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DIRECTORS' NOTE

Welcome to Studio West's 15th year of presenting The Nutcracker to our beautiful community! It has been a remarkable journey filled with excitement, creativity and best of all, the joy of watching our dancers grow. We embrace The Nutcracker's rich history which has been captivating audiences around the world since its premiere in 1892. From Tchaikovsky's enchanting score to the intricate choreography, this ballet has become a cornerstone of holiday celebrations everywhere. We are proud to carry on this cherished tradition right here in Olympia, showcasing our own beautiful production to honor the legacy of this masterpiece.

Each and every year, when Nutcracker auditions arrive, we feel a fresh wave of excitement and are ready to create another dazzling production. It is so rewarding to witness our students evolve from roles as the sweet little lambs and grow into accomplished dancers who swirl on stage in the beautiful Waltz of the Snowflakes, and even for some, the technical Grand Pas de Deux.

We are proud that Studio West Dance Academy is South Sound's premier dance school with a highly qualified artistic staff, dedicated to nurturing each dancer's potential. From the beginning, our mission has been to elevate dancers to their highest level, whether they aspire to become professionals or pursue dance as a passionate hobby. It is an honor to share that we have over ten Studio West alumni currently shining in the professional world of dance! Bravo!

This year our dancers will be stepping onto our brand new state of the art performance floor. Thank you to our generous season sponsors and community for donating to our Fund-a-Floor campaign and making it happen just in time for Drosselmeyer to share his magic this Nutcracker season.

Thank you for joining Studio West as we celebrate 15 years of bringing The Nutcracker to you. ENJOY the show!

Warm wishes,
Stephanie Wood-Ennett and Mary Cecelia Piper
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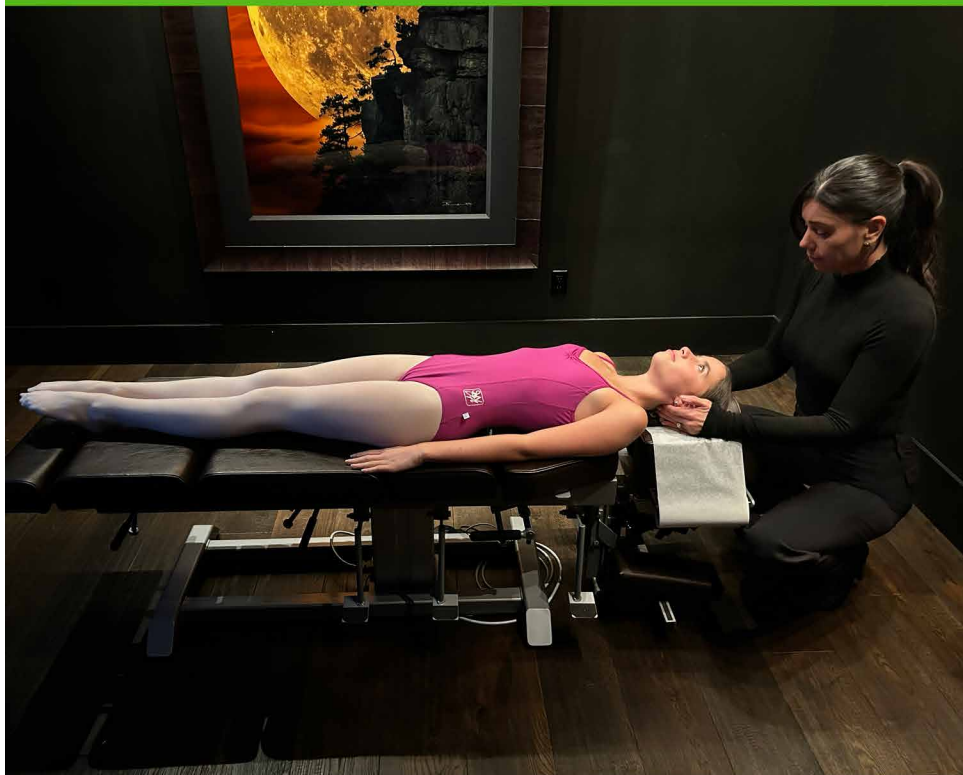


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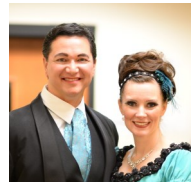
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STORY OF THE NUTCRACKER

The Party Scene It is Christmas Eve in the 1890's at the Stahlbaum house - a large and grand house with the most beautiful tree imaginable. The Stahlbaums are hosting their annual Christmas party, welcoming the arrival of their family and friends. The children, Clara and Fritz, are dancing and playing as they welcome their friends, too.

The party grows festive with music and dance as their godfather, Herr Drosselmeyer, arrives. He is a skilled clock and toy maker and always full of surprises. Herr Drosselmeyer draws everyone's attention as he presents three life-size dolls and a bear. They are the delight of the party, each taking a turn to dance.

The children begin to open gifts when Herr Drosselmeyer presents his gift to Clara, a beautiful Nutcracker. Fritz is jealous and, having a bit more spunk than a boy should have, grabs the Nutcracker from Clara and promptly breaks it. Clara is heartbroken, looking on as Drosselmeyer quickly repairs the Nutcracker. As the evening grows late, the guests depart and the Stahlbaum family retires for the evening. Clara, worried about her beloved Nutcracker, sneaks back to her family's living room to check on him, falling asleep with him in her arms.

The Fight Scene As the clock strikes midnight strange things begin to happen. Clara becomes nervous as her lovely living room shifts and changes. The room fills with an army of rats, led by the fierce Rat King. As the Nutcracker awakens, he leads his army of toy soldiers into battle with the rats. The Rat King corners the Nutcracker and battles him one-on-one.

The Nutcracker and his army can go on no longer and are captured by the rats and their King. Clara makes a final daring charge and distracts the Rat King, giving the Nutcracker the opportunity to deliver a fatal blow. The Rat King drops to the floor and the giant rats mourn as they carry off their leader's lifeless body.

The Land of Snow The Nutcracker turns into a Prince and dances a beautiful Pas de Deux with Clara as they journey to the Land of Snow. It is there they are enchanted by a winter wonderland and a whirlwind of dancing snowflakes.

The Land of Sweets The Prince escorts Clara to the Land of Sweets where they are welcomed into the palace and greeted by the kingdom's residents. They each give Clara a gift, a toy or delectable treat, precious items which Clara knows would be coveted by all of her friends and neighbors: Spanish chocolate, Arabian coffee, Chinese tea, Russian nesting dolls, French Mirliton cakes, a gingerbread house, and flowers.

Clara and the Prince share their tale of the daring battle with the army of rats and the Sugar Plum Fairy rewards them with a celebration of dances. As a finale, the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Cavalier dance a intricate Pas de Deux.

The Dream Ends All too soon Clara awakes from her dream world and is comforted by the sight of her mother. With the Nutcracker in her arms, she holds a magical memory of the most wonderful Christmas that will dance in her heart forever.

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Congratulations!

Great job to all the pawsitively amazing dancers at Studio West Dance Theatre on your Nutcracker 2024 performance! We are proud to support and cheer you on as you shine on the stage.

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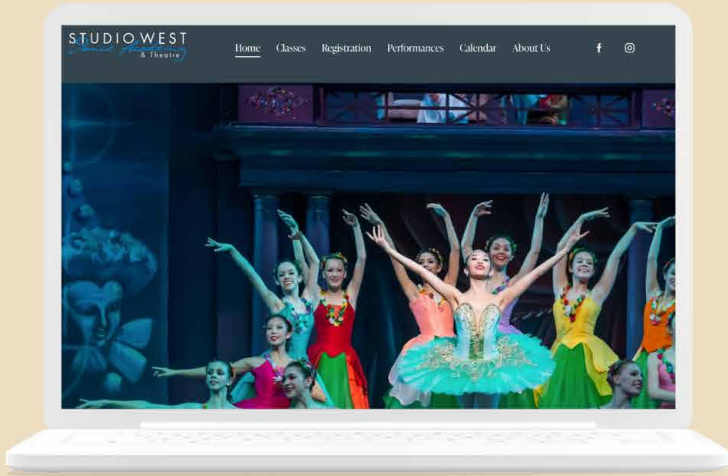



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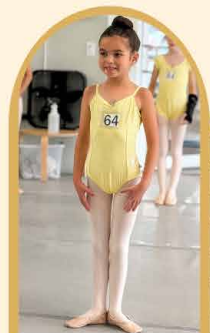


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- ❄️ - 11/29 at 7pm, 11/30 at 2pm, 12/1 at 5pm

ACT ONE

HERR DROSSELMAYER

- ❄️❄️ Aaron Zeigler

MINI-DROSSELMAYERS

- ❄️ Mittie Grimmer, Stella Kazanjian, Olivia Lawhorne, Eleanor McBride, Catherine Seebach, Gwyneth Stroop
- ❄️ Amelia Eberly, Mittie Grimmer, Quincy Hsu-Schmitt, Avery Lankford, Penelope McNeal, Delilah Myers

WHITE MICE

- ❄️ Maureen Madden, Molly McMurdie
- ❄️ Emma Cushing, Brooklyn McKinley

STREET VENDOR

- ❄️ Ember Clark
- ❄️ Brooklyn Sinthavong

CLARA STAHLBAUM

- ❄️ Nico Anderson
- ❄️ Locy Hamblet

FRITZ STAHLBAUM

- ❄️❄️ Andrew Kissel

FRAU STAHLBAUM

- ❄️❄️ Emily McMason

HERR STAHLBAUM

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- ❄️ Cathy Fankhauser

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✿ Ana Mielke

MAID

✿ Olivia Leneker

✿ Sophia Skillings

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✿ Astoria Eberly, Aahana Lohan

TEEN PARTY GIRLS

✿ Addie Murphy, Rilee Neils

✿ Ember Clark, Rilee Neils

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✿ Robin Burnham, Gemma Clark, Emma Davis, Audrey Esslinger-Dotson, Ayla Fitch, Eden George, Allie Isaacson, Felicity King, Sylvia King, Elaina Tevis

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✿ Kurt Hardin

✿ Tim Shoemaker

DOG

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✿ Kabella Graves

✿ Kate Abbott

MINI HARLEQUIN DOLL

✿ Charlotte Moss

✿ Vivienne Ennett

SOLDIER DOLLS

✿ Emerald Ferrara, Jeremiah Szurszewski

✿ Owen Church, Stella West

BEAR

✿ Lexi Shelley

✿ Jeremiah Szurszewski

NUTCRACKER

✿ Gibson Baggett

✿ Waylen Stevens

RAT KING

✿✿ Jeff Ennett

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- ❄️ Nina Chung, London Daley, Autumn Knight, Abigail Mattheis, Emery Maus, Peyton Ramsfield, Lucy Sheppard, Kora Thorpe

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- ❄️ Talulah Quinn Campbell, Ellie Cazier

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- ❄️ Gianna Zabolio

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- ❄️ Ilsa Beardsley, Trinity Dang, Lilia Demerice-Jacobsen, Emma Ehrlander, Kabella Graves, Macy Manista, Sophia Solano, Verite Yanasak

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- ✿ Abigail Erickson, Kabella Graves
- ✿ Nora Saylor-Olson, Alexis Shelton

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ARABIAN COFFEE

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- ✿ Cruz Dandrea, Emily Haley-Pierce, Abigail Manista, Lexi Shelley

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- ✿ Rosalie Cushman, Nai'a Wright

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- ✿ Emerald Ferrara

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- ✿ Lilia Demerice-Jacobsen

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- ✿ Addison Cady, Lexi Shelley

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- ❄️ Kabella Graves, Nora Saylor-Olson

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- ❄️ Kate Abbott, Nico Anderson, Ilsa Beardsley, Clare Lanese, Aahana Lohan, Gianna Zabolio

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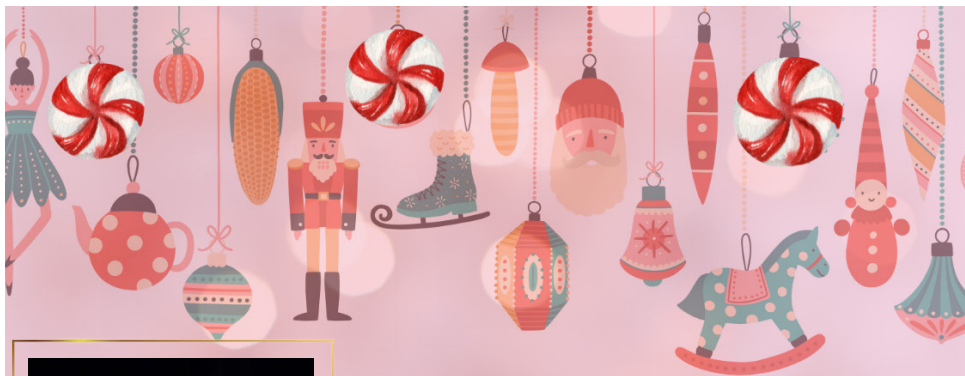


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AARON ZEIGLER

GUEST PERFORMER



Aaron Zeigler started performing at an early age for his classmates and teachers. This led to many performances at a more esteemed venue, the principal's office. Finally, at Central Washington University, he decided to try his skills on a bigger stage and joined the Theatre Arts Department. At Central, he discovered his true love for performance, his true love (Rachel), and received his BA in Education and Theatre in 1998. Since then, Aaron has had the opportunity to perform in such shows as, Wizard of Oz, My Fair Lady, Beauty and the Beast, A

Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Once Upon a Mattress, Peter Pan, Cinderella, Coppelia, Alice in Wonderland and The Nutcracker.

Some of his favorite roles have included The Cowardly Lion (Wizard of Oz), Dr. Coppelius (Coppelia), Ugly Stepsister (Cinderella), Herr Drosselmeyer (The Nutcracker) and Captain Hook (Peter Pan).

When not on stage he spends his time performing for his son James, and as a videographer/editor.

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RESIDENT LIGHTING DESIGNER & PRODUCTION STAGE MANAGER



Scott Leathers is the Resident Lighting Designer for Nashville Children's Theatre (since Sep.2003), Studio West Dance Theatre (Mainstage, since 2009), and has previously served as R.L.D. for Nashville Ballet ('87-'22), New Dialect (Contemporary Dance, 2014-2019), Chattanooga Symphony and Opera ('02-'07, & 2011-2020), Kentucky Repertory Theatre ('05-'08), Ryman Auditorium's Musical Theatre Series ('99-'01), and Ballet TN ('97-'01). He periodically serves as interim Lighting Director for the Ryman Auditorium. After his long tenure at Nashville Ballet from 1987-2022 he decided it was time to step away

and explore new opportunities. He was immediately named Resident Scenic and Lighting Designer at Nashville Children's Theatre, and happily became a part of Emma Sendall's team for *An Ambivalent Woman of 37* and subsequently Dominic Moore Dunson's team for *The Remember Balloons* which has a national tour planned for the 25-26 season.

Mr. Leathers has designed lighting for theatre, opera, ballet, and modern dance since 1981 to critical acclaim. Many of his designs have been for original works. Mr. Leathers design experience includes work with the following performing arts organizations: the Kennedy Center (Concert Hall, Opera House & Family Theater), StudioTENN, Opera Omaha, Nashville Opera, TN Repertory Theatre, Milwaukee Ballet, American Negro Playwrights Theatre, Theatre Craft, Stage One, Amun Ra Theatre, Musical Theatre Louisville, Karen Steele Dance Quintet, Ballet Omaha, Ballet Austin, Cumberland County Playhouse, Dollywood, and internationally with Tanz Ensemble Cathy Sharp (TECS-Switzerland) and Ballet Manila (Philippines). In Dec. 2015 he designed lighting for Ben Fold's Piano Concerto with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center. He has taught Lighting Design at the college level as well as leading over 30 workshops. He has also designed scenery for many productions.

Mr. Leathers graduated from the College of Santa Fe with a BFA in technical theatre and is a member of United Scenic Artists 829 in the Lighting and Scenic Categories.



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