
THE STORY TOLD BY PETER WRIGHT

Drosselmeyer, a timeless magician and creator of mechanical toys and clocks, was once employed in a royal palace where he invented a trap that killed off half the mouse population. In revenge the wicked Queen of the Mice cast a spell over Drosselmeyer's nephew, Hans-Peter, which transformed him into an ugly Nutcracker doll. The only way to break the spell was for the Nutcracker to commit an act of great bravery by slaying the Mouse King, and for a young girl to love and care for him in spite of his appearance.

When Drosselmeyer is invited to entertain the guests at a Christmas party that his friends, the Stahlbaums, are giving, he decides that this could well be the opportunity he has been looking for.

Their daughter, Clara, is a little younger than Hans-Peter imprisoned in the Nutcracker, and what better time than Christmas, when the mice are busy stealing the leftovers, for a confrontation between the Mouse King and the Nutcracker? He decides to put the Nutcracker in the tender care of Clara and makes a special Christmas Angel to guide her through her task.

When all the guests have departed and the house is asleep, Clara, in search of the Nutcracker, creeps downstairs and discovers Drosselmeyer waiting for her. He draws her into his own special world of fantasy, where time is suspended, exerts all his powers to transform the living room into a great battlefield and summons the Mouse King.

In the ensuing battle between the mice and the toy soldiers the Nutcracker slays the Mouse King, but only through the intervention of Clara, who, out of compassion, saves the Nutcracker's life. Transformed into his real self, he dances with Clara and they set off on their journey to the Land of Snow.

INTERVAL

In the Land of Snow. Drosselmeyer sends them on a magic journey to the Sugar Garden in the Kingdom of Sweets where they meet the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Prince. Freed at last from his imprisonment inside the Nutcracker, Hans-Peter recounts to the Sugar Plum Fairy his great adventure and how Clara saved his life. They then join in a magnificent entertainment put on by Drosselmeyer to honour them for their bravery.

Returning to reality, Clara runs out into the street in search of Drosselmeyer and encounters a strangely familiar young man, while back in his workshop Drosselmeyer prays that his efforts will be rewarded. When his nephew returns he knows the spell has indeed been broken.



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THE NUTCRACKER

BALLET IN TWO ACTS

CHOREOGRAPHY **PETER WRIGHT** AFTER **LEV IVANOV**
MUSIC **PYOTR IL'YICH TCHAIKOVSKY**
ORIGINAL SCENARIO **MARIUS PETIPA** AFTER **E.T.A. HOFFMANN'S**
NUSSKNACKER UND MAUSEKÖNIG
PRODUCTION AND SCENARIO **PETER WRIGHT**
DESIGNS **JULIA TREVELYAN OMAN**
LIGHTING DESIGN **MARK HENDERSON**
PRODUCTION CONSULTANT **ROLAND JOHN WILEY**
STAGING **CHRISTOPHER CARR**
CONDUCTOR **KOEN KESSELS**
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CO-CONCERT MASTER **SERGEY LEVITIN**
DIRECTED FOR THE SCREEN BY
ROSS MACGIBBON

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CAST

HERR DROSSELMAYER **GARY AVIS**

CLARA **MEAGHAN GRACE HINKIS**

HANS-PETER/THE NUTCRACKER **RICARDO CERVERA**

ACT I

SCENE 1: DROSSELMAYER'S WORKSHOP, EARLY EVENING

DROSSELMAYER'S ASSISTANT **PAUL KAY**

SCENE 2: A STREET OUTSIDE THE STAHLBAUMS' HOUSE

MAIDEN AUNTS **CAROLINE JENNINGS, SUSAN NYE** HOUSEKEEPER **BARBARA RHODES**

SCENE 3: THE STAHLBAUMS' LIVING ROOM

DR STAHLBAUM **THOMAS WHITEHEAD** MRS STAHLBAUM **ELIZABETH MCGORIAN**

FRITZ (CLARA'S BROTHER) **JOHNNY RANDALL** CLARA'S PARTNER **JAMES HAY**

GRANDMOTHER **KRISTEN MCNALLY** GRANDFATHER **ALASTAIR MARRIOTT**

DANCING MISTRESS **GENESIA ROSATO** CAPTAIN **DAVID PICKERING**

DOLLS: HARLEQUIN **BRIAN MALONEY** COLUMBINE **ELIZABETH HARROD**

SOLDIER **ALEXANDER CAMPBELL** VIVANDIÈRE **EMMA MAGUIRE**

ST NICHOLAS **TOMAS MOCK**

SCENE 4: THE BATTLE

MOUSE KING **DAVID PICKERING**

SCENE 5: THE LAND OF SNOW

SNOWFLAKES ARTISTS OF THE ROYAL BALLET

SINGERS **LONDON ORATORY JUNIOR CHOIR** DIRECTOR **CHARLES COLE**

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ACT II

SCENE 1: THE JOURNEY TO THE KINGDOM OF SWEETS

SCENE 2: THE SUGAR GARDEN OF THE PALACE

THE SUGAR PLUM FAIRY **ROBERTA MARQUEZ** THE PRINCE **STEVEN MCRAE**

DIVERTISSEMENTS

SPANISH DANCE **CHRISTINA ARESTIS, DAVID PICKERING, CLAIRE CALVERT, BRIAN MALONEY, LAURA MCCULLOCH, THOMAS WHITEHEAD**

ARABIAN DANCE **MELISSA HAMILTON, RYOICHI HIRANO, KENTA KURA, ERIC UNDERWOOD**

CHINESE DANCE **FERNANDO MONTAÑO, ANDREJ USPENSKI, JONATHAN WATKINS, JAMES WILKIE**

RUSSIAN DANCE **JAMES HAY, PAUL KAY**

DANCE OF THE MIRLITONS **ELIZABETH HARROD, EMMA MAGUIRE, AKANE TAKADA, SABINA WESTCOMBE**

WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS

ROSE FAIRY **LAURA MORERA**

HER ESCORTS **ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, VALERI HRISTOV, JOHANNES STEPANEK, DAWID TRZENSIMIECH**

LEADING FLOWERS **YUHUI CHOE, HELEN CRAWFORD, HIKARU KOBAYASHI, ITZIAR MENDIZABAL**

ARTISTS OF THE ROYAL BALLET

GRAND PAS DE DEUX **ROBERTA MARQUEZ, STEVEN MCRAE**

FINALE ENTIRE CAST

SCENE 3: A STREET OUTSIDE THE STAHLBAUMS' HOUSE

SCENE 4: DROSSELMAYER'S WORKSHOP LATER THAT NIGHT

AUNTS, UNCLES, PARENTS, MAIDS, MANSERVANTS, REVELLERS, CHILDREN, TOY SOLDIERS, MICE, GINGERBREADS, RABBIT DRUMMER, PAGES, SENTRY

ARTISTS OF THE ROYAL BALLET, STUDENTS OF THE ROYAL BALLET LOWER SCHOOL

ANGELS STUDENTS OF THE ROYAL BALLET UPPER SCHOOL

APPROXIMATE TIMINGS

Live cinema relay begins at 7:15PM

Feature Polishing *The Nutcracker*

Act I 50 minutes

Cinema interval 20 minutes

Feature *The Magic of The Nutcracker*

Act II 50 minutes

The live relay will end at approximately 9.45PM

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