

The Sundance Ballet Company presents The Nutcracker

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The Sundance Ballet Company, presents Pyotr Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker on Saturday, December 18, at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, December 19, at 2 p.m. at the Van Duzer Theatre in Arcata.

Let your holiday spirit soar with this traditional family-friendly ballet. Adventure awaits as Clara and her Nutcracker prince battle the Ret King and embark on a journey through the Land of Sweets with the Sugar Plum Fairy. Led by Sundance Ballet Company's own Carrie Badeaux and the magnificent dancers from Humboldt County's semi-professional ballet company, this joyous classic provides cherished memories for years to come.

The dancers of the Dance Scene Studio compliment the cast of guest and company dancers for a show of seventy performers. This production is the only full traditional Nutcracker Ballet on the north coast and is enthusiastically enjoyed by audiences every year. The Sugar Plum Fairy will be danced by guest artist Nicole Enders and her Cavalier will be danced by Josiah Moran, both from the Redding area.

Artistic Director, Carrie Badeaux said, “I am so happy to have this grand-scale Nutcracker production for our community and dancers. I’ve grown up dancing and staging the show and it really signifies the holidays for me as well as for so many of our dancers and audience members.”

Young aspiring dancer, Ella Ranario, will dance the role of Clara and Katie Kitchen will dance the role of the Snow Queen. Katie reflected on her dance path up to now and said, “The very first time I saw the Nutcracker was when I was 5 years old and it was on the Van Duzer stage, where I’ll be performing. I remember thinking how magical all of the dancers looked on stage. It was the snow scene that made me fall in love with The Nutcracker. Now, to be dancing the Snow Queen is a dream come true and something that I greatly cherish.”

Despite last year’s restrictions, the company maintained the Nutcracker tradition by filming two days of special performances and then shared it for audiences to enjoy from home.

New theatrical props will grace the stage as well, with Drosselmeyer’s unique mechanical clock shop opening the show. Extra theatrics will help maintain the theater magic, as all performers will dance wearing masks. Audience members will be masked too and will show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within 72 hours prior to admission.

Advance tickets for the performance are \$15 for children ages 12 and under or \$20 for adults. At the door ticket prices are \$20 for children and \$25 for adults. Tickets may be purchased online at DanceEureka.com, at Wildberries Marketplace in Arcata, or at The Dance Scene Studio.

Founded in 2013 by Artistic Director Carrie Badeaux, The Sundance Ballet Company is now celebrating its most exciting season yet. The company began with a few dancers and has exponentially grown and created many original ballets. Today’s versatile company consists of twelve highly skilled semi-professional dancers and an abundance of ambition.

The Sundance Ballet Company provides both classical and contemporary dance to the entire Humboldt County region through outstanding performances, entertaining demonstrations, and innovative educational outreach programs for people of all ages.