

THE RYMAN HEALTHCARE SEASON OF
The **NUTCRACKER**

CASTING

The Opera House, Wellington | Saturday 3 November 2018, 1.30pm

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

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

Interval

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Act II

Sugar Plum Fairy	Sara Garbowski
Her Cavalier	Alexandre Ferreira
Fairies	Ava Boeschstein, Isabel Cam, Lucy Hansen, Sophia Hickey, Alicia Houston, Skylah Langstraat
Spanish Chocolate	Rhiannon Fairless, Katharine Precourt, Luke Cooper, Nathan Mennis
Arabian Coffee	Leonora Voigtlander, Massimo Margaria
Chinese Tea	Laurynas Vėjalis
Lion	Luke Cooper, Joaquin Thomas-Mourad*
French Pastilles	Minkyung Lee, Katherine Skelton, Caroline Wiley
Russian Caviar	Tristan Gross, Shaun James Kelly, Joseph Skelton
Bon Bons	Phoebe Bayley, Pippa Charlier, Rachel Craig, Kaia Jiang, Gemma Kemp, Emma Hobday-McWhinnie, Kezia Shepherd, Charlotte Willis
Dewdrop	Kirby Selchow
Pōhutukawa Flowers	Cadence Barrack†, Ella Chambers‡, Rhiannon Fairless, Kiara Flavin, Alyssa Kelty, Yayoi Matches*, Olivia Moore, Indigo Robb*, Clare Schellenberg, Jemima Scott§, Teagan Tank†, Caroline Wiley

Conductor: Hamish McKeich

Orchestra: New Zealand Symphony Orchestra



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

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§ Intern, Mount Eden Ballet Academy

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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