

Aaron S. Watkin and Arielle Smith's

Nutcracker

16 December 2025 at 7pm London Coliseum

This performance runs for 2 hours including one interval

We hope this festive performance of *Nutcracker* fills you with delight, awakens your sense of wonder, or transports you to a realm where anything is possible.

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Choreography and Concept

Aaron S. Watkin and Arielle Smith

Music

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Lighting DesignPaul Pyant

Set and Costume Design, Concept

Dick Bird

Video Design Leo Flint

Illusion Design and DirectionJohn Bulleid

English National Ballet Philharmonic

Music Director and Conductor Maria Seletskaja

LeaderMatthew Scrivener

Protagonists

Clara (child) Heather Bain*

Clara (adolescent)

Francesca Velicu

Drosselmeyer

James Streeter

Nutcracker Prince

Noam Durand

Nutcracker Doll

Thiago Silva

Sugar Plum Fairy^/Mrs Stahlbaum

Emma Hawes

Sugar Plum Cavalier/Mr Stahlbaum

Aitor Arrieta

Isolde, Ice Queen/Clara's eccentric

aunt

Precious Adams

Rat King/Uromys Grimsewer the cheese broker

Junor Souza

Prologue and Act I

Chimney Sweeps

Henry Dowden Thiago Silva

Suffragettes

Isabelle Brouwers Sarah Hirsch

Freddie and Louise, Clara's siblings

Ernest Naughton* Fina-Rae Kliewe*

Grandparents

Laura Hussey Shevelle Dynott

Maid and Butler

Anna-Babette Winkler Rodrigo Pinto*

Knight in Shining Armour Doll and his Fair Maiden Doll

Alice Bellini

Rhys Antoni Yeomans

Drosselmeyer's assistants / Street Stall sellers / Party guests / Rats / Soldiers / Icicles and Snowflakes

Artists of the Company, Students of English National Ballet School, Royal Ballet School and Tring Park School for the Performing Arts, Guest Artists

Street Children / Party Guests / Baby Mice / Gingerbread Cookies / Christmas Tree Ornaments

Students of Adagio School of Dance and Tring Park School of Performing Arts

*Debut in role









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Act II

Turrón

(Spanish nougat)

Anri Sugiura, Jose María Lorca Menchón Eireen Evrard, Jakob Wheway Hughes Minju Kang, Skyler Martin

Sahlab

(Egyptian hot orchid root milk with cinnamon) Emily Suzuki Eric Snyder Lorenzo Trossello

Tanghulu

(Chinese candied hawthorn berries) Henry Dowden Thiago Silva

Makivnyk

(Ukrainian poppyseed roll) Miguel Angel Maidana Yuki Chikai, Antonio Cortese, Luke Jones, Denis Teixiera

Marzipan-Zwiebelflöten

(German marzipan flutes) **Swanice Luong** Georgia Bould, Thalina Chapin, Chloe Keneally, Adriana Lizardi

Liquorice Allsorts

Rodrigo Pinto Laura Hussey (Head of Box) Students of Adagio School of Dance

Waltz of Buttercream Roses Clara (adolescent)

Francesca Velicu

Nutcracker Prince

Noam Durand

Demi Soloists

Claire Barrett, Jung ah Choi, Betsy Smith, Anna-Babette Winkler

Corps de Ballet

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Sugar Plum Fairy[^]

Emma Hawes

Sugar Plum Cavalier

Aitor Arrieta

Finale

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