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SAJ Dance Productions
Palm Springs, CA

THE SAJ DANCE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS 11th ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OF NUTCRACKER

JAN. 9TH 7PM | JAN. 10TH 2PM

Helene Galen Performing Arts
Center at Rancho Mirage
High School



**SAJ Dance Productions
Helene Galen Performing Arts Center**

PRESENTS

THE NUTCRACKER

Music by
Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

with

Clara
Ryleigh Arthen

Sugar Plum
Jenna Deciedo

Choreographed by
George Balanchine, Stephanie Jenkins, and Amylia Cantu

Directed By
Stephanie Jenkins



THE STORY OF THE NUTCRACKER

The story of the Nutcracker tells the magical Christmas Eve story of a young girl, Clara, who receives a magical Nutcracker from her eccentric godmother during her parents' annual Christmas party.

After guests leave, Clara sneaks back to the Christmas tree to get her Nutcracker and falls into a deep dream, where the toys come to life. A fierce battle erupts between the Nutcracker's toy soldiers and the Mouse Queen's army of mice. Clara helps the Nutcracker by distracting the Mouse Queen, allowing the Nutcracker to slay her.

The Nutcracker transforms into a handsome Prince, who invites Clara on a journey to the Land of Sweets.

Clara travels through the magical Land of Snow, welcomed by snowflakes, and then arrives at the Land of Sweets.

She is greeted and escorted by her prince and the graceful Sugar Plum Fairy. The Land of Sweets celebrates Clara with various dances, including Spanish, Arabian, Chinese, and Marzipan dances, culminating in the Waltz of the Flowers and the Sugar Plum Fairy's solo.

After a grand finale, Clara bids farewell to her new friends as the dream fades.

Clara wakes by the Christmas tree with her Nutcracker doll, holding the magical necklace from the Sugar Plum Fairy, realizing the magic was real.

CAST

Cast Members

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| Clara | Camila Garcia Ryleigh Arthen |
| Sugar Plum | Jenna Deciedo |
| Louise | Ryleigh Arthen Camila Garcia |
| Mrs Stahlbaum | Yetlanezi Mesa |
| Party Parents | Sophia Garcia Jordyn Melara Ruiz Amaya Mancilla Nova Bell-Waehler |
| Maid | Sloane Hickman |
| Harlequin Doll | Zoey Hines |
| Columbine Doll | Lilianne Ruiz |
| Toy Soldier | James Hansele |
| Mouse Queen | Lilianne Ruiz |
| Snow Queen | Yetlanezi Mesa Amaya Mancilla |
| Spanish Hot Chocolate | Sophia Garcia Jordyn Melara Ruiz |
| Marzipan Lead | Lilianne Ruiz |
| Marzipan Core | Ryleigh Arthen Juliana Cuevas Camila Garcia Olivia Garcia Anahi Mariscal Elsie McCoy Luna Zepeda |
| Arabian | Sloane Hickman |
| Candy Cane | James Hansele |
| Chinese Lead | Jordyn Melara Ruiz Sophia Garcia |
| Chinese Core | Zoey Hines Anahi Mariscal |
| Dew Drop | Nova Bell-Waehler |

CAST

Cast Members (continued)

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| Flower Core | Sophia Garcia Sloane Hickman Zoey Hines Amaya Mancilla Jordyn Melara Ruiz Yetlanezi Mesa Lilianne Ruiz Julieta Alvarez |
| Party Families | Juliana Alvarado Tirzah Aparicio Jozie Canales Dani Chavez Amia Cormier Ava de Castro Penelope Franz Sara Garcia Nora Otaordi Ivy McCoy Indica Ulloa |
| Gingerbread Dolls | Juliana Cuevas Olivia Garcia Anahi Mariscal Elsie McCoy Luna Zepeda |
| Snow Core | Mila Aguilar Cienna Cisneros Isabella Deleon Aaliyah Hernandez Ava Jimenez Ruby McCoy Olivia Miranda Elsie Monjaraz Luna Ramirez Giselle Zerega |
| Army of Toy Soldiers | Amaya Mancilla James Hansele Jordyn Melara Ruiz Julieta Alvarez Lilianne Ruiz Nova Bell-Waehler Sloane Hickman Sophia Garcia Yetlanezi Mesa Zoey Hines |

PHOTOS



Amylia Cantu - Instructor and Team Coach



Chloe Salvail - Instructor



Mariah Torres - Instructor



Richard Jenkins - Administration



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NOTES FROM THE CREATIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to SAJ Dance Productions' Annual Production of the Nutcracker.

Our dancers tonight will be showcasing their talents and their. All of our dancers, teachers, and staff spend hours on choreography, technique, staging, lighting, and skill to master their crafts. We are excited to share with you this beloved Christmas Classic.

We want to thank all of our dance parents for their dedication and commitment to the growth of their child as an SAJ dancer. Without you, this wouldn't be possible. SAJ has heart and dedication to the youth of the Coachella Valley for nearly 10 years. We take pride in providing a big city vision to a small town. We focus on technique, discipline, dedication, work ethic, and body positivity. We teach our students that they can strive to set goals that are achievable while maintaining positive mental health with a dance community that supports them. As we continue to grow, we look forward to welcoming new students and staff to SAJ at our new location. Join us this summer for our summer evening classes starting in July.

We offer genres such as Ballet/Pointe, Jazz, Lyrical/Contemporary, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre, and Acro/Tumbling. SAJ Dance Productions is a recreational/competitive studio. We look forward to spending time building skills with your students this summer.

We'd like to invite you to come by and tour our lovely studio.

Enjoy the show!



Miss Stephanie

