

White Marsh Ballet Academy

Dance Company

THE NUTCRACKER



Kraushaar Auditorium

December 1, 2023 6 p.m.

December 2, 2023, 5 p.m.

White Marsh Ballet Academy Dance Company

Artistic Directors ~ Shari R. Bickel and Sandra Harris

Assistant Director ~ Lindsey Bell

Company Members ~ Chloe Biscoe, Ridgelee Brendlinger, Dana Candia, Raelynn Harbo, Magen Hauf, McKenzie John, Jorja Jones, Jaila Kenney, Julia Laut, Iolanis Maldonado, Emma Nguyen, Olivia Perrine, Sadie Romanowski, Laura Snodgrass, Alexa Spragg, Madison Theisen, Mattie Thomas, Isabella Wang, Sarah Whitson, Katie Winner

Trainees ~ Samone Stahlmann, Lucy Vaughn, Arya Wakefield, Michaela Zozou

Nutcracker Children ~ Addison Adam, Julia Anderson, Claire Dupree, Frederick Fargus, Vivian Fargus, Chloe Golightly, Sophia Karlik, Hannah Kohler, Kailyn McCrea, Sofia Morales, Julia Pappas, Rosalee Pueschel, Arianna Schlepner, Alyssa Spragg, Lana Wakefield, Scarlett Waling

Artists in Residence ~ Nicole Ford, Kaitlyn Winner, Nick Winner

Guest Performers ~ Rachel Harris, Abaigayle Hauf, Dan Hauf, Noah Hauf, Luke Roeder, Ken Snodgrass

Rehearsal Assistants ~ Lauren Amrhein, Katie Hauf (Teacher Coordinator), Nicole Ford, Kaitlyn Winner



The Nutcracker

This famous ballet, in two acts, Is based on E.T. A. Hoffman's tale,
"The Nutcracker and the Mouse King"

Music: Peter I. Tchaikovsky

Choreography: Shari Bickel and Sandra Harris

Costumes: Sherry Ford, Rachel Harris, Sandra Harris, Krystal Romanowski

Props: Brenda & Neil Bates, Dave Bickel, Holly Hammond, Dan Hauf, Shernale & Jim Kenney, Nora Lanahan

Backdrops: Charles. H. Stewart

Audio & Lighting: Goucher College Technical Crew

Video/Livestream: Aaron Harris and Dave Bickel

Tech Support: Parents of WMBA Company Dancers, Nora Lanahan

Flyers/Cover Photo: Lisa Hart-Winner

Front Desk Manager/Support: Sherry Ford, Lisa Hart-Winner, Carole Hinchliffe

Program: Carole Hinchliffe

Teacher Coordinator: Katie Hauf

Act I

Once upon a time, there was little girl named Clara. It is Christmas Eve and the celebration of Clara's birthday. Clara and her friends are dancing with joy and anxiously awaiting the arrival of Clara's uncle, the magician! This Christmas Eve, Clara's uncle presents her with a nutcracker made in the shape of a soldier. Clara thinks this is the most wonderful present of all. But Clara's joy is soon turned into disappointment when her brother, Fritz and his friends, steal her beloved gift and throw it to the floor, breaking it. Clara's uncle mends the nutcracker, and the party continues.

After the guests leave and the party is over, Clara falls asleep, dreaming of her nutcracker. Suddenly, toy soldiers come to life and mice appear from all corners of the room! A furious battle ensues between the mice and the toy soldiers, who are led by the Nutcracker. During the battle, Clara saves her beloved doll by hitting the Mouse Queen with her shoe, and the toy soldiers win the battle. At the sign of victory, Clara's uncle takes her through the Land of the Snow where the Nutcracker reveals himself as a Prince and they are greeted by the Queen of the Snowflakes.

PARTY SCENE

Clara: Dana Candia

Fritz: Iolanis Maldonado

Drosselmeyer: Ken Snodgrass

Drosslemeyer's Nephew: Nick Winner

Parents: Dan Hauf, Magen Hauf, Noah Hauf, Julia Laut, Luke Roeder, Laura Snodgrass, Kaitlyn Winner

Party Girls: McKenzie John, Jorja Jones, Olivia Perrine, Alexa Spragg, Madison Theisen, Mattie Thomas, Sarah Whitson

Party Boys: Addison Adam, Julia Anderson, Sophia Karlik, Sofia Morales, Samone Stahlmann, Lucy Vaughn, Arya Wakefield, Michaela Zozou

Party Guests: Chloe Biscoe, Raelynn Harbo, Jaila Kenney, Emma Nguyen, Sadie Romanowski, Isabella Wang, Katie Winner

Dolls: Isabella Wang with Emma Nguyen and Olivia Perrine

THE BATTLE

Mouse Queen: Rachel Harris

Nutcracker: Raelynn Harbo

Rats: Nicole Ford, Magen Hauf, Jaila Kenney, Julia Laut, Laura Snodgrass, Isabella Wang, Kaitlyn Winner, Katie Winner

Mice: Claire Dupree, Frederick Fargus, Vivian Fargus, Chloe Golightly, Hannah Kohler, Kailyn McCrea, Julia Pappas, Rosalee Pueschel, Arianna Schlepner, Alyssa Spragg, Lana Wakefield

Soldiers (Tap): Chloe Biscoe, Jorja Jones, McKenzie John, Iolanis Maldonado, Emma Nguyen, Olivia Perrine, Sadie Romanowski, Alexa Spragg, Madison Theisen, Mattie Thomas, Sarah Whitson

Soldiers: Addison Adam, Julia Anderson, Sophia Karlik, Sofia Morales, Samone Stahlmann, Lucy Vaughn, Arya Wakefield, Michaela Zozou

Solder On Cannon: Abaigayle Hauf

THE LAND OF THE SNOW

Snow Queen: Magen Hauf

Soloists: Nicole Ford, Jaila Kenney, Julia Laut, Isabella Wang, Kaitlyn Winner, Katie Winner

Demi-Soloists: Chloe Biscoe, Raelynn Harbo, Jorja Jones, Iolanis Maldonado, Emma Nguyen, Olivia Perrine, Sadie Romanowski, Sarah Whitson

Corps: McKenzie John, Alexa Spragg, Samone Stahlmann, Madison Theisen, Mattie Thomas, Lucy Vaughn, Arya Wakefield, Michaela Zozou

INTERMISSION

Act II

Leaving the Land of Snow, the Sugar Plum Fairy takes Clara to the Kingdom of the Sweets, which is the domain of the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. The land is protected by Angels. Here Clara is entertained by all the members of the court. Finally, as a special honor, the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier perform for Clara. The curtain falls as Clara bids farewell to the court as Clara awakes with her beloved Nutcracker wondering if it was all just a dream.

THE KINGDOM OF THE SWEETS

Sugar Plum Fairy: Laura Snodgrass

Clara: Dana Candia

Angels: McKenzie John, Iolanis Maldonado, Alexa Spragg, Samone Stahlmann,, Madison Theisen, Mattie Thomas, Lucy Vaughn, Arya Wakefield, Sarah Whitson, Michaela Zozou

Cherubs: Claire Dupree, Frederick Fargus, Kailyn McCrea, Julia Pappas, Scarlett Waling, Lana Wakefield

Parade: Entire Cast

Spanish: Kaitlyn Winner with Jaila Kenney and Isabella Wang

Chinese: Magan Hauf w/Samone Stahlmann, Lucy Vaughn, Arya Wakefield, Michaela Zozou

Chinese Corps: Vivian Fargus, Chloe Golightly, Hannah Kohler, Rosalee Pueschel, Arianna Schleupner, Alyssa Spragg

Arabian: Katie Winner w/Chloe Biscoe, Raelynn Harbo, Iolanis Maldonado, Emma Nguyen

Tarantella: Isabella Wang with Samone Stahlmann, Madison Theisen, Mattie Thomas, Lucy Vaughn, Arya Wakefield, Michaela Zozou

Sweets: Julia Laut with Jorja Jones, Iolanis Maldonado, Olivia Perrine, Sadie Romanowski

Sweets Corps: Addison Adam, Juliah Anderson, Vivian Fargus, Chloe Golightly, Sophia Karlik, Hannah Kohler, Sofia Morales, Rosalee Pueschel, Arianna Schleupner, Alyssa Spragg

Gingerbread/Bakers: Claire Dupree, Frederick Fargus, Kailyn McCrea, Julia Pappas, Scarlett Waling, Lana Wakefield

Russian: Jaila Kenney with McKenzie John, Mattie Thomas, Alexa Spragg, Sarah Whitson

Mother Ginger: Noah Hauf

Reindeer: Chloe Biscoe with Jorja Jones and Sadie Romanowski

Mother Ginger Children: Addison Adam, Juliah Anderson, Sophia Karlik, Sofia Morales

WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS

Dew Drop Fairy: Nicole Ford

Soloists: Magen Hauf, Jaila Kenney, Julia Laut, Isabella Wang, Kaitlyn Winner, Katie Winner

Corps: Chloe Biscoe, Raelynn Harbo, Jorja Jones, Iolanis Maldonado, Emma Nguyen, Olivia Perrine, Sadie Romanowski, Sarah Whitson

Grand Pas de Deux: Laura Snodgrass and Nick Winner

Clara's Variation: Dana Candia

Sugar Plum Fairy: Laura Snodgrass

Coda: Dana Candia, Laura Snodgrass and Nick Winner

Finale: Entire Cast



THANK YOU!

WMBA Dance Company would like to give a special thanks to all of the people who helped in countless ways with our performance.....

Goucher College Kraushaar Auditorium

Our Guest Performers

All of our Parents & Volunteers

Artistic Directors of White Marsh Ballet Academy Dance Company



Sandra Harris

Sandra Harris and Shari Bickel were previously soloists with the Ballet Theater of Annapolis from 1991 until 1999. Sandra and Shari went on to join the professional contemporary dance company, “TMC” for their 2000 season. They attended Baltimore School for the Arts and Towson State University.

Both Sandra and Shari were trained in the Russian method of classical ballet. They travelled to Russia to train under the direction of Nikita Dolgushin, founder of the Leningrad Conservatory for music and dance with Towson University’s student exchange program.



Shari Bickel

Sandra and Shari have trained, choreographed, and performed a variety of dance disciplines through the state of Maryland. These include Ballet Theater of Annapolis “The School”, County Ballet, Ballet Royale Academy, The Talent Machine, Part II Dance Company, Susan Ina’s Dance Studio, Experimental Dance Concepts and Harford Dance Theatre. Sandra and Shari have also formed a collaboration with senior members of WMBA and formed the contemporary Christian dance company, “Unspoken Grace”.

REHEARSAL ASSISTANTS / Artists In Residence

Lauren Amrhein began training at Mid-Atlantic Center for Performing Arts before coming to White Marsh Ballet Academy in 2006. While at WMBA, Lauren performed in the dance company in roles such as the Sugar Plum Fairy in the Nutcracker and Beauty in Beauty and the Beast. Lauren attended the University of Maryland and graduated in 2016 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and graduated in 2017 with a M.S. in Chemical Engineering. Now, Lauren works as an Evaluator at the Army Evaluation Center when she is not teaching. Lauren continues to perform as a guest artist in WMBA Dance Company performances. Lauren also performs locally with Charm City Ballet. Lauren has been teaching at WMBA since 2011.

Nicole Ford began her training at the age of 5 and has studied at White Marsh Ballet Academy for the majority of her training. She was a member of the White Marsh Ballet Academy Dance Company and has been cast in roles such as Russian lead, Arabian lead, Paquita lead, and the Sugar Plum Fairy. For 3 years, she has performed as a member of Unspoken Grace, a Christian Dance Company. Nicole has performed throughout the local community. She is a graduate from the prestigious, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, Dance program. Nicole was a trainee with Ballet Theatre of Maryland Dance Company during its 2021-2022 season.

Katie Hauf began dance at the age of three at White Marsh Rec. Council. Katie moved to White Marsh Ballet Academy when they opened their doors in the fall of 1997. She was a Senior Dance Member and Rehearsal Assistant with the dance company in residence, The Baltimore Dance Ensemble, from 1998-2003. Her repertoire with BDE includes, Swan Lake, Seasons, and Snow Queen and Dew Drop from The Nutcracker to name a few. Katie began teaching for WMBA in 2000. She has also guest choreographed Cirque for both BDE and WMBA Dance Company. Katie attended Goucher College where she obtained her bachelor's degree in Dance and Elementary Education in 2003. As a Senior Teacher for WMBA, Katie has been promoted to Teacher Coordinator.

Kaitlyn Winner began dancing at the age of 4 and has been performing with WMBA since 2003. She was a member of The Baltimore Dance Ensemble and the White Marsh Ballet Academy Dance Company from 2004-2015. As a senior Company member, Kaitlyn performed as Clara (2011, 2012), Dew Drop Fairy, and Sugar Plum Fairy in Nutcracker, Snow White in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, and the lead character in WMBA's original production of Fairy Tale to Fairy Tale (2013 and 2014). As a member of the TU Dance Company, Kaitlyn performed excerpts from ballets including Coppelia, Napoli, and La Bayadere, as well as original works by Runqiao Du, Ken Skrzysz, and Malcolm Shute. She is currently a choreographer, instructor, and guest performer with WMBA. Kaitlyn holds a BS Degree in Psychology from Towson University and is MS Degree in Clinical Professional Counseling Psychology from Loyola University Maryland. She a Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor and is currently working at Loyola University Maryland as the Assistant Director of Career Readiness within their Career Center.

Nick Winner began dancing at the age of 6 as a Nutcracker child in 2003 and has been performing with WMBA ever since. He was a member of The Baltimore Dance Ensemble and the White Marsh Ballet Academy Dance Company from 2003 - 2018. As a Company member, and now a guest performer, he has performed as Cavalier in Nutcracker, the Beast in Beauty and the Beast, the Prince in Snow White, and the lead in The Greatest Show, in addition to many other roles. This year, Nick will perform in his 21st straight Nutcracker Ballet. He holds a Masters Degree in Software Engineering from Towson University and is employed as a Senior Software Engineer with Capital One.

Laura,

You have grown into a beautiful, graceful dancer, and more importantly a wonderful young woman. We look forward to all the things God has planned for your life. We love you very much.

Mom, Dad, Nate and Evan























White Marsh Ballet Academy opened its doors during the summer of 1997 with a small camp consisting of only 20 students. Since that time, we have grown to more than 200 students and have continued with our performing company in residence—White Marsh Ballet Academy Dance Company. WMBA offers dance education in ballet, pointe, modern, jazz, tap and hip hop. WMBA is owned by professional dancers and includes a staff that promotes enthusiasm and care for students first. Individual attention with an emphasis on dance technique allows instructors to bring out the best in each student, promoting self-confidence and enjoyment. The mission statement of WMBA is to instill the passion of dance as an art form within each student. The goal of the teachers is to inform and inspire, creating thinking dancers preparing them for careers in the field of dance as well as life. WMBA is a family oriented school focused on communication, respect and self-motivation.

WHITE MARSH BALLET ACADEMY DANCE COMPANY was created to give students the opportunity to perform in a professional working atmosphere. Dancers range in age from 8 to adult and are accepted into the company by audition. For more information, please call the studio. The company holds two full-length performances per year and participates in a variety of community activities.



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