

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET



The Nutcracker Story

It's 1826 on Christmas Eve in the Stahlbaum house. Clara and her brother Fritz prepare to welcome guests. Their wealthy parents are hosting an extravagant Christmas Eve party. Guests arrive and join in the evening festivities. Herr Drosselmeyer, an eccentric toy maker, arrives and amazes the party guests with his magical toys. He showcases his live dancing ballerina doll, acrobatic jesters, and militant toy soldiers. Drosselmeyer presents Clara and Fritz with two toys of their own.

Clara is fascinated when presented with a beautiful wooden Nutcracker. In a jealous rage, Fritz terrorizes Clara breaking the Nutcracker in the process. Drosselmeyer consoles Clara and repairs her gift.

Party guests depart for the evening and the Stahlbaum family retreats to their sleeping quarters.

Clara sneaks quietly down to the parlor to admire the Christmas presents. She soon falls asleep but is awakened by the sounds of mice scurrying about. A battle ensues between mice and Drosselmeyer's magical toy soldiers. The battle intensifies when the Rat King challenges the life-size Nutcracker. The Nutcracker and his toy soldiers slay the Rat King saving Clara.

The Nutcracker then takes Clara on a whimsical journey through a snowy forest. They are greeted by dancing snow flakes and a snow queen. They soon arrive at the Land of the Sweets. Clara is entertained by several international characters including: Spanish Hot Chocolate, Arabian Coffee, French Cupcakes, Russian Candy Canes, Chinese Tea, Gingerbreads, Waltzing flowers, and a Sugar Plum Fairy.

Clara returns from the Land of the Sweets and awakens safe in her parlor on Christmas Day. Was it all a dream? Or was it a magical Christmas miracle?



Thank You

It has been an absolute pleasure directing Momentum Dance Academy's second winter showcase "The Nutcracker Spectacular".

I would like to thank choreographers Crystal Reynolds and Meagan Rivera for making this a success. Thank You to my husband Pete Olguin who spent countless hours behind the scenes. Pete plays a huge role in logistics, technical assistance, prop design, and graphic art. Pete was recently promoted to official "creepy crawly remover" when our dancers find a bug and scream out of the room.

I'd like to thank our long-time friend Joseph Vasquez; a talented musician who has volunteered to run our soundboard. LeeAnn Burnett who is volunteering for her second year as backstage manager. Thank You Geena Saenz, Scott Dew and Event Lighting for adding a beautiful element to the show with the fog and snow machines. Thank You MDA teaching staff and assistants: Kristin Castellanoz, Katerina Mackey, Ava Reynolds, and Brooklyn Matthews. I'd like to thank our amazing cast of actors, we couldn't have done this without you; Athena Aguayo, Piper Reynolds, Jacob Malloy, Ray Reynolds, Xavier Reynolds, Klyde Saechao, Edgar Silva, and baby Jensen Silva. Thank you to my parents, Robin, and Landes Dung, for attending our ballet performances growing up, and continuing to support our shows through adulthood.

Thank you to our MDA parents, families, and class volunteers that support our program. To all our Dancers, we are proud of your hard work, dedication, and fun memories. Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank God for the wonderful blessing and opportunity to work with these amazing, funny, and talented students! We Love you All!

*Tonight's show is dedicated to the memory of
Anatoli "Toni" Szakala; Our Ukrainian grandfather
who recently went to be with the Lord.
We Love you Pops!*



Merry Christmas & Enjoy The Show!

Amanda Olguin



*Amanda as 'French Cupcake'
"The Nutcracker" Circa 1999*

The Nutcracker

Act I

Party Guests
Drosselmeyer's Dolls
Harlequin & Jester Dolls
March of the Toy Soldiers
Presentation of the Nutcracker
Final Party Waltz
Mice Entrance
Mice & Toy Soldier Battle
"The Rat Pack"
"The Rat Pack" & Nutcracker Battle
Angels of Heaven
Snow

Intermission

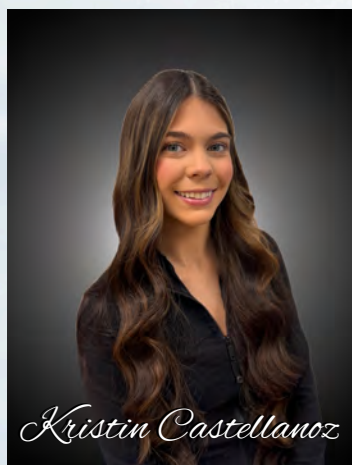
Act II

Waltz of the Flowers
Peppermint Frost
Chinese Tea
Arabian Coffee
Gingerbread Dolls feat The Nutcracker & Clara
French Cupcakes
Spanish Hot Chocolate
Russian Candy Canes
Sugar Plum Fairy
Finale

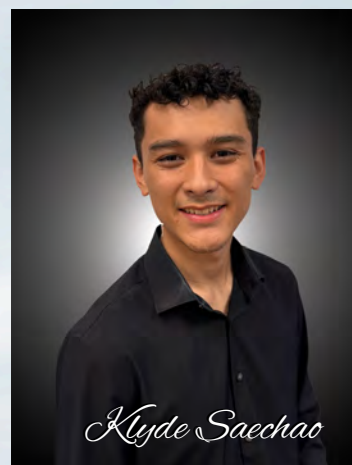


The Nutcracker Principal Cast

Sugar Plum Fairy



The Nutcracker Prince



Clara



The Rat King



Dew Drop Fairy



Drosselmeyer



The Nutcracker

Lead Roles

**Drosselmeyer's Doll
French Cupcake Queen**



Elyse DeLima

Drosselmeyer's Baby Doll



Megan Brewer

Harlequin Doll



Brooklyn Matthews

Toy Soldier Queen



Taya Flores

The Rat Pack



Madeleine Silva

The Rat Pack



Jacqueline Hernandez

**Snow Queen
Arabian Queen**



Vanessa Rodriguez

Arabian Princess



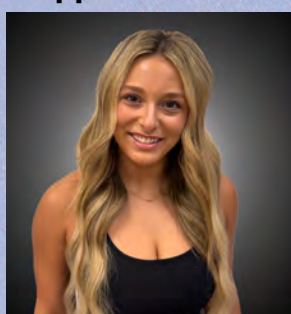
Jayden Rodriguez

Flower Petal Princess



Brooklynn Miller

Peppermint Frost



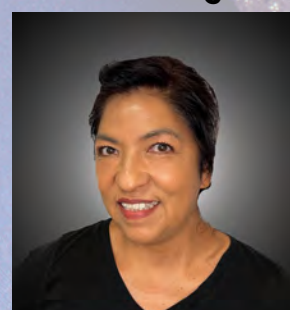
Presley Peterson

Chinese Tea Queen



Hailey Long

Mother Ginger



Greena Saenz

**Spanish Hot Chocolate
Queen**



Ava Reynolds

**Spanish Hot Chocolate
Princess**



Scarlett Luna

**Spanish Hot Chocolate
Princess**



Giulietta Ramirez

**Russian Candy Cane
Queen**



Amelia Dutto

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Party Gentlemen



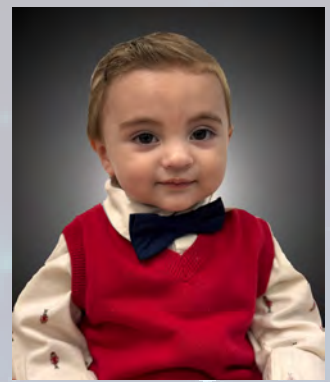
Jacob Malloy



Xavier Reynolds



Ray Reynolds
Dr. Stahlbaum



Jensen Silva
Not Pictured: "Sir Jensen's"
personal assistant Edgar Silva

Momentum Manager



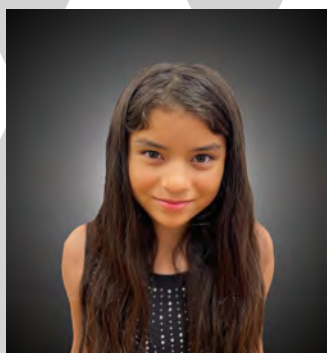
Pete Olguin





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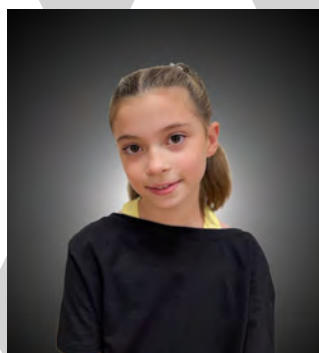
Jester Dolls



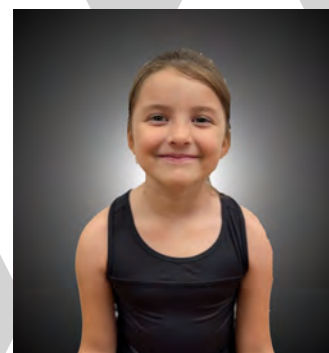
Anastazia Chavez



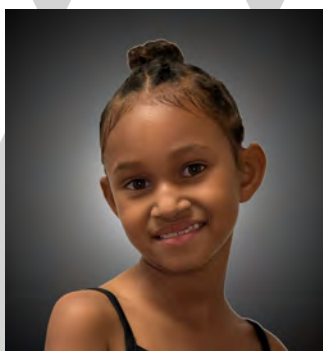
Lilly Dodson



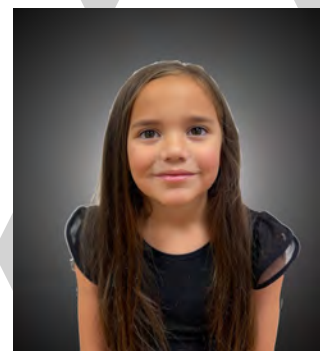
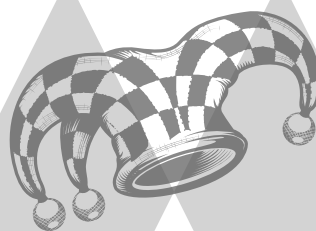
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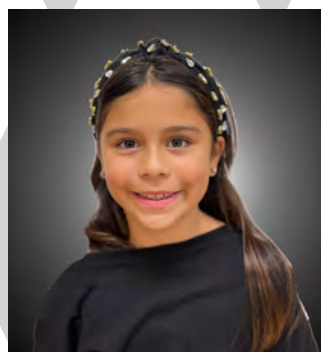
Yaretzi Mejia



Elena Nora



Parker Singleton



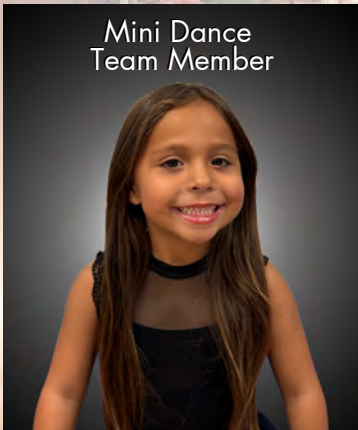
Joanne Trejo-Chamberlain



The Nutcracker Cast

Toy Soldiers

Mini Dance
Team Member



Camila Ramirez

Mini Dance
Team Member



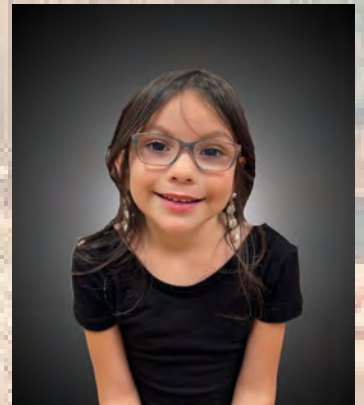
Analisa Gomez



Andi Clark



Elena Ea



Sage Hernandez



Myla Lane



Addalie Luna

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Angels



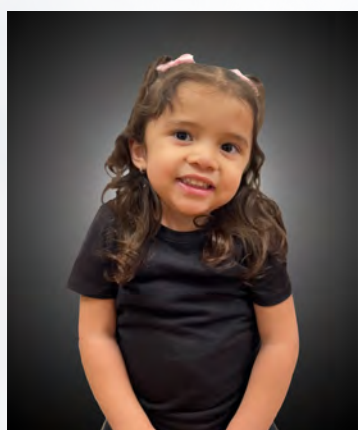
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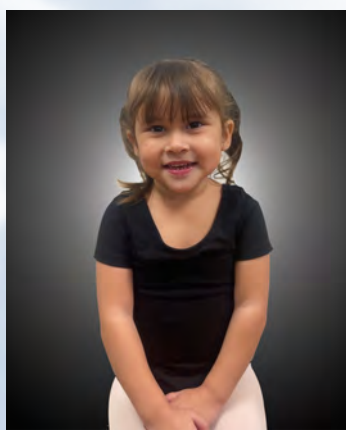
Amira Armendariz



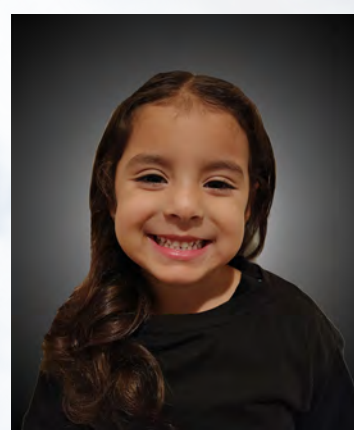
Rylee Castellanoz



Destiny Delgado



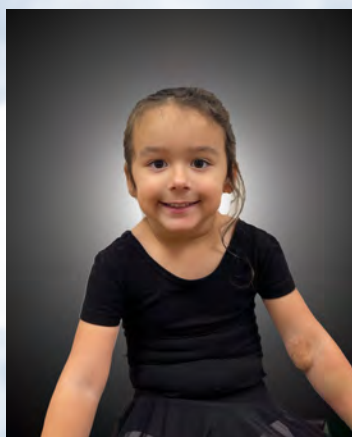
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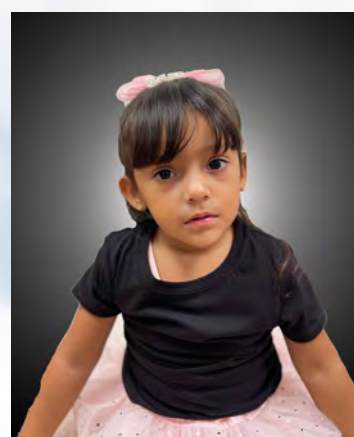
Emily Hernandez



Emma Hernandez



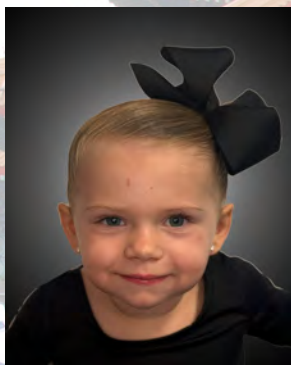
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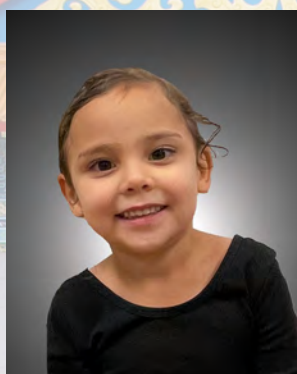
Paula Reyes

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Chinese Tea Dolls



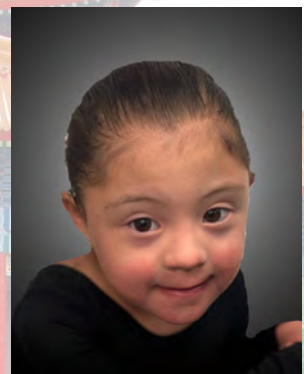
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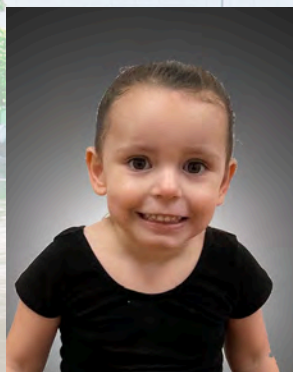
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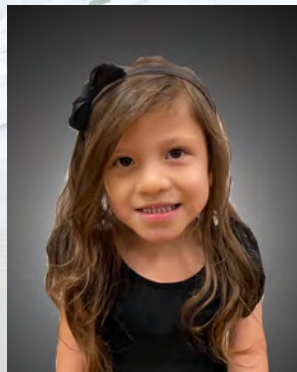
Lili Castillo



Robin Castillo



Harper DeCampos



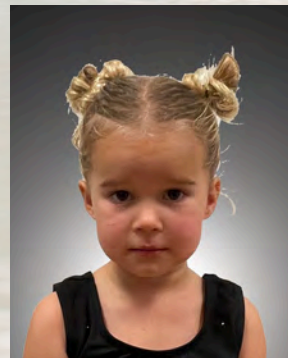
Elena Martinez



Paulina Ramirez



Symphony Saenz



Emma Wilson

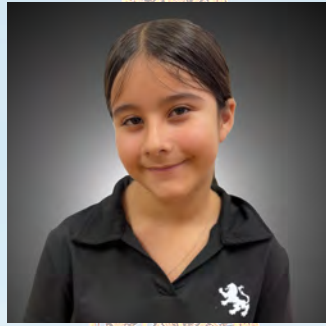


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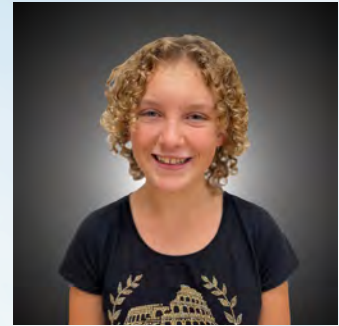
French Cupcakes



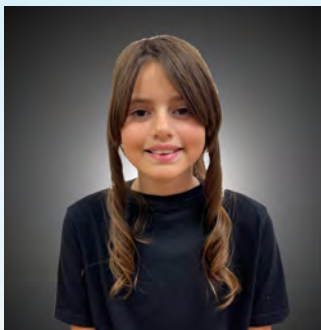
Anayeli Gomez



Makayla Sisco



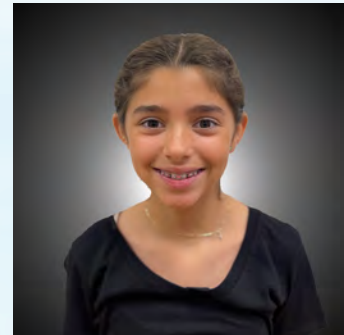
Elizabeth Lowry



Arlyn Faria



Daisy Lemus



Arianny Gutierrez



Emma Arellano



The Nutcracker Choreography



**Drosselmeyer's Dolls, Snow, Spanish Hot Chocolate,
Sugar Plum Fairy**



**Harlequin & Jester Dolls, March of the Toy Soldiers, Angels,
Chinese Tea, Gingerbread Dolls feat The Nutcracker & Clara,
French Cupcakes**



**Party Guest Scene, Presentation of the Nutcracker, Final Party Waltz,
Mice Entrance, Mice & Toy Soldier Battle, The "Rat Pack" & Nutcracker
Battle, Waltz of the Flowers, Peppermint Frost, Arabian Coffee,
Russian Candy Canes**