

SANTA CRUZ CITY BALLET AT THE
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF DANCE PRESENTS

NIGHTMARE

Before Nutcracker



WHAT IF THE RATS WIN...

THURS & FRI, OCTOBER 23 & 24 ~ 7:00 PM

SAT OCTOBER 25 ~ 1:00 PM & 4:30 PM



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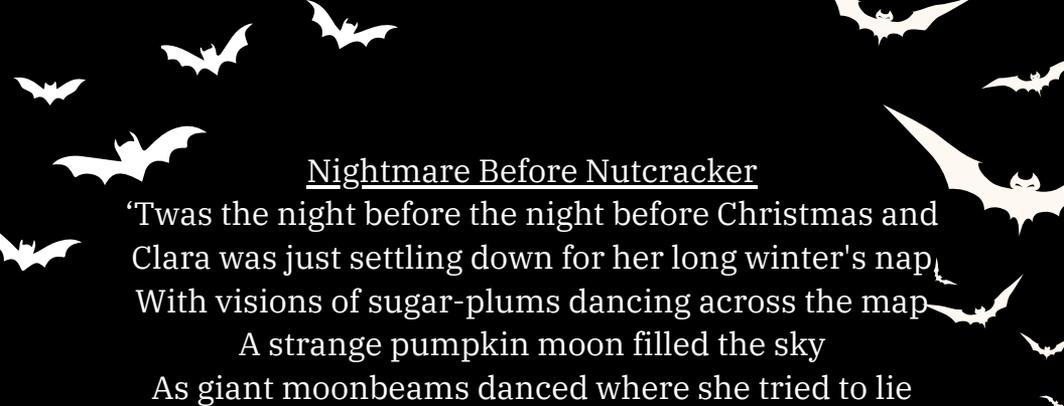
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Nightmare Before Nutcracker

'Twas the night before the night before Christmas and
Clara was just settling down for her long winter's nap,
With visions of sugar-plums dancing across the map

A strange pumpkin moon filled the sky

As giant moonbeams danced where she tried to lie
She twisted and tossed as she couldn't spring from her bed

With all of the crazy dreams filling her head

But instead of the jolly old man with a beard

She felt fear welling up in her soul

Maybe this year she would get a lump of coal...

Had she been good? Had she been bad?

The prancing and pawing of each little thought

Had her distraught

She laughed in spite of herself

And her elf on the shelf...

Then we heard her exclaim as she drove herself mad

"Happy eve of the eve with a sleigh full of plaid

I really hope there is a Nutcracker for me

If not, I don't know what will be!

He is my Prince - I've known ever since

How can I exist if these dreams persist?

What if he dies

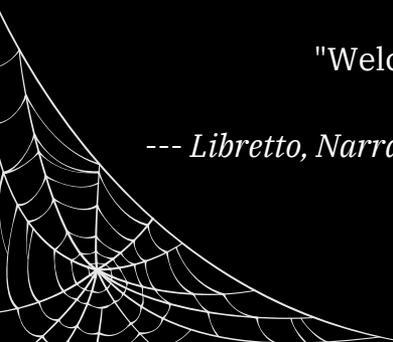
And I never get to look into his eyes..."

Her thoughts of his demise began to take her by surprise....

All facets of her

Became a blur

"Welcome to my nightmare!"



--- Libretto, Narration & Poetry by Shannon Chipman---

Nightmare Before Nutcracker

Jane Doe
Narrator & Director

Shannon Chipman

Clara

10/23 & 10/25 1:00 PM
10/24 & 10/25 4:30 PM

Rosie Bell
Jasmine Krishnamachari

Rat Queen

10/23 & 10/25 1:00 PM
10/24 & 10/25 4:30 PM

Liliana Eymann
Ruby Hansen

Teardrop Fairy

10/23 & 10/25 1:00 PM
10/24 & 10/25 4:30 PM

Ruby Hansen
Liliana Eymann

Dross-O-Meyer

Leif McArthur

Welcome to my Nightmare

Music: Darkside - Neoni

Choreography: Michaela Carrillo
Lyrical/Jazz V/VI

Rosie Bell
Liliana Eymann
Lilly Falcone
Ruby Hansen
Leila Hassani
Lily Katznelson
Jasmine Krishnamachari
Opal McMillian
Nicole Tripier

Ghosts

*Music: All Hallow's Eve Magic
- Celestial Aeon Project &
Halloween Witches*

Choreography: Shayla Hill
Ballet Performance Team II

Heidi Brandt
Violet Cook
Edith Cragun
Tatum Crichton
Lily Hodges
Cassidy Lozano
Scarlet Lozano



Ghosts cont'd

*Music: Winter Waltz -
Stephen Moccio*

Lead Ghost: Hailey Lewis

Ballet II

Jolie Bertrand
Heidi Brandt
Violet Cook
Edith Cragun
Tatum Crichton
Scarlett DeRollo
Giuliana Dzialo
Melia Engfer
Lily Hodges
Cassidy Lozano
Scarlet Lozano
Solen Slate
Rowen Wentworth

Ballet I

Zinnia DeRollo
Clara Yegge

Choreography: Shannon Chipman

Brynn Campbell
Max Diop
Dara Lingemann

Creepy Dolls

*Music: Ode to Joy -
Beethoven & Piano Guys*

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10/24 & 10/25 4:30 PM

Lupine Carlson

Lily Martin
Trinley Wright-Gya

Choreography: Jenny Wright

Lily Katznelson

Rats Lair / Big Cheese

*Music: The Rat's Lair -
Germaine Franco*

10/23 & 10/25 1:00 PM

10/24 & 10/25 4:30 PM

Ruby Hansen

Jasmine Krishnamachari

Rosie Bell

Liliana Eymann

Black Cat

*Music: Tuxedo Junction -
Vince Giordano & The Nighthawks*

Choreography: Shannon Chipman

Nicole Tripier

Black Cats

Music: Black Cat - Janet Jackson



Rat Poison #9

*Music: Love Potion No. 9 -
The Searchers, and The Black
Pearl, Klaus Badelt*

Bells of Halloween

*Music: Carol of the Bells of
Notre Dame - Voctave*



10/23 & 10/25 1:00 PM

10/24 & 10/25 4:30 PM

Pumpkins

*Music: Run Boy Run - Woodkid &
Concerto in A Major TWV 54:A1,
for Violins, Strings, and Basso
Continuo: 2. Allegro - Telemann*

Choreography: Hope Jamieson

Tap II

Jolie Bertrand
Edith Cragun
Scarlett DeRollo
Solen Slate
Karina Vulpius

Choreography: Ally Dunn

Jumps & Turns V/VI

Rosie Bell
Kalyssa Dettle
Liliana Eymann
Leila Hassani
Lily Katznelson
Jasmine Krishnamachari
Opal McMillian
Ruby Hansen

Choreography: Shannon Chipman

Ballet III

Alice Allersma
Raina Friam
Hazel Hansen
Penelope Hover-Smoot
Katherine Johnson
Katherine Murphy
Hanul O'wren

Lupine Carlson

Lily Martin

Trinley Wright-Gya

Brynn Campbell

Dara Lingemann

Finley Wilbur

Choreography: Shannon Chipman

Kalyssa Dettle
Lily Katznelson



Shining Twins

Music: *The Shining* - Wendy Carlos
& Rachel Elkind

10/23 & 10/25 1:00 PM

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Eyeballs

Music: *Halloween Bells* -
DJ Noizzzy

Music: *Monster Moves* - Koo Koo

Clara's Candle

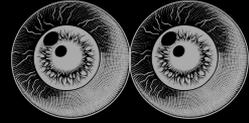
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Rats

Music: *Ripples in the Sand* -
Hans Zimmer & *Bury a Friend* -
Billie Eilish

Choreography: Ally Dunn & Shayla Hill
Opal McMillian
Rosalie Kiefer



Lilly Falcone
Leila Hassani

Choreography:
Curtis Caudill, Hope Jamieson
Musical Theater: Hope Jamieson
Lily Martin
Karina Vulpius

Acro Dance: Curtis Caudill
Tatum Crichton
Hazel Hansen
Lily Hodges
Penelope Hover-Smoot
Cassidy Lozano
Scarlet Lozano
Rowen Wentworth



Choreography: Shannon Chipman
Rosie Bell
Jasmine Krishnamachari

Choreography: Ally Dunn
Hip-Hop V/VI
Rosie Bell
Kalyssa Dettle
Liliana Eymann
Lilly Falcone
Ruby Hansen
Lily Katznelson
Jasmine Krishnamachari

INTERMISSION

**DON'T MISS THE BOO-TIQUE
& SPOOKTACULAR TREATS!**

GRAB A BITE IF YOU DARE



Funeral Procession

*Music: Funeral Celebration
- The Maestro & The
European Pop Orchestra &
The Art of War - Perturbed*

Choreography: Tara Firenzi

Adult Tappers
Lisa Brancatelli
Christina Cree
Richard Dwyer
Tara Firenzi
Felicia Gilman
Melissa Gray
Lisa Harwood
Jori Leslie
Stephanie T. Najera
Claire Nippres
Trish O'Connor
Ashley Taylor
Colleen Valles

Waltz of the Dead Flowers

*Music: Waltz of the Flowers
(Music Box) - Relax World
& Suite for Variety Stage
Orchestra - Christopher
O'Riley & Matt Haimovitz*

Choreography: Shannon Chipman

Ballet V/VI
Rosie Bell
Kalyssa Dettle
Liliana Eymann
Lilly Falcone
Ruby Hansen
Lily Katznelson
Jasmine Krishnamachari
Nicole Tripier

10/23 & 10/25 1:00 PM

Opal McMillian
Marin Telling

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Laurel Baumbach
Leila Hassani



SWAN LAKE: WINGS OF STARDUST

JUNE 1st-6th

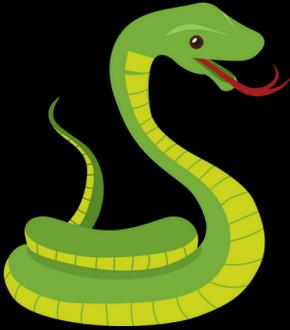
SAVE THE DATE!



AT THE LANDING IN SCOTTS VALLEY

Leopard Snakes

*Music: Toxic -
Brittany Spears*



Choreography: Ally Dunn
Lyrical/Jazz II & Performance Team
Maizy Baxter
Heidi Brandt
Violet Cook
Edith Cragun
Tatum Crichton
Scarlett DeRollo
Giuliana Dzialo
Melia Engfer
Lily Hodges
Cassidy Lozano
Scarlet Lozano
Solen Slate
Karina Vulpius
Rowen Wentworth

Sour Candies & Mother NomNom

*Music: Sour Candy -
Lady Gaga*



Choreography: Michaela Chipman
Lyrical/Jazz III/IV
Alice Allersma
Brynn Campbell
Lupine Carlson
Emily Donalson
Raina Fraim
Hazel Hansen
Penelope Hover-Smoot
Summer Jacobs
Katherine Johnson
Hailey Lewis
Dara Lingemann
Lily Martin
Finley Wilbur

Mother NomNom
Nicole Tripier



Bats

*Music: Discombobulate -
Hans Zimmer*



Choreography: Shea Pase
Assistant: Abby Weisel
Adult Ballet
Melissa Gray
Michelle Hoffman
Amy Lombardi
Han Lu
Jenna Marrone
Mary Minardi
Siqi Murphy
Shea Pase
Ogre: Nicholas Marrone



Clara & Jane Doe

*Music: Jane Doe -
Ride the Cyclone*

Choreography: Shannon Chipman
Rosie Bell
Jasmine Krishnamachari

Candy Corn Unicorns

*Music: Fairy Doll - Victor A.
Fedotov & Mariinsky
Orchestra & Vivaldi's Spring -
Black Violin*



Choreography: Shannon Chipman
Candy Corn Unicorn
Emily Donalson (10/23 & 10/25 1PM)
Laurel Baumbach (10/24 & 10/25 4:30)
Ballet III/IV Performance Team
Brynn Campbell
Hazel Hansen
Penelope Hover-Smoot
Hailey Lewis
Dara Lingemann
Lily Martin
Trinley Wright-Gya

Witches' Brew

Boo Crew

*Music: Griztronics -
Griz & Subtronics*

Choreography: Jenny Wright
Hip-Hop II
Tatum Crichton
Eleanor Hover-Smoot
Cassidy Lozano
Scarlet Lozano
Ava Schuler



Sugar Plum Scaries

If you give a rat a cookie

*Music: The Nutcracker /Dance
of the Sugar Plum Fairy (Trap
Remix) - Trap Music Now*

Choreography: Anna Zigmund-Ramm
Hip-Hop III/IV
Hazel Hansen
Magnolia Jacobs
Katherine Johnson

Clara's Web

Music: *Clara is in the Land of Sour*
- Jack O'Donnell



Choreography: Vicki Bergland

Ballet IV

Max Diop

Emily Donalson

Leila Hassani

Rosalie Kiefer

Hailey Lewis

Marin Telling

Sour Puss Fairies

Music: *Black Magic Woman* -
Santana

Choreography: Shannon Chipman

Rosie Bell

Liliana Eymann

Ruby Hansen

Jasmine Krishnamachari

Clara & The Ghost

Music: *The Ghost March* -
Sammy Timberg
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10/24 & 10/25 4:30 PM

Choreography: Shannon Chipman

Melissa Gray

Rosie Bell

Jasmine Krishnamachari

Waltz of the Golden Gummy Worm

Music: *Arabian Nights* - Will Smith
from *Live Action Aladdin*

Choreography: Ally Dunn

Lyrical/Jazz Performance Team III/IV

Brynn Campbell

Hazel Hansen

Penelope Hover-Smoot

Katherine Johnson

Dara Lingemann

Lily Martin

Finley Wilbur



Mad Russian

Music: *A Mad Russian's Christmas* -
Trans-Suberian Orchestra

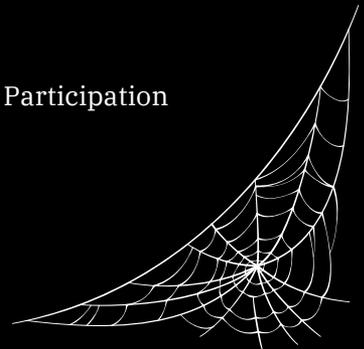
Choreography: Shayla O'Rourke

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Seance

Music: *Let's Go Crazy* - Prince & We
Will Rock You - Queen

Audience Participation



Zombie Soldiers

Music: Thriller - Michael Jackson



Finale

*Music: Dance of the Sugar Plum -
Tomer Maizner*

Story & Libretto

Stage Manager, Sound

Choreographers

Production Manager

Projection Art & Cover Art

Lighting & Projections

Theater Manager

Special Thanks to our Tremendous Volunteers & The Landing

Choreography: Tara Firenzi

Nutcracker: Tara Firenzi

Tap III/IV

Brynn Campbell

Max Diop

Raina Fraim

Hazel Hansen

Leila Hassani

Magnolia Jacobs

Katherine Johnson

Hailey Lewis

Dara Lingemann

Lily Martin

Tap V/VI

Rosie Bell

Kalyssa Dettle

Liliana Eymann

Ruby Hansen

Hannah Jonas

Lily Katznelson

Jasmine Krishnamachari

Cast & Crew

Shannon Chipman

Kari-Lynn Morgan

Staff

Cassidy Parong

Cheyenne Donald-Diaz

Lyndsey Gould

Richard Dwyer

Big Thank You...



To our amazing IAD & SCCB Family...

To Claire Nippress for all of your beautiful work on the costumes in this show and so many others...

To Regan Eymann and Jessica Hassani for helping to organize backstage...

To Natasha Katznelson for your eye to dazzle with props and costume embellishments...

To Pacific Cookie Company for your generous donation...

To all of our wonderful volunteers...

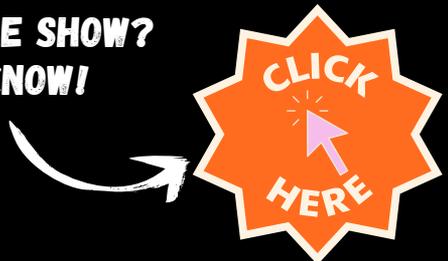
To all parents, students, & staff...

Thank you for making this production possible, and for being part of our Spooky Nutcracker!

We couldn't do it without you, and truly appreciate all that you do.

You make this nightmare a dream come true!

**HOW WAS THE SHOW?
LET US KNOW!**





Shout Outs

We love to watch you dance, Heidi!

Rowen, we love to see your joy in dancing!

We're so proud of the work you put in, Lily!

Happy 7th Birthday, Clara! We love you so much!

Trinley Wangmo, you are such a beautiful dancer!

Leila, you continue to amaze us! Love, Mom & Dad

Alice! We love the joy in your dancing. Love, M&N

Knock 'em dead, Ava! It's scary how proud we are!

Dear Jolie, Spooky Nutcracker, heck yeah! Keep dancing :)

Congratulations Raina Fram, for a fun & fabulous performance!

From pliés to pirouettes, you cast a spell on us every time you dance. Go haunt that stage with your magic, Tatum — we're so proud of our beautiful dancer! — Mom, Dad & Tate

Finley your drive for dancing and performing has always amazed us from the time you were a little girl! You have always loved choreographing your own dances and we know you will keep dancing through life in all you do! We love you!

— Love, Mama & Dad!



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