

THE NUTCRACKER CHAMPAIGN URBANA BALLET

Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 7:30pm Friday, December 2, 2022, at 7:30pm Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 2pm and 7:30pm Sunday, December 4, 2022, at 2pm and 6pm Tryon Festival Theatre

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PROGRAM

THE NUTCRACKER

A ballet in two acts after the story *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* by E. T. A. Hoffmann Music by Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Choreography by Deanna Doty

Presented by

Champaign Urbana Ballet Deanna Doty, Artistic Director

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts Mike Ross, Director

The Nutcracker

Overture

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The Party The Battle The Land of Snow

20-minute intermission

ACT II

The Land of Sweets

A classical ballet in two acts, *The Nutcracker* is based on E. T. A. Hoffmann's tale *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* (1816). Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky created the music for the ballet of this charming story in close collaboration with Marius Petipa, the renowned choreographer who, due to illness, turned the project over to his assistant, Lev Ivanov. *The Nutcracker* was first performed in 1892.

SYNOPSIS

ACT I

On Christmas Eve, the Stahlbaum household prepares for a grand holiday party. Clara, her brother Fritz, and their parents have invited guests to dance and celebrate. The arrival of Clara's eccentric godfather, Herr Drosselmeyer, brings a sudden air of surprise to the party. Drosselmeyer gathers the children and presents each with a special gift, including a nutcracker for Fritz and two magical life-sized dolls for Clara. While the guests are enamored with all Drosselmeyer's creations, Clara is only interested in the nutcracker. A playful Fritz steals the key to the life-sized dolls, and his mischievous behavior causes them to dance frenetically and frighten the guests. Afraid that the party has gone awry, Mrs. Stahlbaum calls for the adults to assemble in the dining room for a holiday feast. No longer under the watchful eye of his parents, Fritz and his friends disrupt the girls at play, causing the nutcracker doll to break in two. Drosselmeyer reappears and, to console his goddaughter, repairs the broken doll before leaving in a dash. After a final dance, the guests depart and the family retires for the night.

Just before midnight, Clara steals down to the eerily darkened room to find her nutcracker. She falls asleep, and the events from the day slip into her dreams. The Rat Queen and her legions of rodents appear, threatening Clara. As the nightmarish taunting escalates, Drosselmeyer shows his power by casting the rodents and furniture away and making the Christmas tree grow to enormous heights. The Nutcracker, grown to life size yet trapped in toy form, appears with his army of soldiers and cavalry at his side. A fierce battle with the rats and mice ensues. The Rat Queen and the Nutcracker fall injured, despite Clara's bravery in defending the Nutcracker. Ice fairies appear and revive the fallen Nutcracker, who comes to life in his true princely form. The Nutcracker and Clara begin their journey to his homeland and dance among snowflakes in the Land of Snow before they are magically carried away.

ACT II

Clara and the Nutcracker travel across a lemonade sea toward his homeland, the Land of Sweets, where they are greeted warmly by the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. Clara recounts her heroic tale, after which the Sugar Plum Fairy presents Clara with a magnificent crown and flavorful dances of foreign confections, including the beautiful waltz of flowers, before the entire court joins in a final gavotte. Drosselmeyer reappears, and Clara's reverie begins to fade as she is magically returned to the comforts of home and the memory of a fantastic dream.

CAST

ACT I: THE PARTY

Drosselmeyer Rob Rypka* Brett Feddersen^

Clara Emily Shunk* Elizabeth Seong^

Fritz Fletcher Sowers* Shanley Davis^

Mrs. Stahlbaum Michelle Allen

Mr. Stahlbaum Kevin Burnside

Party Mothers

Erin Gelke* Eleanor Kraatz Hanna Laible-Seif Rosy Odum^ Emma Rypka Ava Teague

Party Fathers

Sam Drasgow Oscar Lewis Ryan Lippert Dallas Trinkle Greg Underhill

Party Girls

Nora Anderson* Rhiannon Breg^ Lenora Donohue* Jett Lewin* Belle Lewis^ Kate Lippert* Lahori Mitra^ Sameena Raj-Underhill Christina Rao Eleanor Rypka^

Party Boys Nathaniel Batsie^ Barrett Jurkowski* Damien Kasymjanov^ Quinn Klavohn^ Lucas Lo* Ronan Raj-Underhill^ Seth Stevens* DJ Trinkle-Hague*

Boy Doll James Noel Griffiths^ William Shunk*

Girl Doll Janaki Raj-Underhill^ Grace Williams-Kim*

Footman Gina Modica

Maid Alexandra Warwick

ACT I: THE BATTLE

Nutcracker James Noel Griffiths* William Shunk^

Rat Queen Gina Modica* Alexandra Warwick^ Rats

Sam Drasgow Brett Feddersen* James Noel Griffiths^ Leo Lewis Oscar Lewis James Lippert Quincy Payton Rob Rypka^ William Shunk*

Mice

Lena Golparvar^ Niko Hammack^ Riley Hanlon^ Makinzee Hopkins* Adalyn Jarrett^ Maddilynn Jurkowski* Angela Lo* Gabriela MacKay Marina Mascarenhas^ Ellery Messer* Yuna Nagashima^ Gianna Ogwal^ Rebecca Stevens* Ainsley Stevenson* Olivia Swanson^ Isabel Tanner-Lane Nadia Tawfick* Adila Taylor* Avery Trout* Elyse Wishall* Whitley Zerrusen^ Leo Zhu^

Cavalry Shanley Davis^ Irene Kim^ Sarah Lee Daisy Grace Lewis[^] Claudia Lundsgaard* Victoria Mahaffey* Rosy Odum Lydia Stevens* Emma Tong* Samantha Walden[^]

Captains

Jett Lewin^ Belle Lewis* Kate Lippert^ Lahori Mitra* Sameena Raj-Underhill^ Eleanor Rypka* Fletcher Sowers

Soldiers

Angela Alencar* Nathaniel Batsie Addie Beasley* Julia Bruhn^ Cameron Croop^ Connor Croop^ Nora Croop Alaina Davis* Emilie Edwards* Lillian Hinds Arianna Hufford* Barrett Jurkowski Emma Lan Nina Lokshin* Andrew Martin^ Hazel Powell^ Ronan Raj-Underhill* Rachel Riha Jeannette Saenz^ Tate Sowers^ Maggie Stevens* Seth Stevens Adalvn Thomann^ Elise Yang

ACT I: THE LAND OF SNOW

Ice Fairies

Eleanor Kraatz Hanna Laible-Seif Janie Lee Emma Rypka Ava Teague Grace Williams-Kim

Snowflakes

Shanley Davis Annika Drasgow Cate Feinen Irene Kim Sarah Lee^ Daisy Grace Lewis Claudia Lundsgaard Victoria Mahaffey Janaki Raj-Underhill Elizabeth Seong* Emily Shunk^ Lydia Stevens Emma Tong Samantha Walden*

ACT II: THE LAND OF SWEETS

Lemonade Sprites Cate Feinen Irene Kim Eleanor Kraatz Hanna Laible-Seif Sarah Lee Daisy Grace Lewis Claudia Lundsgaard Victoria Mahaffey Janaki Raj-Underhill Elizabeth Seong*

Emily Shunk^ Lydia Stevens Emma Tong Samantha Walden Grace Williams-Kim

Lead Herald Fletcher Sowers

Heralds

Lenora Donohue Quincy Payton Ronan Raj-Underhill Eleanor Rypka Seth Stevens

Sugar Plum Fairy Janie Lee

Cavalier Kevin Burnside

Spanish Dancers Annika Drasgow Leo Lewis

Chinese Butterfly Ava Teague

Chinese Dragon Alexandra Warwick

Dragon Legs

Nathaniel Batsie Rhiannon Breg Nora Croop Lillian Hinds Emma Lan Kate Lippert Rachel Riha Elise Yang

Arabian Princess Emma Rypka

*denotes dancers performing in the evenings on December 2, 3, and 4

^denotes dancers performing in the evening on December 1 and matinees on December 3 and 4

Arabian Prince Oscar Lewis

Arabian Bearers Sam Drasgow Brett Feddersen* James Lippert Rob Rypka^

Greg Underhill

Arabian Harem Irene Kim Victoria Mahaffey Rosy Odum Lydia Stevens Emma Tong Samantha Walden

Ribbon Candy James Noel Griffiths^ Fleanor Kraatz^ William Shunk* Grace Williams-Kim* with Boys Nora Anderson Shanley Davis Lenora Donohue Quincy Payton Eleanor Rypka Fletcher Sowers with Girls Sarah Lee Jett Lewin Belle Lewis Lahori Mitra Sameena Raj-Underhill Christina Rao

Dairy Queen Kay Greene

Cat Daisy Grace Lewis* Claudia Lundsgaard^ **Dutch Dairy** Adele Catie Beasley* Robin Martin^

Betsy Maggie Bowman* Maybelle Frye^

Brandy Amelia Bice* Beatriz Mascarenhas^

Brooke Railynn Hopkins* Eloise Schulz^

Gemini Clara Brooke* Abilene Ruhter^

Moonboy Mara Harper^ Suhyung Jang*

Pasta Aria Lewin* Zamirah Tilley^

Reese Mae Anderson^ Estefania Ramirez Garnica*

Saturn Emmi Bruhn^ Ila Trout*

Venus Loretta Burris^ Mya Hatcher*

Rose Queen Hanna Laible-Seif

Rose Buds Cate Feinen Janaki Raj-Underhill Flowers

Shanley Davis Annika Drasgow Irene Kim Eleanor Kraatz Sarah Lee* Daisy Grace Lewis^ Claudia Lundsgaard* Victoria Mahaffey Christina Rao^ Emma Rvpka Elizabeth Seong* Emily Shunk[^] Lvdia Stevens Ava Teague Emma Tong Samantha Walden Grace Williams-Kim

PROFILES

COMPANY ARTIST



Kevin Burnside, Soloist, returns in his 11th season with CU Ballet. As a soloist, Burnside's repertoire includes Cinderella, The Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake, selections from La Bayadère and several productions of The Nutcracker. Burnside studies with Deanna Doty at

Champaign Ballet Academy and is a former dance major at the University of Illinois, where he danced in several roles and was a member of a nationally-ranked competitive dance team. He is the co-owner of I-Power School of Gymnastics, where he serves as head coach.

ALUMNI DANCERS

In honor of CU Ballet's 25th Anniversary, we are delighted to welcome back many of our talented alumni who are performing on stage and assisting backstage.

Michelle (Ziegler) Allen, honored to return to perform in CU Ballet's 25th Anniversary performance of *The Nutcracker*, began training with Deanna Doty at Champaign Ballet Academy in 1998. That year, Allen was among the inaugural group of dancers when CU Ballet was founded and incorporated. Over the next decade, she performed numerous roles with CU Ballet, with favorites including Rose Queen, Arabian, and Sugar Plum Fairy in *The Nutcracker*; the Cat in *Peter and the Wolf*; Big Swan in *Swan Lake*; and Pas de Trois in *Paquita* and *La Bayadère*. Allen also spent several years working for the company during and after her time at the University of Illinois, first as Children's Ballet Mistress and then Ballet Mistress and Company Manager, and as ballet instructor at CBA from 2004–2008. Allen resides in Evanston with her husband, Brad, and three children, Nate, Josie, and Jacob, where she works full-time as Mom and part-time as a physical therapist (and takes adult ballet classes whenever she can!).

Claire Daly joined Champaign Ballet Academy in 2000 and performed in Champaign Urbana Ballet productions from 2003 to 2011 and in 2014, dancing in several roles, including Clara and Sugar Plum Fairy in The Nutcracker, Aurora and Bluebird in The Sleeping Beauty, Swanhilda in Coppélia, and Pas de Trois in Paquita. She attended the Nutmeg Ballet Conservatory summer intensive training along with intensives taught by Nurlan Abougaliev. Daly holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in photography from Lesley University and her creative collaboration with CU Ballet has resulted in two books and both web and print publications. She appreciates the opportunity to combine her love of ballet with photography and is happy to be back in her hometown of Champaign where she works as an artist.

Taylor Feddersen trained with Champaign Ballet Academy for 13 years and performed as a company dancer with Champaign Urbana Ballet 2008–16 and 2020–22. Feddersen's repertoire with CU Ballet includes *The Nutcracker* (Sugar Plum Fairy), *The Little Mermaid* (Sea Witch), *Swan Lake* (Odile), *The Sleeping Beauty* (Lilac Fairy), *Cinderella*, and *Coppélia*, as well as making costumes for *The Little Mermaid*. From 2016– 2020 while attending the University of Michigan, Feddersen performed in *The Nutcracker* with Ann Arbor Ballet Theatre and Ballet Detroit, dancing in the roles of Mrs. Stahlbaum and the Sugar Plum Fairy. Upon graduating from the University of Michigan and returning to Champaign, she was a soloist with CU Ballet for the 2021–22 season and has been an instructor at CBA, the official school of Champaign Urbana Ballet. Feddersen currently lives in Seattle and is employed by Microsoft as a software engineer.

Erin Gelke performed and volunteered with CU Ballet for over a decade. Gelke performed in several company productions, including *The Nutcracker, Swan Lake, The Sleeping Beauty, Peter and the Wolf,* and *Coppélia.* She holds a Bachelor's of Fine Art from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she majored in fiber and material studies and performance art. Gelke also holds a Master's of Social Work from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and is currently employed as a therapist in the community.

Gina Modica was among the first group of company dancers, performing from 1999–2003 in various ballets, including *Pas de Quatre, La Bayadère,* and *Arensky Variations*. She currently serves as an ex officio member on the CU Ballet Board of Directors in addition to her backstage production assistance. Modica is employed in the admissions department at the University of Illinois.

Elijah Ochs entered Champaign Ballet Academy and performed with Champaign Urbana Ballet in 2006. He advanced to apprentice in the fall of 2011, then to senior company in the fall of 2014. In 2019, he was awarded a performance contract with CU Ballet. His repertoire includes Chef in CU Ballet's premiere of *The Little Mermaid* in May of 2022; Cavalier, Rose King, and Arabian Prince, as well as additional roles, in *The Nutcracker*; Prince Siegfried and Neapolitan in *Swan Lake*; Prince Desire in *The Sleeping Beauty*; Prince Charming and Spring in *Cinderella*; Cavalier and Harlequin in *Coppélia*; and Golden Idol in *La Bayadère*. In 2016, Ochs began teaching at Champaign Ballet Academy under the direction of Tobey Martinez. In 2020, he joined the staff of CU Ballet as Assistant to Artistic Director, Deanna Doty. A senior at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Ochs is studying kinesiology and Spanish with plans for a career as a physical therapist.

Hailan Shanbhag joined Champaign Ballet Academy in 2002 and began performing with Champaign Urbana Ballet in 2009. While with Champaign Urbana Ballet, she performed as Rose Queen in The Nutcracker, Fairy Godmother in Cinderella, Princess Florine in The Sleeping Beauty, and Nikiya in La Bayadère. Hailan began assisting with teaching at CBA in 2015 and subsequently teaching in 2016. In the summer of 2016, she directed CU Ballet's third annual Student Production. She danced and worked with CU Ballet until graduating from high school in 2017. Hailan graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor's degree in computer engineering in May 2021. During the 2021-2022 season, she rejoined CU Ballet staff as the Assistant to the Artistic Director and has rejoined CBA as an instructor since 2021. Currently, she is a graduate student at the U of I performing research in wireless networking.

Alexandra Warwick performed with Champaign Urbana Ballet from 2001–2010, dancing in ten productions of *The Nutcracker* and numerous spring ballets. During her six seasons as a senior company dancer, Warwick danced the roles of Clara and Sugar Plum Fairy in *The Nutcracker*, Swanhilda in *Coppélia*, and the title role in CU Ballet's premiere of *Cinderella* in 2009. She also served as children's rehearsal assistant with the company from 2006–2010. After studying and teaching in Iowa, Eswatini, and Italy, Warwick returned to Champaign in 2019 to pursue graduate studies in bilingual education at the University of Illinois and obtained a Master's of Education this past May. She currently teaches drama at Campus Middle School for Girls and serves as a lead instructor for a local pod school.

DANCERS

Annika Drasgow is a freshman at Urbana High School and a second-year company member. She has trained with Champaign Ballet Academy under the direction of Deanna Doty and guest instructors for nine years. Drasgow has performed in seven of CU Ballet's productions of *The Nutcracker* and most recently in *The Little Mermaid*.

Shanley Davis is a freshman at Central High School. She is in her fourth year of training at Champaign Ballet Academy under the direction of Deanna Doty and guest instructors. A first-year senior company member, Davis has performed in CU Ballet's productions of *The Little Mermaid*, selections from *Giselle*, and two productions of *The Nutcracker*.

Brett Feddersen has appeared in over 26 productions with CU Ballet. His previous credits include *The Nutcracker, Swan Lake, Coppélia, Cinderella,* and *The Sleeping Beauty.* He is a senior research programmer with the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Cate Feinen is a sophomore at University Laboratory High School. She has trained with Champaign Ballet Academy under the direction of Deanna Doty and guest instructors for eight years. A third-year company member, Feinen has performed in CU Ballet's productions of *Cinderella, The Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake,* selections of *Giselle* and *Coppélia*, *The Little Mermaid*, and seven performances of *The Nutcracker*.

James Noel Griffiths is a ninth grader and a second-year senior company member. He has trained at Champaign Ballet Academy for four years under the direction of Deanna Doty, with summer intensives at BalletMet and Cincinnati Ballet. Griffiths has performed in CU Ballet's productions of *Swan Lake, The Sleeping Beauty, The Little Mermaid,* selections from *Coppélia, Cinderella,* and *Giselle.* This is his fifth performance of *The Nutcracker.*

Eleanor Kraatz is a junior at University Laboratory High School. She has trained with Champaign Ballet Academy under the direction of Deanna Doty and guest instructors for 11 years. A fourth-year company member, Kraatz has performed in CU Ballet's productions of *The Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake, The Little Mermaid*, and selections from *Giselle*. She has also performed in ten performances of *The Nutcracker*.

Irene Kim is a sub-freshman at University Laboratory High School. She has been a company member for two years, and has performed in selections from *Giselle* and two productions of *The Nutcracker*.

Hanna Laible-Seif is a senior at Fisher Jr./Sr. High School. She has been dancing since she was five and is in her seventh year at Champaign Ballet Academy. She has trained under Deanna Doty and several guest instructors while attending Champaign Ballet Academy. Hanna is a fourthyear company member and has performed in CU Ballet's productions of *The Little Mermaid, Swan Lake, The Sleeping Beauty, The Nutcracker,* and scenes from *Giselle* and *Coppélia*. Janie Lee is a senior at Centennial High School. She has trained at Champaign Ballet Academy for 11 years under the direction of Deanna Doty and guest instructors. A fifth-year senior company member, she has performed in CU Ballet's productions of *The Nutcracker, The Little Mermaid, Swan Lake, The Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella,* and selections from *La Bayadère.*

Daisy Grace Lewis is a freshman at Central High School. She has trained with Champaign Ballet Academy under the direction of Deanna Doty and other guest instructors since the age of three. A second-year senior company member, Lewis has performed in CU Ballet's productions of *Swan Lake*, selections from *Giselle*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *The Nutcracker*.

Claudia Lundsgaard is a freshman at Centennial High School and has danced at Champaign Ballet Academy since age three. She is a second-year senior company member training under Deanna Doty. Lundsgaard has performed in CU Ballet's *Cinderella, The Little Mermaid,* eight productions of *The Nutcracker*, and selections from *Giselle*.

Janaki Raj-Underhill is a ninth grader at Centennial High School and has trained at Champaign Ballet Academy for nine years under the direction of Deanna Doty and guest instructors. She is a second-year senior company member and has performed in Champaign Urbana Ballet's productions of *The Little Mermaid*, *The Sleeping Beauty*, *Swan Lake*, *Cinderella*, *Coppélia*, and danced the role of Clara in last year's production of *The Nutcracker*.

Emma Rypka is a junior at Academy High School, and has been dancing since the age of three. She currently trains under Deanna Doty and guest instructors at Champaign Ballet Academy. She's attended summer intensives at Louisville Ballet and Kansas City Ballet, as well as multiple workshops with the Virtual Ballet Collective and Ballet Chicago. Rypka is a fifth-year senior company member with CU Ballet and has performed in *Cinderella*, *The Sleeping Beauty*, *Swan Lake*, *The Little Mermaid*, selections from *Giselle* and *Coppélia*, and 11 productions of *The Nutcracker*.

Rob Rypka is a character artist performing in his seventh season with CU Ballet. He has previously appeared in CU Ballet's productions of *The Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, Swan Lake,* and several productions of *The Nutcracker.*

Elizabeth Seong is a freshman at University Laboratory High School and has trained at Champaign Ballet Academy for four years under the direction of Deanna Doty and guest instructors. As a second-year senior company member, she has performed in *The Nutcracker*, *The Little Mermaid*, and selections from *Giselle* and *Coppélia*.

Emily Shunk is a senior at University Laboratory High School. A fifth-year senior company dancer, she has trained at Champaign Ballet Academy under the direction of Deanna Doty and guest instructors for nine years, and attended the 2022 Louisville Ballet Summer Intensive. She has performed in several Champaign Urbana Ballet productions, including *Cinderella*, *The Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake, The Little Mermaid,* selections from *Giselle* and *Coppélia*, and several productions of *The Nutcracker*.

William Shunk is a sophomore at Academy High School. He has trained at Champaign Ballet Academy for three years under the direction of Deanna Doty and attended the 2022 Louisville Ballet Summer Intensive. A second-year company member, he has performed in Champaign Urbana Ballet's *The Nutcracker, The Little Mermaid*, and selections from *Cinderella, Coppelia*, and *Giselle*. **Lydia Stevens** is a freshman at Central High School. This is her second year of training at Champaign Ballet Academy under the direction of Deanna Doty and guest instructors. As a firstyear senior company member, she has performed in CU Ballet's productions of *The Nutcracker* and *The Little Mermaid*.

Ava Teague is a sophomore at Central High School. She is in her sixth year of training at Champaign Ballet Academy under the direction of Deanna Doty and other guest instructors. A fifth-year company member, Teague has performed in CU Ballet productions of *The Little Mermaid, Swan Lake, The Sleeping Beauty,* selections from *Giselle* and *Coppélia,* and several productions of *The Nutcracker.*

Emma Tong is a sub-freshman at University Laboratory High School. She has been training at Champaign Ballet Academy for three years under the direction of Deanna Doty and guest instructors. A first-year company member, she has performed in *The Little Mermaid*, selections from *Giselle*, and two productions of *The Nutcracker*.

Samantha Walden is a freshman at Urbana High School and a first-year senior company member. She has trained with Champaign Ballet Academy under the direction of Deanna Doty and guest instructors for eight years. Walden has performed in Champaign Urbana Ballet's productions of *The Little Mermaid*, selections from *Giselle* and *La Bayadère*, and six productions of *The Nutcracker*.

Grace Williams-Kim is a junior at University Laboratory High School. She has been dancing for 10 years and has trained under the direction of Deanna Doty and guest instructors at Champaign Ballet Academy for the past eight years. She is a fourth-year senior company member and has performed in CU Ballet's productions of *Cinderella, The Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake,* danced the role of Clara in *The Nutcracker* 2021, and the role of Little Mermaid in the 2022 debut of *The Little Mermaid*.

DIRECTORS AND DESIGNERS

Deanna Doty (Artistic Director and Choreographer) was born in Chicago, Illinois, to ballet dancer Joan Marley Doty and graphic designer/photographer David Doty. She began her training at the Evanston School of Ballet and Ellis-Du Boulay in Chicago. At age 16, she moved to train and subsequently dance under Harvey Hysell of New Orleans Ballet. Doty continued her career with Robert Ivy Ballet in South Carolina, with Lexington Ballet in Kentucky, and as a guest artist with Ballet Alaska, Mississippi Ballet, and the Piccolo Spoleto Festival.

Throughout her years dancing, Doty enjoyed many opportunities to teach and continued to do so when she moved to Champaign. In 1998, she opened Champaign Ballet Academy, and, in the fall of that same year, she founded Champaign Urbana Ballet and continues to serve as its Artistic Director. Although most of her students train in ballet while pursuing academic excellence at regional schools, her instruction is credited for preparing others for professional careers in ballet, including Devon Teuscher of American Ballet Theatre and Kate Hosier of National Ballet of Canada.

Doty describes her motivation in this way: "I have spent the past 25 years dedicating myself to the establishment of a nationally recognized school and company right here in Champaign. It's an honor and a privilege to make my living as an artist and teacher, and I feel lucky to be able to do it in a community like this. My hope is to be able to give back to our ballet families, and community, as much as they have given to me."

Andy Warfel (Technical Director) holds degrees in scenic design and art direction for theatre, film,

and television from the University of Illinois and New York University, and has designed sets for numerous theatrical productions including *Dream: The Johnny Mercer Musical* on Broadway and two national tours of *Footloose The Musical*, as well as numerous concert tours, television shows, and corporate events and environments around the world. His collaboration with CU Ballet began over twenty years ago with early productions of The Nutcracker, and has grown to include *Cinderella*, *Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty* and *The Little Mermaid*, as well as a particularly acute fondness for our Artistic Director.

Kevin Gawley (Lighting Designer) has designed lights for CU Ballet's productions of Cinderella, Swan Lake, The Sleeping Beauty, Coppélia, and The Little Mermaid. Gawley earned a BFA and an MFA from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and his MBA from DePaul University. His freelance work has been seen at the Lifeline Theatre, where he won the Jeff Citation for his design of Jane Eyre and the After Dark Award for his design of Strong Poison; the Organic; Porchlight; Theatre on the Lake; Metropolis; StoreFront; Loyola University Chicago; Revels Chicago; Midwest Jewish; and the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival theatres. He taught at Loyola University Chicago, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire before joining the faculty at University of Louisville as Associate Professor, Resident Scenic and Lighting Designer.

Tracy McCabe (Production Manager) brings decades of ballet training and theater experience to bear in support of our production. A former board member for Champaign Urbana Ballet and Springfield Ballet Company, McCabe has staged theatrical sections of CU Ballet's productions for over a decade, including the Battle Scene for *The Nutcracker.* He also conceived and choreographed CU Ballet's *Cinderella*. McCabe is a senior administrator at the University of Chicago.

Cory Rodeheaver (Production Designer) has worked as a freelance scenic designer for over two decades, designing productions in theater, musical theater, opera, and dance. During that time, Rodeheaver also worked as a Technical Director and as an Assistant Professor of Theatre at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. Beyond the world of theatre, Cory has worked both as the senior exhibit designer and art director at Taylor Studios Inc. designing award winning museum exhibits and themed environments across the country for nine years. Currently, Rodeheaver is employed as a designer with the Spectrum Design Group based in Champaign, Illinois where he lives with his wife Jennifer and three children, Ethan, Emmy, and Ella. He holds a MFA in scenic design from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Artistic Direction Deanna Doty

Music Pyotr Ilich Tchaikovsky

Choreography Deanna Doty

Technical Director Andy Warfel

Production Manager Tracy McCabe

Administration Kay Greene

Production Design Cory Rodeheaver

Lighting Design Kevin Gawley

Lighting Design Assistant Tyler Hieb

Media Projections Alec LaBau

Stage Management Nick Loweree

Master Electrician Jeffrey Hannah

Costume Conceptualization Deanna Doty

Costume Manager Erin Rypka

Head Fitter Sally Kim

Costume Leads Denise Seif Rene Shunk Kim Walden

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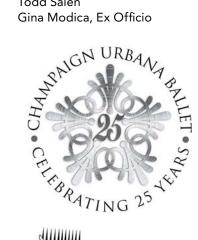
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Champaign Urbana Ballet was formed in 1998 to promote classical and contemporary ballet, to offer training and performance opportunities to talented youth, and to enrich and involve the community through the art of dance. Under the artistic direction of Deanna Doty, founder, the company has diversified its repertory and earned a reputation in the dance community as a superb training ground for pre-professional classical dancers. Through outreach programs, Champaign Urbana Ballet exposes children to the history and beauty of ballet. Champaign Urbana Ballet is sponsored in part by the generous support of the Illinois Arts Council Agency, corporations, businesses, and individuals.

Champaign Urbana Ballet presents *The Nutcrack*er each December and a full ballet each spring, including traditional works such as *The Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake, Coppélia, Paquita,* and *Le Corsaire,* as well as newly choreographed pieces such as *The Little Mermaid, Cinderella, Arensky Variations, Peter and the Wolf,* and selections from *La Bayadère.* The 2022–2023 season marks the company's 25th and includes this production of *The Nutcracker; The Sleeping Beauty,* coming to the Virginia Theatre on May 5 and 6, 2023; and a Student Production at the Second Stage at Parkland College in June, 2023.

SOLOIST

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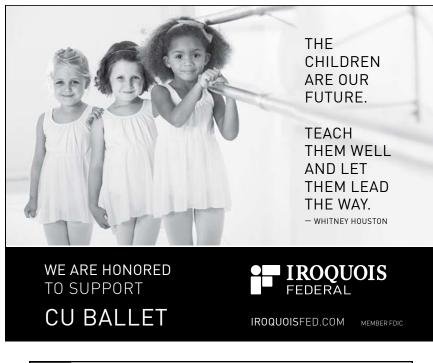


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