

THE RYMAN HEALTHCARE SEASON OF  
*The* **NUTCRACKER**

## CASTING

The Opera House, Wellington | Thursday 1 November 2018, 7.30pm

**Music:** Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

**Choreography:** Val Caniparoli

**Set Design:** Michael Auer

**Lighting Design:** Jon Buswell

**Costume Design:** Patricia Barker

*The Nutcracker* is based on the story *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* by ETA Hoffmann. On Christmas Eve, Marie dreams that her Nutcracker Doll turns into a handsome Prince and, during a fierce battle against the Mouse King, saves Marie from the King's evil clutches. The two take a magical journey through a snowy wood, and travel through the Land of the Sweets. Arriving at Marzipan Castle, they take part in a glorious celebration of nations led by the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier.

### Act I

<b>Herr Drosselmeier</b>	Paul Mathews
<b>Marie Stahlbaum</b>	Caroline Wiley
<b>Frau Stahlbaum</b>	Nadia Yanowsky
<b>Dr Stahlbaum</b>	Loughlan Prior
<b>Fritz Stahlbaum</b>	Aidan Riches
<b>The Nutcracker</b>	Massimo Margaria
<b>Grandmother</b>	Katherine Skelton
<b>Grandfather</b>	Kihiro Kusukami
<b>Guests</b>	Alyssa Kelty, Minkyung Lee, Yayoi Matches*, Indigo Robb*, Teagan Tank† Vincent Fraola‡, Kihiro Kusukami, Fabio Lo Giudice, Joaquin Thomas-Mourad*, Laurynas Vėjalis
<b>Marie's Friends</b>	Kiara Flavin, Marie Varlet
<b>Sugar Plum Doll</b>	Sara Garbowski
<b>Cavalier Doll</b>	Alexandre Ferreira
<b>The Children</b>	Phoebe Bayley, Lydia Chapman, Lucy Klee, Ashley Geusebroek, Coco Giera, Skylah Langstraat, Lucy Meijer, Patrick McCrory, Ava Palmer-Rennie, Cleo Re, Orla Riches, Eden Soukotta
<b>Maid</b>	Leonora Voigtlander
<b>Mouse King</b>	Loughlan Prior
<b>Small Mice</b>	Taleisha Dayal, Kara Gibson, Su-Jin Lee, Zoe Matthews-Borshevsky, Mollie Spencer, Sophia Wong
<b>Large Mice</b>	Nia Butler, Lizzie Evans, Emma Hobday-McWhinnie, Gemma Kemp, Caterina Moreno, Cameron Seabright, Kezia Shepherd, Sophia Woodbridge
<b>The Soldiers</b>	Shaun James Kelly, Kihiro Kusukami with Luke Cooper, Vincent Fraola‡, Tristan Gross, Nathan Mennis, Joaquin Thomas-Mourad*, Laurynas Vėjalis
<b>Snowflakes</b>	Cadence Barrack†, Ella Chambers‡, Kiara Flavin, Alyssa Kelty, Minkyung Lee, Yayoi Matches*, Olivia Moore, Indigo Robb*, Clare Schellenberg, Kirby Selchow, Katherine Skelton, Teagan Tank†

Interval

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**Act II**

<b>Sugar Plum Fairy</b>	Sara Garbowski
<b>Her Cavalier</b>	Alexandre Ferreira
<b>Fairies</b>	Ava Boeschstein, Isabel Cam, Lucy Hansen, Sophia Hickey, Alicia Houston, Skylah Langstraat
<b>Spanish Chocolate</b>	Rhiannon Fairless, Katharine Precourt, Nathan Mennis, Loughlan Prior
<b>Arabian Coffee</b>	Kate Kadow, Wan Bin Yuan
<b>Chinese Tea</b>	Shaun James Kelly
<b>Lion</b>	Luke Cooper, Joaquin Thomas-Mourad*
<b>French Pastilles</b>	Kiara Flavin, Minkyung Lee, Katherine Minor
<b>Russian Caviar</b>	Tristan Gross, Kihiro Kusukami, Joseph Skelton
<b>Bon Bons</b>	Phoebe Bayley, Pippa Charlier, Rachel Craig, Kaia Jiang, Gemma Kemp, Emma Hobday-McWhinnie, Kezia Shepherd, Charlotte Willis
<b>Dewdrop</b>	Kirby Selchow
<b>Pōhutukawa Flowers</b>	Cadence Barrack†, Ella Chambers‡, Rhiannon Fairless, Kiara Flavin, Madeleine Graham, Alyssa Kelty, Yayoi Matches*, Olivia Moore, Indigo Robb*, Clare Schellenberg, Katherine Skelton, Teagan Tank†

**Conductor: Hamish McKeich**

Orchestra: New Zealand Symphony Orchestra



Choir: Cantala from Wellington East Girls College, directed by Brent Stewart

\* Guest dancer

† Student with the New Zealand School of Dance

‡ Student with the Australian Ballet School

Running time is approximately two hours, including a 20 minute interval.  
Casting is correct at time of printing but is subject to change.

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