

Aaron S. Watkin and Arielle Smith's

Nutcracker

20 December 2025 at 2.30pm 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

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^/Mrs Stahlbaum

Haruhi Otani

Sugar Plum Cavalier/Dr Stahlbaum

Erik Woolhouse

Isolde, Ice Queen/Clara's eccentric

aunt

Emily Suzuki

Rat King/Uromys Grimsewer the cheese broker

Jose María Lorca Menchón

Prologue and Act I

Chimney Sweeps

Luke Jones Rodrigo Pinto

Suffragettes

Maddison Willmot Sarah Hirsch

Freddie and Louise, Clara's siblings

Ernest Naughton Fina-Rae Kliewe

Grandparents

Laura Hussey Shevelle Dynott

Maid and Butler

Lucinda Strachan* Sacha Venkatasawmy

Knight in Shining Armour Doll and his Fair Maiden Doll

nis Fair Maide

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)

Precious Adams, Henry Dowden Eireen Evrard, Jakob Wheway Hughes Minju Kang, Skyler Martin

Sahlab

(Egyptian hot orchid root milk with cinnamon) Anri Sugiura Zai Calliste Junor Souza

Tanghulu

(Chinese candied hawthorn berries) Luke Jones Rodrigo Pinto

Makivnyk

(Ukrainian poppyseed roll) Shunhei Fuchiyama Antonio Cortese, Elliot Martin, Kaede Nakajima, Sacha Venkatasawmy

Marzipan-Zwiebelflöten

(German marzipan flutes) **Swanice Luong** Emilia Cadorin, Thalina Chapin, Chloe Keneally, Adriana Lizardi

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

Claire Barrett, Jung ah Choi, Lois Fraiz, Betsy Smith

Corps de Ballet

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Sugar Plum Fairy[^]

Haruhi Otani

Sugar Plum Cavalier

Erik Woolhouse

Finale

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