

# Nutcracker

**17 December 2025 at 1pm  
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

**Set and Costume Design, Concept**  
Dick Bird

**English National Ballet  
Philharmonic**

**Music**  
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

**Video Design**  
Leo Flint

**Music Director and Conductor**  
Maria Seletskaja

**Lighting Design**  
Paul Pyant

**Illusion Design and Direction**  
John Bulleid

**Leader**  
Matthew Scrivener

## Protagonists

**Clara (child)**  
Heather Bain

**Clara (adolescent)**  
Ashley Coupal\*

**Drosselmeyer**  
Fabian Reimair

**Nutcracker Prince**  
Rentaro Nakaaki

**Nutcracker Doll**  
Eric Snyder\*

**Sugar Plum Fairy<sup>^</sup>/Mrs Stahlbaum**  
Fernanda Oliveira

**Sugar Plum Cavalier/Dr Stahlbaum**  
Lorenzo Trossello

**Isolde, Ice Queen/Clara's eccentric aunt**  
Anri Sugiura

**Rat King/Uromys Grimsewer the cheese broker**  
Jose María Lorca Menchón

## Prologue and Act I

**Chimney Sweeps**  
Luke Jones\*  
Rodrigo Pinto\*

**Suffragettes**  
Isabelle Brouwers  
Sarah Hirsch

**Freddie and Louise, Clara's siblings**  
Ernest Naughton  
Fina-Rae Kliewe

**Grandparents**  
Laura Hussey  
Shevelle Dynott

**Maid and Butler**  
Eireen Evrard  
Sacha Venkatasawmy

**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**



English  
National  
Ballet

Aaron S. Watkin and Arielle Smith's

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## Act II

### Turrón

(Spanish nougat)

Precious Adams, Skyler Martin  
Alice Bellini, Henry Dowden  
Lois Fraiz\*, Eric Snyder

### Sahlab

(Egyptian hot orchid root milk with cinnamon)

Minju Kang  
Zai Calliste\*  
Jose María Lorca Menchón

### Tanghulu

(Chinese candied hawthorn berries)

Luke Jones\*  
Rodrigo Pinto\*

### Makivnyk

(Ukrainian poppyseed roll)

Noam Durand  
Elliott Martin, Sacha Venkatasawmy,  
Jean-Loup Visconti\*, Denis Teixeira

### Marzipan-Zwiebelflöten

(German marzipan flutes)

Swanice Luong  
Thalina Chapin, Chloe Keneally,  
Adriana Lizardi, Francesca Velicu

### Liquorice Allsorts

Thiago Silva  
Laura Hussey (Head of Box)  
Students of Adagio School of Dance

### Waltz of Buttercream Roses

**Clara (adolescent)**

Ashley Coupal\*  
**Nutcracker Prince**  
Rentaro Nakaaki

### Demi Soloists

Eireen Evrard, Tara Millard,  
Betsy Smith, Anna-Babette Winkler

### Corps de Ballet

Artists of the Company, Students of  
English National Ballet School, Royal  
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### Sugar Plum Fairy^

Emma Hawes  
**Sugar Plum Cavalier**  
Aitor Arrieta

### Finale

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^The role of the Sugar Plum Fairy is generously  
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