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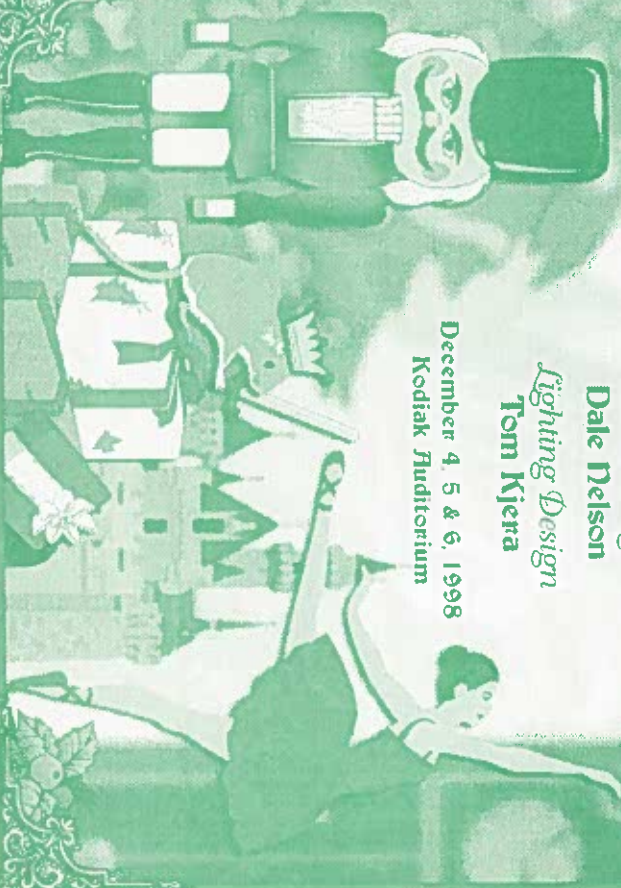
Music by P.I. Tchaikovsky

Featuring Woodland Dance Studio  
& Little School of Dance

Director  
**Ginny Shank**  
Associate Directors  
Molly Brodie, Barbara Riggs  
& Lissa Woodbury Jensen

Guest Nutcracker  
Gabriel Ramirez  
Scenic Design  
Dale Nelson  
Lighting Design  
Tom Kjera

December 4, 5 & 6, 1998  
Kodiak Auditorium



## A Note from the Director

The entire cast welcomes you to Kodiak's fifth production of the Nutcracker ballet. Every three years we present our gift to the community to begin the holiday festivities. It not only provides an opportunity to showcase our finest dancers, but also include dancers of all ages enrolled in studio classes and adults that simply like to be a part of the ballet.

Younger dancers look forward to being old enough to audition for Clara and more experienced dancers are motivated to work toward achieving the coveted roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy, Snow Queen, and the Dew Drop Fairy. While watching our guest artist perform as the Nutcracker, boys in the audience, or those taking class now, often begin to realize how athletic and physically demanding ballet can be.

Those of us that teach dance and choreograph for this production are constantly challenged to present this ballet with new and different ideas incorporated into the story. I know you will enjoy and be entertained by Molly Brodie's staging and choreography for The Battle Scene. The Land of the Christmas Woods' entire Snow Corps dancing *en pointe* for the first time in Kodiak history will transport you to a beautiful place thanks to the choreography of Barbara Riggs. Lissa Woodbury Jensen's extensive theatre experience has had a very positive effect on the overall dramatic presentation of our performers. I believe you will also notice that our teen dancers are performing at a higher level of skill than ever before. We are especially very proud of them for their accomplishments. The long list of volunteers helping in all aspects of this production is an indication of commitment to the arts in Kodiak. Without their help and the dancers' parents, the Nutcracker would not come to life. Everyone working together toward this common goal produces friendships that are invaluable.

Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite is an amazing work in its own right, however, it is brought to life in the ballet. Let yourself become part of the magic of Godfather Drosselmeyer, Clara's dream and this wonderful story. If you can do that and take it with you into the holiday season, then we know we have accomplished what we set out to do.

One more thought I would like to share with you, in 1988 when Jennifer Blomfield, Jenny Wattum Stanford and I prepared for our first Nutcracker, it was with the help and support of Gerry Wilson. He believed in us and gave us the opportunity to learn and grow. For this I will be eternally grateful. Thank you, Gerry. I miss you.

*Jenny*  
**Guest Artist Gabriel R. Ramirez**

Our guest artist dancing the role of the Nutcracker is from Yuba City, California where he has danced for the past twelve years studying ballet, tap, and jazz. His dance awards include First Place winner in the "Search for Talent" competition, "Grand Champion" for five consecutive years in the California State Talent Competition, First Alternate to the 1998 California State Ambassador Fairs and Festivals, and Ambassador to the Yuba Sutter Fair in 1997-98. His production experience includes "Grease", "Alice In Wonderland", "Phantom of the Opera", and Sacramento Kings Half Time Shows. He is currently enrolled as a freshman at University of California-Davis as a neuro-biology, physiology, and human behavior major with a goal of becoming a pediatric physician. Gabe is also dancing in three UC Davis concerts in May of 1999, rehearsing on weekends and performing with the Sugo! Dance Company in Sacramento, and exploring the Applied Dance Program at UCLA. Please join us in welcoming him to Kodiak.

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# Synopsis of Scenes

On Christmas Eve, Clara and her brother, Fritz, are dozing in the hallway outside the Great Hall, waiting for the party to begin. Clara and Fritz peek through the keyhole to see how the Christmas tree and decorations look, when their parents discover them pushing each other and quickly bring them to their best behavior. Aunts, uncles, cousins and friends begin to arrive and share the excitement of the holiday. The Christmas tree is decorated with angels, candy canes, sugar plums, and spun sugar shepherdesses with their sheep. The maids serve teacakes, chocolate, pastries, coffee and tea. All are finally gathered at the party when the mysterious and magical Godfather Drosselmeyer makes his entrance. The children are enthralled by all of his toys which come to life: jesters, tiny little marionettes, a beautiful ballerina doll, a harlequin jack-in-the-box, and doves. Drosselmeyer also brings little Arabian dancing dolls and scary gingerbread cookies. All the children receive special gifts.

Drosselmeyer presents a very special nutcracker doll to Clara after Fritz steals her hobbyhorse. Everyone ends the wonderful evening by dancing in the Grand March. Each girl and woman receives a lovely flower. After all the guests have gone, Clara creeps back into the Great Hall to look at her Nutcracker. As she picks up her Nutcracker, the strangest thing happens. We see that Drosselmeyer has not really left the Great Hall, and he brings his little sandmen to sprinkle Clara with magic sleeping dust and little fairies appear, putting her into a deep sleep.

Little baby mice awaken Clara, but she is not really frightened until the big mice appear and the scary Mouse King starts making everything in the room grow, including the Christmas tree and the toys! Her Nutcracker suddenly comes to life and leads the toy soldiers in a big battle against the Mouse King and the army of mice.

After the Nutcracker is wounded, the Mouse King is distracted when Clara throws her slipper, and the Nutcracker fatally stabs the Mouse King. Drosselmeyer transforms the Nutcracker into a handsome prince.

The Nutcracker Prince is so grateful to Clara for her heroic deed that he takes her to his kingdom, the Land of Sweets by way of the Christmas Woods. Tiny reindeer lead a beautiful sleigh to transport Clara and the Prince through the Christmas Woods to the home of the Snow Queen and waltzing snowflakes, then on to the Land of the Sweets.

The Christmas tree angels announce to the Sugar Plum Fairy that the Prince and Clara are coming, the Sugar Plum Fairy prepares the Royal Pages and the Ladies in Waiting for their arrival. The Prince and Clara tell the story of the battle with the mice, and the Prince gives Clara a beautiful crown to be his Princess in the Land of Sweets. They take their places on their thrones and are entertained by the most magical treats: Pastry Chefs present splendid desserts, Candy Canes and Spanish Chocolates perform, Arabian Coffee dances, Chinese Tea Dancers jump out of a teapot, the Russian Teacakes jump and leap, the Shepherdesses try to keep their sheep in the herd, and Mother Ginger brings her Pulchinelles.

Clara and the Prince watch in delight as all of his loyal subjects appear. Then all the lovely Flowers assemble for the Waltz of the Flowers, led by the Dew Drop Fairy. Clara wishes she could stay forever, but it is time to bid her new friends farewell.

As the Land of Sweets fades, we see Clara awakening and trying to explain the wonderous dream to her mother.

Mother Ginger ..... Sally Haldewang

Mother Ginger's Pulchinelles ..... Jordan Clay, Heidi Hokanson, Candace Jensen,  
*Choreography - Ginny Shank* Leah Johanson, Rachel Morin, Jesse Steven,  
Martha Steven, Heather Wurm

Waltz of the Flowers ..... Carissa Thummel  
Dew Drop Fairy ..... Carissa Thummel  
*Choreography - Molly Brodie*

Featured Flowers ..... Laura Beard, Kindra Halverson,  
*Choreography - Molly Brodie* Sarah Thompson

Waltz of the Flowers Corps ..... Alex Ardinger, Chelsea Brant, Domineesha  
*Choreography - Molly Brodie* Dalrymple, Justine Darrah, Deborah Dixon,  
Marie Finn, Laura Foody, Tiffany Garcia, Callan  
Hendel, Audrey Ivanoff, Nicole Martin, Iris  
McGuire, Jessica Pena, Sheena Walsh,  
Maggie Yngve

Dew Drop Fairy Pas de Deux ..... Carissa Thummel and Gabriel Ramirez  
with Nutcracker Prince ..... Carissa Thummel and Gabriel Ramirez  
*Choreography - Molly Brodie*

Sugar Plum Fairy Pas de Deux ..... Liz Nault and Gabriel Ramirez  
with Nutcracker Prince ..... Liz Nault, Gabriel Ramirez,  
*Choreography - Molly Brodie, Liz Nault, Gabriel Ramirez* Carissa Thummel,  
Sarah Waddell

Coda ..... Liz Nault, Gabriel Ramirez, Carissa Thummel,  
*Choreography - Barbara Riggs* Sarah Waddell

## Scene Two - Clara Awakens from Her Dream

Mrs. Staibaum, Godfather Drosselmeyer, Clara

## Curtain Call



# Nutcracker

## Act I Overture

### Scene One - The Christmas Party at the Stahlbaum House

#### Pastry Chefs

*Choreography - Molly Brodie*

Allie Bateman, Tessa Blair, Erin Blou, Elli Casey, Margo Crane, Morgan Elseth, Margie Helm, Chloe Ivanoff, Molly Jones, Carina Suhl,  
**Leaders:** Alexandra Ardinger, Nicole Martin

#### Assorted Sweets

Tianna Allen, Kate Anthony, Janie Barton, Allie Bateman, Erin Bayer, Shannon Devlin, Corissa Ferris, Heidi Hokanson, Britta Jones, Molly Jones, Megan Killeen, Hilary Kiera, Caitlin Lee, Jessica Pena, Annie Roberts, Mariah Vickstrom, Heather West, Heather Wurm, Maggie Yonge

#### Candy Canes

*Choreography - Ginny Shank*

Tianna Allen, Halley Arneson, Allison Beard, Natalie Garcia, Haley Hansen, Amanda Hoffman, Erika Horn, Brita Jones, Sarah Mungaray, Caitlin Nault, Jessica Riley, Caitlin Thussen, Halle Wall

#### Spanish Chocolates

*Choreography - Barbara Riggs*

Erin Bayer, Carin Bouchard, Ariane Clark, Aimee Fogler, Kelly Kinney, Amanda Langkop, Kaitlin Lee, Janie Strain

#### Arabian Coffee

*Choreography - Barbara Riggs*

Molly Cassidy, Carin Olson

#### Chinese Tea

*Choreography - Ginny Shank*

Thandika Carros, Rebekah DeLaCruz, Traci Herter, Leah Hokanson, Michiko Hull, Rachel Nault, Annie Roberts, Diana Solenberger, Calley Stevens, Heather West

#### Russian Teacakes

*Choreography - Barbara Riggs*

Breanna Casey, Thea Christensen, Meaghan Killeen, Mary Marsh, Kallee McMurran, Savannah Tallino, Mariah Vickstrom

#### Shepherdesses

*Choreography - Molly Brodie*

Kate Anthony, Molly Cassidy, Liz Nault, Carin Olson, Carissa Thummel, Sarah Waddell

#### Sheep

*Choreography - Ginny Shank*

Lyndsey Cole, Monique DeLaCruz, Shannon Devlin, Megan Grupp, Amanda Hokanson, Kayra Hull, Hilary Kiera, Olivia Pfeifer, Laura Tripp, Paige Watson, Samantha Wilson, Audrey Workman, **Leaders:** Brianna Casey, Mary Marsh

#### Clara

Kelly Stahlaker

#### Fritz

Cailey Stevens

#### Maids

Alexandra Ardinger, Domneasha Darpymppe,

*Choreography - Barbara Riggs*

Nicole Martin

#### Dr. Stahlbaum & Mrs. Stahlbaum

Andrew Orr, Molly Brodie

#### Party Children

*Choreography - Jennifer Blomfield,*

*Molly Brodie*

Pearson Brodie, Kelly Cassidy, Arianne Clark, Justine Darran, Margie Helm, Mechila Hodge Orr, Haley Holmes, Hannah Holmstrom, Danica Majdic, Rachel Norton, Zora Parker, Grace VanKossen

#### Party Adults

*Choreography - Molly Brodie*

Sharon Blakeslee, John Eaton, Maureen Eaton, Paula Ensign, Randy Ensign, Jerrrol Friend, Mike Milligan, Rachel Nelson, Andy Neslund, Andy Neslund, Mary Jane Randolph, Linda Resoff, Keith Ruch, Lissa Woodbury Jensen.

#### Godfather Drosselmeyer

Dale Nelson

#### Jesters

*Choreography - Ginny Shank*

Jessica Bowen, Maggie Burcham, Rebecca DuPran, Alli Godfrey, Camryn Gonzales, Zachary Hajdalenko, Katelyn Huling, Trenton King, Christa Leader, Shirlee Morin, Debra Valardo, Andie Wall, **Leader:** Aimee Fogler

#### Marionettes

*Choreography - Ginny Shank*

Alicia Blondin, McKenzie Clark, Amy Cole, Amber Gough, Kimberly Hajdalenko, Silverjoy Prout, Rea Roy, Helen Rupert, Shelby SanNicholas, Marina Thomas, Mara Yatsik

#### Ballerina Doll

*Choreography - Barbara Riggs*

Sarah Thompson

#### Harlequin Jack-in-the-Box

*Choreography - Jenny Stanford, Ginny Shank*

Kallee McMurran

#### Baby Arabians

*Choreography - Ginny Shank*

Olivia Bennett, Bong Bong Peralta, Savannah Compton, Callie Franz, Claire Israelson, Christina Lorenz, Madison Moir, Tyler Neff, Mavis Pruitt, Kayla Rasmussen, Brooke Simmenman, Hailey Thompson, Samantha Trosvig, Kaari Vanderleest, Jessica York, **Leader:** Paula Ensign

### Gingerbread Cookies

*Choreography - Jennifer Blomfield*

*Ginny Shank*

### Doves

*Choreography - Ginny Shank*

Thandika Carros, Candace Jensen, Marietta, Danielle Marietta, Hallie Wall

Amelia Egle, Madison Franz, Jenny Fried, Laura Griffing, Savannah Hegge, Paige Papineau, Rebecca Pohler, Alysse Riggs, Maddie Stanley, Chelsea Starr, Karly Stermberg

### Sandmen and Sandfairies

*Choreography - Ginny Shank*

Celina Carros, Brittany Fredrickson, Joseph Glatt, Heather Hofiman, Karly Hoyt, Sonja Jones, Alexandra Lorenz, Richana Mahle, Matthew Mungaray, Rebecca Pruitt, Tiffany Thomas, Emma Wallace.  
**Leader:** Thea Christensen

## Scene Two - The Battle

### Baby Mice

*Choreography - Molly Brodie*

Christal Bowen, Jacob Bartlett, Celeste Beck, Iris Blakeslee, Emily Claycomb, Ariel Depew, Breanna Descourouez, Alexandra DiDonato, Alli Machacek, Camber Sasser, Lucas Unruh, Rachel Youngberg,  
**Leaders:** Kate Anthony, Domineesha Dalrymple, Laura Foody

### Big Mice

*Choreography - Molly Brodie*

Gabriella Akers, Alex Ardinger, Katie Bongen, Chelsea Brant, Danielle Darrah, Justine Darrah, Deborah Dixon, Iris McGuire, Carin Olson, Olivia Seaton, Shayla Terrell

### Mouse King

*Choreography - Barbara Riggs, Molly Brodie*

Laura Beard

### Nutcracker

*Choreography - Barbara Riggs*

Gabriel Ramirez

### Lead Soldier

*Choreography - Molly Brodie*

Kindra Halverson

### Soldiers

*Choreography - Molly Brodie*

Clair Brodie, Amy Finn, Coco Friccero, Calista Friend, Emma Helligso, Katie Helligso, Candace Jensen, Samson Neslund

### Horses

Maren Miller, Meika Wilde

## Scene Three - The Christmas Woods

### Clara Pas de Deux

*Choreography - Barbara Riggs*

Kelly Stalnakar and Gabriel Ramirez

### Reindeer

*Choreography - Ginny Shank*

Caleb Fish, Ariana Fogle, Nicole Hegge, Caroline Hill, Becky Kerman, Kara Lawson, Hunter Lutes, Marina Richter, Emily Roberts, Devon Ruhde, Brandon Schauff, Megan Zacher, **Leader:** Jamie Strain

### Snow Queen Pas de Deux

*Choreography - Barbara Riggs*

Sarah Waddell and Gabriel Ramirez

### Baby Snowflakes

*Choreography - Molly Brodie*

Richele Ferris, Bess Jacobsen, Elyse Johnston, Emma Neslund, Aiden Ott, Darrian Roberts, Cheyenne Smith, Anelise Zimmer,

**Leaders:** Domineesha Dalrymple, Marie Finn

### Waltz of the Snowflakes Corps

*Choreography - Barbara Riggs*

Gabby Akers, Kate Anthony, Laura Beard, Molly Cassidy, Kindra Halverson, Mara Johnson, Lucy Murdock, Liz Nault, Carin Olson, Tiffany Rehmer, Jennifer Shepard, Erica Thompson, Sarah Thompson, Carissa Thummel



## Intermission - 15 Minutes

## ACT II - Overture Scene One - Land of Sweets

### Featured Angels

*Choreography - Molly Brodie*

Lucy Murdock, Tiffany Rehmer, Jennifer Shepard, Erica Thompson

### Angels

*Choreography - Molly Brodie*

Laura Arboleda, Jamie Barton, Emma Blakeslee, Clair Brodie, Kelly Cassidy, Corissa Ferris, Calista Friend, Mechila Hodge-Ott, Danica Majdic, Nicole Mombberger, Rachel Norton, Christina Thompson

### Sugar Plum Fairy

*Choreography - Molly Brodie, Liz Nault*

Liz Nault

### Nutcracker Prince Variation

*Choreography - Gabriel Ramirez*

Gabriel Ramirez

### Royal Pages

*Choreography - Ginny Shank*

Ariane Clark, Deborah Dixon, Aimee Fogler, Laura Foody, Callen Hendel, Audrey Ivanoff, Amanda Langkop, Iris McGuire, Jamie Strain, Sheenah Walsh

### Ladies in Waiting

*Choreography - Molly Brodie*

Naomi Beck, Kristin Cobban, Elly Cornelius, Imy Dooley, Kaue Helligso, Ivy Ivanoff, Christina Jackson, Anna Johnson, Crystal Marietta, Danelle Marietta, Maren Miller, Kelly Organ, Meika Wilde