Dance exams including Advanced 2 earning her Associate with the R.A.D. and levels 1-3 in both Classical and Character of the Dance Education Syllabus. As well as classical ballet she has trained in all styles of dance

including working with many international guest teachers at various workshops, seminars, Royal Winnipeg Ballet School, the Alberta Ballet School of Dance, including dancing soloist and principal roles with Royal City Youth Ballet productions of The Nutcracker, Coppelia and Cinderella. Sarah's professional credits include touring and performing with the Alberta Ballet Company and training and performing with Ballet BC's mentor program. Sarah has been an R.A.D certified teacher since 2002 completing the 3 year teacher training program through R.A.D. and awarded a mark of Distinction. She has now been a mentor for the RAD's teacher program helping train new RAD teachers.

Sarah has completed Pilates teacher training to receive her Pilates Mat certification, as well as Progressing Ballet Technique workshop and is now certified to teach the program. As well as teaching and coaching students for ballet exams and competitions Sarah is the Associate Artistic Director of Royal City Youth Ballet Company.

### ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Keitha Campeau

### ASSISTANT ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Sarah Sankovic

### SET DESIGN

Jean-Claude Olivier

### COSTUME DESIGNERS

Sebastian & Co, Kevin Kreis

### COSTUME MISTRESS

Irene Mauro & Erin Dosman

### TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Alex House

### TECHNICAL ADVISOR

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### STAGE MANAGER

Ben Paul

### ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER

Eric Sokugawa

### HEAD FLYMAN

Tony Hemsley

### LIGHTING DESIGN

Gerald King

### BACKSTAGE PROPS & CREW MANAGER

Sandi Pattenden

### NUTCRACKER SHOPPE

Anita Schwartz

### DANCER COORDINATOR

Kristine Gosselin

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Many thanks to all the dancers, parents and friends who have given so much of their time, encouragement, support and patience to make The Nutcracker a success again this year!

We would like to especially acknowledge our Artistic Committee: Keitha Campeau and Sarah Sankovic

We would also like to extend our gratitude to all of our volunteers; without their dedication and countless hours of work, this performance would not be possible.