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# THE NUTCRACKER: A DULUTH TALE

**Choreography & Libretto**—Karl von Rabenau

**Music**—Pyotr Tchaikovsky

**Ballet Master**—Jennifer Miller

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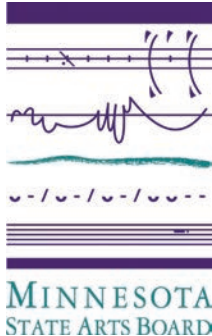
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# *The Nutcracker: A Duluth Tale—The Story*

## **ACT 1, Scene 1**

**As the story begins**, in the beginning of the 20th century, Clara is travelling for the holidays with her mother and brother, Fritz. Their train makes a stopover at the Duluth Union Depot. As they disembark from the train they encounter a bustling station with lots of people and adventures. There are newsboys, chestnut vendors, a flower vendor, and a candy seller: Mother Ginger. Most intriguing of all is the arrival of a magician, Drosselmeyer. He entertains the children and other passengers with his tricks and his amazing dancing dolls. He notices how much Clara enjoys the dolls and decides to give her a very special gift, a Nutcracker.

## **ACT 1, Scene 2**

**Clara has forgotten her Nutcracker** and runs outside with her brother to find it right where she left it, on the stairs of the magician Drosselmeyer's train car. As Clara begins to return to the Depot, Fritz has other ideas. With a handful of Drosselmeyer's magic dust, the Harlequin doll escapes. When Drosselmeyer realizes his Harlequin doll is missing, he uses his magic to bring his Nutcracker and Columbine dolls to life to protect Clara and the other passenger children from the mischievous Harlequin and his band of newsboys. A snowball fight ensues with the Nutcracker needing Clara's help to vanquish the Harlequin doll. As Clara begins to feel the chill of the night coming on, her mother comes out from the Depot with her coat. Snow begins to fall into a beautiful pas de deux and swirling snowflakes.

## **ACT 2**

**A choir is singing**, and the passengers come into the Great Hall of the Depot. Clara is tired from the excitement earlier and soon falls asleep in her Mother's arms. She dreams of the passengers on her train ride dancing little vignettes and duets. She dreams that she dances with the Magician Drosselmeyer. He brings her Nutcracker to life, who now looks very similar to the dancing doll from early in the day. The dream continues with dancing flowers and gingerbread cookies. Lastly, Clara finds herself dancing the grand pas de deux with her Nutcracker.

**As Clara begins to wake** from her dream, she finds all of the passengers preparing to board the train to continue on their journey. One that Clara will never forget!

# THE NUTCRACKER: A DULUTH TALE

## ACT 1, Scene 1—The Train Depot

<b>Clara</b> .....	Brianna Crockett (FRI/SUN), Brooke Bero (SAT)
<b>Fritz*</b> .....	Olivia Anderson (FRI/SUN), Zinnia Kracker (SAT)
<b>Their Mother Stahlbaum*</b> .....	Andraya Eisenchenk
<b>Nutcracker Doll</b> .....	Isaac Sharratt (FRI/SUN), Matthew Frezzell (SAT)
<b>Magician Drosselmeyer</b> .....	Sean M. Sullivan (FRI/SUN) Isaac Sharratt (SAT)
<b>Mother Ginger</b> .....	Juliana DeBellis (FRI/SUN), Sophia Morgan (SAT)
<b>Flower Vendor</b> .....	Jessica Lopes (FRI/SUN), Cecilia Hernandez (SAT)
<b>Porter</b> .....	Pierce Gallagher
<b>Traveling Sisters</b> .....	Fri/SUN: Sophia Morgan, Ansley Pierce SAT: Isabella Blindauer, Rebekah Docea
<b>Sailor</b> .....	Matthew Frezzell (FRI/SUN), Taylor Phillips (SAT)
<b>Sweetheart</b> .....	Cecilia Hernandez (FRI/SUN), Jessica Lopes (SAT)
<b>Farmers</b> .....	FRI/SUN: Isabella Blindauer, Rebekah Docea SAT: Juliana DeBellis, Ansley Pierce
<b>Lumberjacks</b> .....	Taylor Phillips (FRI/SUN), Luke Umphlett (SAT)
<b>Weary Mother Vikre*</b> .....	Emily Vikre (FRI/SUN), Belle Anderson (SAT)
<b>Mother Holstrom*</b> .....	Erica Holstrom
<b>Mother Anderson*</b> .....	Belle Anderson (FRI/SUN), Emily Vikre (SAT)
<b>Arola Travelers</b> .....	Kelly Thompson-Sather, Jed Lahti
<b>Harlequin Doll*</b> .....	Piper Linn (FRI/SUN), Adelaide von Rabenau (SAT)
<b>Columbine Doll*</b> .....	Natalie Carter (FRI/SUN), Hanna Searls (SAT)
<b>Newsboys*</b> .....	Olivia Anderson (SAT), Natalie Carter (SAT), May Garcia Kylin Hahn (SUN), Martha Kliewer, (SAT), Zinnia Kracker (FRI/SUN) Piper Linn (SAT), Ava Merhart, Hanna Searls (FRI/SUN) Adelaide von Rabenau (FRI), Kadence von Rabenau (FRI/SUN)
<b>Travelers*</b> .....	Alison Carter, Ruby Donaldson, Sofia Eastvold Sigourney Hunter, Ariadne Kesti, Carolena LaTour, Genevieve Mattevi Brynn Smith, Brooklyn Nelson, Norah Pierson, Martin Pfeil
<b>Chestnut Vendors*</b> .....	Mindy Bolgrien, Tanis Halverson, Faith Rock

## ACT 1, Scene 2—Outside in the Snow

<b>Snow Queen &amp; Snow King</b> .....	FRI/SUN: Brooke Bero & Matthew Frezzell SAT: Brianna Crockett & Taylor Phillips
<b>Snowflakes</b> .....	Isabella Blindauer, Juliana DeBellis, Rebekah Docea Kylin Hahn* (SAT), Cecilia Hernandez, Martha Kliewer* (FRI/SUN) Sophia Morgan, Ansley Pierce Adelaide von Rabenau* (FRI/SUN), Kadence von Rabenau* (SAT)

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## ACT 2—The Train Depot

**Carolers\***... Gaia Bialke (SAT), Kaelynn Cajacob, Eostre Dommer (FRI/SUN)  
Mathilda Gettle (FRI/SUN), Maralie Gustad (SAT), Beatrice Helland  
Charlotte Holstrom, Vivienne Huie, Olivia Kelly (SAT)  
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### Porter and the Traveling Sisters

**Porter** ..... Pierce Gallagher  
**Traveling Sisters** ..... Fri/SUN: Sophia Morgan, Ansley Pierce  
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### Sailor and His Sweetheart

**Sailor** ..... Matthew Frezzell (FRI/SUN), Taylor Phillips (SAT)  
**Sweetheart** ..... Cecilia Hernandez (FRI/SUN), Jessica Lopes (SAT)

### Farmers and Berry Pickers

**Farmers** ..... Fri/SUN: Isabella Blindauer, Rebekah Docea  
SAT: Juliana DeBellis, Ansley Pierce  
**Berry Pickers\*** ..... Adrienne Kolenda, Isla Kolenda, Marit Benziger (SAT)

### Lumberjacks

**Lumberjacks** ..... Taylor Phillips (FRI/SUN), Luke Umphlett (FRI/SAT/SUN)

### Mother Ginger and the Gingerbreads

**Mother Ginger** ..... Juliana DeBellis (FRI/SUN), Sophia Morgan (SAT)  
**Gingerbreads\*** ..... Henry Arola, Giulia Calland, Allison Carter  
Brighton Chafee, Brooklyn Nelson, Norah Pierson  
Julia Rubin, Charlie Tschann

### Waltz of the Flowers

**Dewdrop Fairy** ..... Jessica Lopes (FRI/SUN), Cecilia Hernandez (SAT)  
**Flowers** ..... Isabella Blindauer, Natalie Carter\* (SAT)  
Juliana DeBellis (SAT), Rebekah Docea, Kylin Hahn\* (FRI/SUN)  
Martha Kliewer\* (SAT), Sophia Morgan (FRI/SUN)  
Ansley Pierce, Adelaide von Rabenau\* (FRI/SUN)

### Grand Pas de Deux

**Clara & Nutcracker Prince** ..... Fri/SUN: Brianna Crockett & Isaac Sharratt  
SAT: Brooke Bero & Matthew Frezzell

### Finale—The Cast

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