

ROYAL CITY YOUTH BALLET COMPANY SOCIETY  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE  
*Nutcracker*  
2023



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Music by Pyotr 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.



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Join our mail list for audition and masterclass information. Email [info@royalcityyouthballet.org](mailto:info@royalcityyouthballet.org) with "audition" in the subject line.

# NUTCRACKER CAST

## ACT 1

### PARTY SCENE

**NARRATOR** Lee Taylor

**DROSSELMAYER** Nathan Fadear (Guest Artist)

**NEPHEW** Nicholas Schwartz, Colton Tremblay

**CLARA'S MOTHER**

Megan Schwartz, Madeleine Campeau

**CLARA'S FATHER**

Daryk Richards

**GUESTS - LADIES**

Maleyna McQuillan, Izabel Pearce, Addison Gosselin, Kennedy Gosselin, Emily Schwartz, Megan Schwartz, Madeleine Campeau, Kaitlyn Dosman, Elysa Randall-Vandas

**GUESTS - MEN**

Patrick Kimball, Aidan Springle Benedict Quedenbaum, Alex Schwartz

**PARTY GIRLS**

Addi Falk, Alison Chung, Sophia Nakashima, Grace Vaqarri, Elle McQueen, Anna Barretto, Madison Roy, Brienne Reeve, Olivia Knight, Monroe McQueen, Evelyn Kinsey, Olivia Boun, Everley Calbick-Wymer

**PARTY BOYS**

Donald Jorgenson, Jean-Paul Kimball, Anil Ramji

**PARTY BABIES**

Rosemary Craigmyle, Hyobi Choi

**CHILDREN - PARTY TRIO**

Olivia Knight, Amelia Jorgenson, Harwood Burnett, Sydney Schiebler, Addi Falk,

**TEENAGERS** Megan Dosman, Maria Mauro, Jordyn Okeymow, Elysa Randall-Vandas, Isabella Wang, Taylor Leece

**CLARA**

Adrianna Sankovic, Ruby Wasylik U/S

**CLARA'S FRIEND**

Ruby Wasylik, Olivia Boun, Sophia Nakashima, Ayva Sevryn

**FRIEDA**

Everley Calbick-Wymer, Monroe McQueen

**HARLEQUIN** Alison Chung, Ayva Sevryn

**DOLL** Isabella Wang, Kaitlyn Dosman

**PAGES** Nala Ramji, Ellie Knight

**BEAR** Lauren Gosselin

**HEAD MAID**

Eva Hunter, Mae Pearce

**MAIDS** Felicity Hill, Vivi Graca, Mary Hopkinson, Taylor Leece, Keniah Habgood, Rachel Jansen, Eva Hunter, Mae Pearce

**PARTY TEEN (MALE)**

Colton Tremblay, Nicholas Schwartz

## ACT 2

### LAND OF SWEETS

**ANGELS** Mary Hopkinson, Felicity Hill, Lexie Kinsey, Rachel Jansen, Olivia Boun, Eva Hunter, Keniah Habgood, Grace Vaqarri, Madison Roy, Vivi Graca

**SUGAR PLUM FAIRY**

Tess Browning (Guest Artist)

**CAVALIER** Tetsuya Imura (Guest Artist)

**LITTLE ARABIAN SOLOIST**

Sophia Nakashima, Ayva Sevryn

**LITTLE ARABIANS** Addi Falk, Amelia Jorgenson, Elle McQueen, Anna Barretto, Vlada Ross, Olivia Knight, Brienne Reeve, Evelyn Kinsey, Sydney Schiebler

**ROSE** Addison Gosselin, Izabel Pearce

**ROSE BUDS** Isabella Wang, Maria Mauro Kaitlyn Dosman, Megan Dosman

**FLOWERS** Megan Dosman, Alison Chung, Maleyna McQuillan, Elysa Randall-Vandas, Jordyn Okeymow, Taylor Leece, Izabel Pearce, Isabella Wang, Maria Mauro, Kennedy Gosselin, Sophia Nakashima U/S, Ruby Wasylik U/S

**ARABIAN FEMALE**

Kaitlyn Dosman, Addison Gosselin

**ARABIAN MALE**

Daryk Richards, Benedict Quedenbaum

**BIG TREPAK**

Megan Dosman, Maria Mauro, Taylor Leece, Ayva Sevryn, Ruby Wasylik, Maleyna McQuillan, Elysa Randall-Vandas,

**BIG TREPAK BOYS** Patrick Kimball

**MOTHER GINGER** Anita Schwartz

**NAUGHTY BUFFOON**

Amelia Jorgenson, Sydney Schiebler

**BUFFOONS** Sydney Schiebler, Jordyn Pak, Monroe McQueen, Harwood Burnett, Everley Calbick-Wymer, Addi Falk, Amelia Jorgenson, Olivia Knight, Elle McQueen

**SPANISH (FEMALE)** Addison Gosselin, Maleyna McQuillan, Kaitlyn Dosman

**SPANISH (MALE)** Daryk Richards, Aidan Springle, Benedict Quedenbaum, Patrick Kimball U/S

**TEA LEAVES** Amelia Jorgenson, Elle McQueen, Brienne Reeve, Olivia Knight

**CHINESE**

Kaitlyn Dosman, Addison Gosselin, Izabel Pearce, Megan Dosman, Maria Mauro, Isabella Wang

**MIRLETON DOLLS**

Ruby Wasylik, Ayva Sevryn

**MIRLETON CHILDREN**

Olivia Knight, Amelia Jorgenson, Harwood Burnett, Sydney Schiebler, Addi Falk, Monroe McQueen, Jordyn Pak

## ACT 1

### FIGHT SCENE

**SOLO BABY MOUSE**

Sydney Schiebler, Amelia Jorgenson

**BABY MICE**

Sierra Seward, Jordyn Pak, Donald Jorgenson, Rosemary Craigmyle, Hyobi Choi, Ryann Austin, Everley Calbick-Wymer, Evangeline Caron

**STAR** Izabel Pearce, Addison Gosselin,

Megan Dosman

**MOUSE KING** Lauren Gosselin, Patrick Kimball

**BIG MOUSE** Lexie Kinsey, Patrick Kimball, Mae Pearce, Keniah Habgood, Emily Schwartz, Colton Tremblay, Eva Hunter, Maleyna McQuillan, Lauren Gosselin

**SQUIRE** Maleyna McQuillan, Patrick Kimball, Lauren Gosselin

**PRINCE** Aidan Springle

**HEAD SOLDIER**

Sophia Nakashima, Alison Chung

**SOLDIERS** Elle McQueen, Anna Barretto, Vlada Ross, Evelyn Kinsey, Amelia Jorgenson, Mireya Heikkila, Sydney Schiebler, Addi Falk

**CAVALRY** Eva Hunter, Elysa Randall-Vandas, Olivia Boun, Ayva Sevryn, Ruby Wasylik, Vivi Graca, Grace Vaqarri, Madison Roy, Jordyn Okeymow, Lexie Kinsey, Mireya Heikkila,



## ROYAL CITY YOUTH BALLET COMPANY SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Erin Dosman, Kristine Gosselin, Deborah Jorgenson, Marie Kreis, Irene Mauro, Michele Pearce, 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

### ASSOCIATE 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, Wilma Minci

### TICKET SALES COORDINATOR

Deborah Jorgenson

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**RCYB would like to acknowledge our guest teacher Suzanne Oullette for the coaching and staging of the Grand Pas De Deux.**

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**Camilla Fishwick-Kellogg, Davi Rodrigues, Erik Bruendl, and Nicola Earl**

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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.