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LETTER FROM ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays to all.

Robert Mills

Artistic Director, Oklahoma City Ballet

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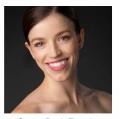
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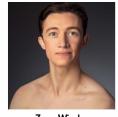


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PROLOGUE

It is Christmas Eve in a small, snow-covered German village where the Stahlbaum family is having a grand holiday party. Herr Drosselmeyer, an eccentric old toymaker and Stahlbaum family friend, is in his workshop making last minute touch-ups on his gift to young Clara Stahlbaum, a beautiful, handcrafted Nutcracker. Hans, Drosselmeyer's young apprentice, watches and assists his mentor. Meanwhile, back at the Stahlbaum home, Clara and her brother Fritz are very excited about the festivities. Clara receives a new dress for the party from her mother, as it also serves as her coming of age. Fritz is very jealous of all the attention his sister receives.

Fritz and Clara have a wonderful time dancing and playing with friends. Herr Drosselmeyer and Hans arrive at the party. They bring beautiful gifts for everyone, including magical life-size toy dolls that dance and amaze all of the guests. Drosselmeyer saves the best surprise for last – the wonderful Nutcracker that he presents to Clara. Clara is enthralled by her gift and dances with the wooden toy. In a jealous rage, Fritz breaks the Nutcracker, but Drosselmeyer magically fixes him. Clara takes a special liking to young Hans.

Later that night, after all the guests have gone home and the Stahlbaum family has gone to bed, Clara sneaks back downstairs to check on her Nutcracker and finds him resting on the settee. In the dark there are noises everywhere! Suddenly, giant mice fill the room and Clara is chased about.

The living room is magically transformed into a battleground between giant mice and toy soldiers. Clara finds that her toy Nutcracker has come to life and is fighting to save her from the evil Mouse King. As the battle between mice and soldiers rages, Clara sees that the Mouse King is winning! Clara hits the Mouse King on the head with a shoe. This distracts the Mouse King, and the Nutcracker heralds the final blow.

And so the magical curtain rises...

AWAKENING OF THE NUTCRACKER

Clara is distraught as it seems the Nutcracker has been mortally wounded in battle but before her eyes he magically transforms into a handsome Prince. It is Hans, the young boy whom she met at the party!

THE LAND OF SNOW

Clara and Hans travel through a winter wonderland, where they are greeted by dancing snowflakes. They then continue on a magical journey beyond her wildest dreams.

THE KINGDOM OF SWEETS

Clara and Hans arrive in the Kingdom of Sweets and Toys, where angels have blessed the path before them. The Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier greet the couple and introduce them to delectable treats and toys from many countries. Clara and Hans tell the story of their battle with the Mouse King. As a reward for her bravery, the Sugar Plum Fairy gives Clara her magic wand.

In celebration, everyone dances as entertainment for Clara and Hans. The exquisite Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier dance last and capture Clara's heart with their dazzling performance. They all dance one last grand finale until at last it is time for Clara to return home.

APOTHEOSIS

Clara awakens and finds herself back in her own home. Before she goes to bed, she runs to get her beloved Nutcracker. As she does, she finds on the floor the glittering magic wand that was given to her by the Sugar Plum Fairy and she wonders, "Was it all a dream?"



PRESENTED BY DEVON ENERGY

Choreography and Direction

Robert Mills

Adapted from E.T.A. Hoffmann's story

The Nutcracker and the Mouse King

Music

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

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DaYoung Jung

Nutcracker Prince

Walker Martin

Sugar Plum Fairy

Courtney Connor Jones

Cavalier

Jonathan Batista

Snowflakes

Alison Cervantes Abby Fleming Laurel Horwath Morgan Horwath

Savannah Lee

(12/12 @ 2pm and 7pm, 12/13 @ 2pm, 12/19 @ 2pm, 12/20 @ 2pm)

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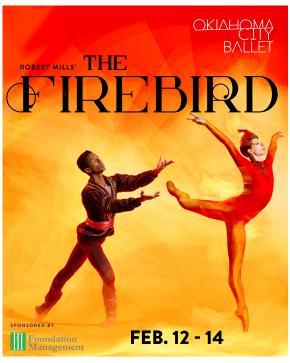
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