

# BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Tuesday 10 December 2024  
Birmingham Hippodrome

## The Nutcracker

**Music** Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky; **Choreography** Peter Wright, Lev Ivanov, Vincent Redmon;  
**Production** Peter Wright; **Designs** John Macfarlane; **Lighting** David Finn

*The Sugar Plum Fairy* Sofia Liñares  
*The Prince* Enrique Bejarano Vidal  
*Drosselmeyer* August Generalli  
*a magician*  
*Clara* Rosanna Ely  
*a ballet student*

### ACT I

*The Magician's Assistant* Tom Hazelby  
*Clara's Mother* Yvette Knight  
*a former ballerina*  
*Clara's Father* Jonathan Payn  
*Fritz* Lawson Hatley  
*Clara's younger brother*  
*Clara's Dancing Partner* Shuailun Wu  
*Grandmother* Daria Stanciulescu  
*Grandfather* Rory Mackay  
*Butler* Oscar Kempsey-Fagg  
*Harlequin* Javier Rojas  
*Columbine* Frieda Kaden  
*Jack-in-the-Box* Gus Payne  
*Ballet Students, Cadets, Guests and Servants* Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet  
*Children* Members of BRB's Dance Track and Elmhurst Ballet School's Young Dancer programmes; students of Elmhurst Ballet School and Royal Ballet Junior Associates  
*The Nutcracker Doll* Tom Hazelby  
*The Rat King* Miles Gilliver  
*Soldiers, Rats* Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet  
*The Snow Fairy* Isabella Howard  
*Her Attendants* Tori Forsyth-Hecken, Tessa Hogge, Maïléne Katoch, Yuki Sugiura  
*Winds* Gabriel Anderson, Haoliang Feng, Oscar Kempsey-Fagg, Javier Rojas  
*Snowflakes* Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

### INTERVAL

## ACT II

**Spanish Dance** **Olivia Chang Clarke, Gabriel Anderson, Miles Gilliver**  
**Arabian Dance** **Daria Stanciulescu,**  
**Louis Andreasen, Callum Findlay-White, Marlo Kempsey-Fagg**  
**Chinese Dance** **Tom Hazelby, Shuailun Wu**  
**Russian Dance** **Jack Easton, Alfie-Lee Hall, Thomas Kujawa**  
**Dance of the Mirlitons** **Tessa Hogge, Frieda Kaden,**  
**Maïléne Katoch, Ellyne Knol**

### Waltz of the Flowers

**The Rose Fairy** **Miki Mizutani**  
**Her Consorts** **Ryan Felix, Haoliang Feng,**  
**Oscar Kempsey-Fagg, Mason King,**  
**Leading Flowers** **Isabella Howard, Ava May Llewellyn,**  
**Yuki Sugiura, Amelia Thompson**

**Grand pas de deux** **Sofia Liñares, Enrique Bejarano Vidal**

Students appear by kind permission of the Principal of Elmhurst Ballet School and the Principal of The Royal Ballet School.  
The choristers in Act I are members of Ex Cathedra's Academies of Vocal Music, Artistic Director Jeffrey Skidmore.

## Approximate timings

*Act I* 50 minutes; *Interval* 25 minutes; *Act II* 50 minutes.  
The performance will end at approximately 9.40pm

## Royal Ballet Sinfonia

*Conductor* Yi Wei

### First Violins

Robert Gibbs *Leader*  
Joana Valentinaviciute  
Vanessa David  
Amanda Brown  
Deborah Schlenther  
Philip Aird  
Caroline Ferriman  
Timothy Wilford  
Rosemary Henbest  
Catherine Hamer

### Second Violins

William Hillman  
Fiona Robertson  
Robert Simmons  
Charlotte Dodwell  
Paul Barrett  
Caroline Bodimead  
Zhivko Georgiev  
Risa Sekine

### Violas

Errika Collins  
Jisu Song  
James Flannery  
Wei Wei Tan  
Elizabeth Fryer

### Cellos

António Novais  
Jane Rainey  
Alessandro Sanguineti  
Francesca Cull  
Anna Joubert

### Doubles Basses

Emma Prince  
James Trowbridge  
Phoebe Cheng  
Nicholas Broughton

### Flutes

Anna Wolstenholme  
Jimena de Vicente  
D'Alvarez  
Sandra Skipper *Piccolo*

### Oboes

Amy Turner  
Vanessa Howells  
Helen Vigurs *Cor anglais*

### Clarinets

Anna Hashimoto  
James Maltby  
Stephen Morris *Bass*

### Bassoons

Luke Tucker  
Elizabeth Trigg

### Horns

Nicholas Wolmark  
Jennifer Cox  
Christopher Pointon  
Andrew Sutton  
Alexander Willett

### Trumpets

Michael Allen  
Christopher Deacon

### Trombones

Amos Miller  
Christopher Hickman  
Adam Crighton

### Tuba

Christoper Barrett

### Timpani

Grahame King

### Percussion

Paul Parker  
John McCutcheon  
Aidan Hammond

### Harps

Susan Blair  
Elin Samuel

### Celeste

Jeanette Wong

## The Story

Sir Peter Wright

## ACT I

It is Christmas Eve and Dr Stahlbaum and his wife are giving a party. They have two children, Clara, a ballet student, and her younger brother, Fritz. As well as some of Clara's friends, Mrs Stahlbaum has invited a magician, Drosselmeyer. He brings gifts for the children and gives a Nutcracker doll to Clara.

When the guests have departed, Clara creeps downstairs looking for the Nutcracker. As the clock strikes midnight, the room seems to grow and giant rats, led by their King, attack Clara. The Nutcracker springs to life and, summoning the toy soldiers, defends her.

Realising that the Nutcracker is about to be overpowered, Clara hits the Rat King with her shoe. The Nutcracker falls to the ground, seemingly lifeless and Clara tries to revive him. As he comes back to life, to her amazement, he has turned into a handsome Prince. He dances with her, then leads her to the Land of Snow where the winds transport her into the night sky

## ACT II

Clara flies through the clouds and arrives in a strange place where a fantastic world is conjured up by Drosselmeyer. He shows her the sun, the moon, flowers and dancers from many different lands. The Rat King bursts in, but the Nutcracker Prince and Drosselmeyer banish him forever.

Drosselmeyer now puts on a grand entertainment in Clara's honour as a reward for her bravery. She joins in many of the dances and is finally transformed into the Sugar Plum Fairy, the ballerina of her dreams. The Nutcracker Prince reappears and dances with her. As the dancing reaches its climax the dream-world vanishes and Clara awakens at the foot of the Christmas tree.