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ROYAL BALLET**

Director David Bintley CBE

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Tuesday 12 December 2017

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DURING A PERFORMANCE

SIR PETER WRIGHT'S PRODUCTION OF

# The Nutcracker

*Music* Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

*Choreography* Peter Wright, Lev Ivanov,  
Vincent Redmon

*Designs* John F. Macfarlane

*Lighting* David A. Finn

**The Sugar Plum Fairy** Delia Mathews

**The Prince** Edivaldo Souza da Silva

**Drosselmeyer, a magician** Jonathan Payn

**Clara, a ballet student** Miki Mizutani

## ACT I

**The Magician's Assistant** Tzu-Chao Chou

**Clara's Mother, a former ballerina**

**Daria Stanculescu**

**Clara's Father** Tom Rogers

**Fritz, Clara's younger brother** Archie Mathias

**Clara's Dancing Partner** Lachlan Monaghan

**Grandmother** Jade Heusen

**Grandfather** Michael O'Hare

**Butler** Harry Wright

**Harlequin** Aitor Galende

**Columbine** Maureya Lebowitz

**Jack-in-the-Box** Hamish Scott

**Ballet Students, Cadets, Guests and Servants**

**Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet**

**Children**

**Junior Associates of the Royal Ballet School,**

**Students and Birmingham Associates of**

**Elmhurst Ballet School**

**The Nutcracker Doll** Tzu-Chao Chou

**King Rat** Valentin Olovyannikov

**Soldiers** Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

**Rats** Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

**The Snow Fairy** Yvette Knight

**Her Attendants**

**Ruth Brill, Karla Doorbar,**

**Reina Fuchigami, Yaoqian Shang**

**Winds**

**Miles Gilliver, Brogan McKelvey,**

**Lachlan Monaghan, Gus Payne**

**Snowflakes**

**Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet**

## INTERVAL

## ACT II

**Spanish Dance**

**Jade Heusen,**

**Miles Gilliver, Valentin Olovyannikov**

**Arabian Dance**

**Yvette Knight,**

**Gabriel Anderson, Yasuo Atsuji, Harry Wright**

**Chinese Dance**

**Kit Holder, Brogan McKelvey**

**Russian Dance**

**Aitor Galende, Hamish Scott, Aaron Venegas**

**Dance of the Mirlitons**

**Ruth Brill, Karla Doorbar,**

**Reina Fuchigami, Beatrice Parma**

**Waltz of the Flowers**

**The Rose Fairy** Céline Gittens

**Her Consorts**

**Tim Dutson, Haoliang Feng,**

**Brandon Lawrence, Tom Rogers**

**Leading Flowers**

**Brooke Ray, Yaoqian Shang,**

**Alys Shee, Yijing Zhang**

**Grand pas de deux**

**Delia Mathews, Edivaldo Souza da Silva**

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*The choristers in Act I are members of Ex Cathedra's Academies of Vocal Music, Artistic Director Jeffrey Skidmore.*

## Royal Ballet Sinfonia

*Conductor* Philip Ellis

*Leader* Robert Gibbs



### Approximate timings

*Act I* 50 minutes

*Interval* 25 minutes

*Act II* 50 minutes

*The performance will end at approximately 9.40pm*

## The Story

### ACT I

It is Christmas Eve and Dr Stahlbaum and his wife are giving a party. They have two children, Clara, a ballet student, and her younger brother, Fritz. As well as some of Clara's friends, Mrs Stahlbaum has invited a magician, Drosselmeyer. He brings gifts for the children and gives a Nutcracker doll to Clara.

When the guests have departed, unable to sleep, Clara creeps downstairs looking for the Nutcracker. As the clock strikes midnight, the room seems to grow and giant rats, led by their King, attack Clara. The Nutcracker springs to life and, summoning the toy soldiers, defends her.

Realising that the Nutcracker is about to be overpowered, Clara hits the Rat King with her shoe. The Nutcracker falls to the ground, seemingly lifeless and Clara tries to revive him. As he comes back to life, to her amazement, he has turned into a handsome Prince. He dances with her, then leads her to the Land of Snow where the winds transport her into the night sky.

### ACT II

Clara flies through the clouds and arrives in a strange place where a fantastic world is conjured up by Drosselmeyer. He shows her the sun, the moon, flowers and dancers from many different lands. The Rat King bursts in, but the Nutcracker Prince and Drosselmeyer banish him forever.

Drosselmeyer now puts on a grand entertainment in Clara's honour as a reward for her bravery. She joins in many of the dances and is finally transformed into the Sugar Plum Fairy, the ballerina of her dreams. The Nutcracker Prince reappears and dances with her. As the dancing reaches its climax the dream-world vanishes and Clara awakens at the foot of the Christmas tree.

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