

The Center for Ballet Arts

Presents

The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax
in

Nutcracker In A Nutshell



Saturday, December 9th 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 10th 3:00 p.m.

Oakton High School

The Center for Ballet Arts, Inc.

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Artistic Director, Dustin Kimball, began his serious ballet training at CBA, and performed with the BAE for several years before receiving a full scholarship to The Rock School. He has, since, performed professionally with the Delta Festival Ballet in New Orleans, Louisiana, and as a guest artist with several dance companies in the greater Washington area. Mr. Kimball was a member of Bowen-McCauley Dance Company from 2006 until 2022. Dustin has taught at CBA for many years and also serves as Ballet Master of the BAE.

The Center for Ballet Arts, now in its thirty-first year, was founded by Benn and Debra Savage in 1992, and is now under the direction of Dustin and Samantha Kimball. The Center offers a wide variety of dance training which now includes: Ballet, Pointe, Modern, Jazz, Tap, and Pilates. Classes are available for the 3-4 year old in ballet to the Adult dance programs. Intensive programs are offered for serious dance students, and classes are designed to promote strength, flexibility and technique. From the classroom dancer to those working at a professional level, *The Center for Ballet Arts* provides a well-rounded curriculum and pleasant environment for dance training.

Announcements:

The use of photographic and/or video equipment is strictly prohibited during these performances. Please turn off cell phones and pagers, as well.

Special thanks go to:

The BAE Parents Guild and Officers for their continued support.

Our many talented dancers who have worked very hard to present quality performances.

Annah Gibson, Nina Holton, Leanne Mizzoni, Caitlin Murray, Renee Outen and Heather Winter, for being extra helpful.

BAE mom, Tricia Romonoski-Dao, for many years of service to the company! Tricia has hosted Jr. Ensemble and BAE parties, headed up the BAE boutique sales and has served as headpiece coordinator for all performances.

Costume Mistress, Swapna Gogineni, along with BAE moms for their many hours of hard work in costuming the 2023 cast of 125+ dancers!

The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax, Inc.

In 1992, Debra and Bennett Savage had a vision for a performing company that would develop young dancers through the art of performing; fulfilling dreams and aspirations along the way. *The Ballet Arts Ensemble*, a troupe of twelve dancers, was born. Now, thirty-one seasons later, the BAE continues with forty-two members, promoting an appreciation of the arts in Northern Virginia.

The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax and the *Ballet Arts Junior Ensemble* are the resident performing companies for the Center for Ballet Arts, now directed by Dustin Kimball. *The Ballet Arts Ensemble* has been a member of the Fairfax County Council for the Arts, since its inception in 1993 and was accepted into the CAPs (Creative Arts Programs) of Fairfax County's schools in 1997. The troupe has performed many times at the Children's Hospital and for the State Department in Washington, D.C. In 2008, the BAE presented *Nutcracker In A Nutshell* at the National Theatre, as part of the "Saturday Morning at The National" series. In September 2010, *The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax* was honored to perform at the International Children's Festival at Wolf Trap.

Ensemble members have been accepted to many of the country's foremost ballet schools, including: American Ballet Theatre, The Boston Ballet, Ballet West, Houston Ballet, Jacob's Pillow, The Joffrey Ballet, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, North Carolina and Virginia School of the Arts, The Rock School, The School of American Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet and the Alvin Ailey School. BAE dancers have been invited to attend the Virginia Governor's School many times over the past years. Several former BAE members are now dancing professionally. From 2002-2011, the BAE represented the state of Virginia as a Performing Company in The South Eastern Regional Ballet Association (SERBA), duly a member of Regional Dance America (RDA). Former director, Benn Savage, served Fairfax County as a founding member of the Virginia Dance Coalition, VADC. The BAE participated in annual VADC Festivals for many years, leading up to the COVID pandemic. This past July 4th, The BAE took first place in the Dance division of the City of Fairfax 4th of July Parade!

The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax - Board of Directors – 2023-24:

Harriet Church, Dustin Kimball, Bennett Savage, Debra Savage

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The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax is a 501(C) 3 non-profit organization in the state of Virginia. If you would like to support the company in future endeavors, please submit your tax-deductible donation (see information below.) Your contribution will be much appreciated.

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SYNOPSIS

On Christmas Eve, the Silberhaus family is giving a holiday party. The guests arrive, admire the tree, present their gifts and the dancing begins. Suddenly, old Uncle Drosselmeier appears charming the children with magical tricks and special gifts. Clara receives a marvelous Nutcracker. Fritz, her brother, becomes jealous and tries to break it. Uncle Drosselmeier attempts to repair it.

After the guests leave, everyone but Clara retires. She sneaks downstairs to find her Nutcracker and falls asleep near the tree. Magically, wonderful characters appear. The Nutcracker saves her from a horrible Mouse King and takes her to the land of Snow to meet the Snow Queen and King. A beautiful Fairy Queen and her Angels greet Clara at the Kingdom of Sweets, where the sweets come to life and dance for her. Finally, a Cavalier dances with the Sugar Plum Fairy, just for her. When her mother awakens Clara, she wonders if her adventures were dreams ... or ... did they really happen after all?

ACT I - Scene I

Silberhaus Drawing Room

Guests' Arrival	Presentation of the Gifts
Children's March	Parents' Dance
Mechanical Dolls	Guests' Departure

ACT I - Scene II

Clara Falls Asleep
Battle of Mice and Toy Soldiers

ACT I - Scene III

The Land of Ice and Snow

Ice Fairies	Snow Drops
Icicles	Waltz of Snowflakes
Pas de Deux of Snow Queen & Snow King	

ACT II

The Kingdom of Sweets

Fairy Queen, Angels	Russian Trepak
Nutcracker / Clara	Sugar Plum Fairy
Spanish Chocolate	Polichinelles
Arabian Coffee	Waltz of Flowers
Chinese Tea	Grand Pas de Deux
Mirletons	Apotheosis

Nutcracker In A Nutshell.

ACT I

<i>Frau Silberhaus</i>	Harriet Church
<i>Herr Silberhaus</i>	Casey Church
<i>Clara</i>	Julia VanValkenburg
<i>Fritz</i>	Charlotte Wolff
<i>Maid</i>	Charlotte Glassmeyer
<i>Uncle Drosselmeier</i>	Dustin Kimball
<i>Party Guests</i>	Karen Epley, Jim Epley, Deanna Nye, John Nye, Melanie Pachter, Coralynn Schiefelbein, Nils Totten
<i>Party Children</i>	Nora Anderson, Natalie Axelrod, Noelle Blomster, Jocelyn Burnham, Evelin Chase, Gabriella Cuda, Leila Ewaida, Amelie Holton, Lorena Marschner, Adriana Phipps, Marisa Rodjom, Lennox Ruffner, Diya Sentil, Genevieve Shapiro (<i>Sunday</i>), Kathy Smith (<i>Sunday</i>), Natalia Thelmo (<i>Sat.</i>), Hannah Walk, Kailey Woodson (<i>Sat.</i>)
<i>Dolls</i>	(Saturday) Sophia Edwards, Kathy Smith (Sunday) Teagan Beyer, Caitlyn Parker
<i>Harlequin</i>	Sanjana Kumaran
<i>Gypsy Doll</i>	Evelyn Chen
<i>Nutcracker</i>	Nils Totten
<i>Mouse King</i>	Coralynn Scheifelbein
<i>Mice</i>	(Saturday) Alice Alwood, Emmy Fox, Logan Gibson, Charlotte Hwang, Charlotte Jenezon, Sophia Jenezon, Avery Kaplan, Lilith Mohyeldin, Kensi Shupp, Emery Tran, Andrea Winter

<i>Mice</i>	(Sunday) Eleanor Carter, Imogen Ham, Cassidy Leung, Lilith Mohyeldin, Ava Oguche, Kensi Shupp, Carolyn Valdez, Charity Watt, Andrea Winter
<i>Soldiers</i>	Jocelyn Burnham, Evelin Chase, Antonetta Cuda, Tina Long, Aria Pandya, Sanaa Reynolds, Lennox Ruffner
<i>Ice Fairies</i>	(Saturday) Nora Anderson, Natalie Axelrod, Noelle Blomster, Anna Clement, Gabriella Cuda, Zara Dalal, Sakurako Dymond, Ela Guven, Seul Lee, Izzy Levine, Sophia Perrelli, Saachi Sheth, Emmy Shi, Meredith Smith, Clarissa Tamber, Natalia Thelmo, Hannah Walk, Kailey Woodson
	(Sunday) Nora Anderson, Natalie Axelrod, Noelle Blomster, Anna Clement, Zara Dalal, Sakurako Dymond, Ela Guven, Izzy Levine, Rylee Morgan, Lillian Park, Saachi Sheth, Emmy Shi, Meredith Smith, Clarissa Tamber, Natalia Thelmo, Hannah Walk, Kailey Woodson, Nayra Zuniga
<i>Icicles</i>	Valentina Alegria, Teagan Beyer, Sophia Edwards, Leila Ewaida, Charlotte Glassmeyer, Amelie Holton, Lorena Marschner, Caitlyn Parker, Adriana Phipps, Marisa Rodjom, Genevieve Shapiro, Kathy Smith, Lillian Terio
<i>Snow Queen</i>	Maddie Connelly
<i>Snow King</i>	John Poncy
<i>Snow Drops I</i>	Hailey Cheng, Caelan Hagopian, Bridget Kerr, Riya Kumaran, Lourdes Price, Christina Romonoski-Dao
<i>Snow Drops II</i>	Evelyn Chen, Noor DeWald, Asha Maguire, Luz Murphy, Sarah Payne, Hannah Porras, Bellatrix Tamari, Anvika Vemana
<i>Snowflakes</i>	Antonetta Cuda, Sarah Genne, Sanjana Kumaran, Tina Long, Genevieve Maloney, Vivian Thomas, Celia Winter, Charlotte Wolff

ACT II

Fairy Queen

(Saturday) Bridget Kerr

(Sunday) Hailey Cheng

(Understudy: Bellatrix Tamari)

Angels

(Saturday) Hannah Alwood, Jane Anderson, Charlotte Barton, Evelyn Giusto, Emily Kravitz, Olivia Wolff

(Sunday) Gabriela Cerjan, Italya Hindi, Zoe Jones, Layla Morgan, Chiara Thomas, Chloe Zhao

Clara /Nutcracker

Julia VanValkenburg w/ Nils Totten

Spanish Chocolate

Christina Romonoski-Dao

Arabian Coffee

Lourdes Price w/ Nicholas Elizondo

Noor DeWald, Asha Maguire, Hannah Porras, Bellatrix Tamari, Lillian Terio, Anvika Vemana

Chinese Tea

(Saturday) Hailey Cheng, Luz Murphy

(Understudy: Hannah Porras)

Kayleigh Bochert, Emmy Fox, Charlotte Hwang, Lily Levine, Jane Mahoney, Sophie Nussdorfer, Emily Ravid, Emery Tran, Gabrielle Watson, Andrea Winter

(Sunday) Luz Murphy, Sarah Payne

Imogen Ham, Claire Jung, Linus Lee, Lily Levine, Cassidy Leung, Carolyn Valadez, Charity Watt, Andrea Winter

Mirletons

Riya Kumaran w/

Antonetta Cuda, Sarah Genne (*Sat.*), Sanjana Kumaran, Genevieve Maloney, Vivian Thomas, Celia Winter, Charlotte Wolff (*Sunday*)

<i>Russian Trepak</i>	(Saturday) Evelyn Chen, Sarah Payne (Sunday) Evelyn Chen, Bridget Kerr Asha Herendeen, Delilah Holmes, Amelia Kimball, Adalie Luna, Anna Li, Aleksandra Ossenova-Singh, Jasmine Rodriguez, Caitlynn Smith, Abigail Wilson, Olivia Wolff
<i>Sugar Plum Fairy</i>	Caelan Hagopian
<i>Polichinelles</i>	(Saturday) Celia Winter, Charlotte Wolff Teagan Beyer, Noelle Blomster, Gabriella Cuda, Marisa Rodjom Anna Clement, Ela Guven, Seul Lee, Izzy Levine, Sophia Perrelli, Emmy Shi, Sacchi Sheth, Meredith Smith, Clarissa Tamber (Sunday) Sarah Genne, Vivian Thomas Gabriela Cuda, Sophia Edwards, Hannah Walk, Natalia Thelmo Zara Dalal, Sakurako Dymond, Ela Guven, Seul Lee, Izzy Levine, Lillian Park, Saachi Sheth, Clarissa Tamber, Nayra Zuniga
<i>Dew Drop Fairy</i>	Maddie Connelly
<i>Waltz of the Flowers</i>	Evelyn Chen, Hailey Cheng, Bridget Kerr, Riya Kumaran, Lourdes Price, Christina Romonoski-Dao Noor DeWald, Luz Murphy, Sarah Payne, Hannah Porras, Bellatrix Tamari, Anvika Vemana
<i>Grand Pas de Deux</i>	Caelan Hagopian w/ Gustavo Ramirez
<i>Tarantella</i>	Gustavo Ramirez
<i>Finale/ Apotheosis</i>	Entire Cast

Meet the Artists:

Caelan Hagopian – Sugar Plum Fairy

Caelan began dancing at CBA in January 2017. The next fall she joined the BAE as an Apprentice. Through the years, she has become a very devoted member of the BAE. She has performed leading roles in the Nutcracker, such as; Clara and the Snow Pas de Deux. Miss Hagopian displays a great aptitude for choreography, and has lead her peers through several CBA Choreographic Workshop endeavors. In addition to ballet, she is proficient in techniques of tap, jazz and contemporary dance. Caelan plans to attend college in pursuit of studying Aerospace Engineering.

Gustavo Ramirez – Cavalier

Gustavo began his ballet training in Cali, Columbia at the prestigious Columbian Institute for Classical Ballet, where he studied for eight years. At the age of seventeen, Gustavo joined the Company of Instituto Columbiano de Ballet Classico (Incolballet). He then moved to New York to complete his ballet training at the Gelsey Kirkland Academy as a full scholarship student. Gustavo later joined the Gelsey Kirkland Ballet, dancing soloist and principal roles. Mr. Ramirez has obtained dance degrees from ballet-centered secondary and higher-level institutions. In 2016, he was invited to join Ballet Fantastique. By 2018, he was promoted to principal dancer, where he continues to perform and work as a gifted photographer and filmmaker.

Nicholas Elizondo - Arabian

Nicholas Elizondo is presently attending his senior year at George Mason University, pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Dance. Born and raised in Dallas, Texas, Nicholas began his dance training at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, alongside his home studio – Dance Industry in Plano, Texas. Since studying at GMU, Mr. Elizondo has had the opportunity to study with illustrious faculty members and guest artists. This led him to an Apprenticeship with Doug Varone and Dancers in New York City for this past summer, and a beginning to his professional career. For spring semester 2024, Nicholas looks forward to continuing his training and performing pieces by Kyle Abraham, Rena Butlers and Susan Shields.

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