

This year Miller Marley celebrates its twenty-first year anniversary of *Clara's Dream* and Miller Marley's 63rd year in business.

Since 2005, when *Clara's Dream* first appeared on the Miller Marley stage, this ballet has become an enduring favorite and a treasured holiday tradition. The production features the artistic talents of the Miller Marley Youth Ballet, Youth Ballet 2, and a talented cast of guest performers. This traditional story has been adapted and choreographed by Matthew Donnell with additional staging and choreography by our Artistic Director, Laura Branson, including exquisite costumes of original designs, by Tia Browning and Elaine Beckman Lynch. This version of the classical Nutcracker follows Clara on a magical journey beginning with a glorious celebration on Christmas Eve, through the Land of Snow and Kingdom of the Sweets.

As is the custom, our wonderful performing companies will kick off this holiday celebration with a variety of performances in Act One – A Holiday Musical Revue. We will open Act One with our Musical Theatre production "The Polar Express" featuring special guest artist Chris Halford as "The Conductor." Act One will close with Miller Marley's combined competitive dance teams' original concept of what's it's like to stay "On the Move."

As we embark upon our twenty-first season of *Clara's Dream* we hope to continue this holiday tradition and perhaps start some new ones for you and your family. We appreciate all of our hard-working and dedicated families who join us each year for this exciting holiday tradition. Here's to a Happy Holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Enjoy the show!

Happy Holidays!

Shirley Marley, Brian McGinness, and the Miller Marley Staff



#### A Special Thanks to . . .

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and our Performing Company Directors and assistants,
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Shirley Marley, the parents of the Miller Marley Youth Ballet,
Miller Marley Youth Ballet 2 and our distinguished guests
for their help and support.





# **Act One**

The Polar Express	TiniTainers, MiniTainers,
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Choreography by Ann McCroskey	, Brian McGinness, Joan Walsh
Special appearance by Chris H	lalford** as "The Conductor"

#### **TiniTainers**

Georgia Alderman, Ava Anguiano, Dolly Aylward, Ellie Carter,
PJ Cocherl, Aurora Crane, Millie Davis, Shelby Davis, Winnie DuVall,
Eva Enslinger, Autumn Farris, Genevieve Fink, Juliana Fleharty,
Laekyn Fowler, Brecklyn Gloeckner, Madelyn Grado, Lucy Gutwein,
Alice Hadley, McKenzie Haynes, Addilyn Heater, Drew Kovarik,
Evelyn Lane, Emma Leak, Zoe Longhofer, Anna Morrison,
Savannah Neira Flores, Reese Reintjes, Huck Ridley, Lucie Sanders,
Nora Schueller, JoJo Smith, Emmy Staub, Molly Stenger,
Aiden Stoffelen, Emilia Stoffelen, Kate Taylor,
Charlotte Winkler, Elle Wood

#### **MiniTainers**

Hallie Branson, Kelsey Jo Brewer, Beatrice Dandurand, Brinley Dugan,
Annabelle Fink, Bonnie Golson, Carys Greene, Emma Hurst,
Naomi Kim, Macy Komosa, Sophie Loos, Evelyn Martin,
Vivian Moss, Madylin Price, Sarah Raupp, Sage Reintjes,
Hazel Ridley, Annie Sornson, Emma Kate Stenger,
Ella Suen, Lauren Taylor, Tenley Thompson,
Evelyn Welzenbach, Ruby Wilson

#### Show Biz Performers

Cora Allee, Annabelle Bartlett, Elena Blumreich,
Kira Caldwell, Draper Cranford, Harper Cranford, Conley Fitzhugh,
Hadlie Gloeckner, Lucas Gutierrez Sullenger, Avery Hamilton,
Eva Henkhaus, Julia Holtzman, Alina Howlett, Emerson Ilten,
Farrah Lindt, Evie Logan, Lucy McGinnity, Adaline Osler,
Lily Oxandale, Madison Raupp, Indy Seiz, Hannah Shafer,
Stella Snyder, Macy Stillwell, Maddie Swink,
Ivy Symonds, Ashlynn Troxel, Lyla Turner,
Nora Welzenbach, Brooke Winkler, Nora Wymore

#### **Entertainers**

Louisa Bartlett, Harlow Bivens, Greer Borghardt, Rebecca Brekken, Kaitlyn Brewer, Lorien Colucci, Lucille Dandurand, Rebecca Darby, Stella Davidson, Leah Davis, Lyla Davis, Piper Davis, Nora Dixon, Addie Edmunds, Emily Enger, Ailia Ford, Kieran Ford, Lauren Giuliani, Dayanara Gomez, Sylvia Hance, Jake Henry, Jocelyn Henry, Evelyn Hunn, Maya Jasper, Emorey Koehler, Elliott Kraus, Aubrey Lopez, Sadie Mayer, Adele Milligan, Robert Milligan, Coralynn Moffitt, London Oxandale, Abby Peterson, Ryan Peterson, Evey Sanders, Avery Satterfield, Liam Smith, Ivy Sollenberger, Jillian Spacek, Ethan Suen, Eden Tow



I Believe in Santa...... Show Biz Performers

Directed and Choreographed by Hannah Yeoman

Cora Allee, Annabelle Bartlett, Elena Blumreich, Kira Caldwell, Cranford,

Harper Cranford, Conley Fitzhugh,
Hadlie Gloeckner, Lucas Gutierrez Sullenger,
Avery Hamilton, Eva Henkhaus, Julia Holtzman, Alina Howlett,
Emerson Ilten, Karen Jallad, Farrah Lindt, Evie Logan, Lucy McGinnity,
Adaline Osler, Lily Oxandale, Madison Raupp, Indy Seiz,
Hannah Shafer, Stella Snyder, Macy Stillwell, Maddie Swink,
Ivy Symonds, Ashlynn Troxel, Lyla Turner,
Nora Welzenbach, Brooke Winkler, Nora Wymore

# Frosty the Snowman ......TiniTainers 1st & 2nd grade

Directed by Annie Cocherl
Assistant Director Megan Schueller
Choreography by Missy Belt
Staging by Annie Cocherl and Megan Schueller
Student Assistants: Evey Sanders, Jillian Spacek

Georgia Alderman, Ava Anguiano, Dolly Aylward,
PJ Cocherl, Aurora Crane, Shelby Davis, Winnie DuVall, Eva Enslinger,
Autumn Farris, Genevieve Fink, Laekyn Fowler, Brecklyn Gloeckner,
Lucy Gutwein, Alice Hadley, McKenzie Haynes, Addilyn Heater,
Drew Kovarik, Evelyn Lane, Emma Leak, Zoe Longhofer,
Savannah Neira Flores, Reese Reintjes, Huck Ridley, Lucie Sanders,
Nora Schueller, JoJo Smith, Aiden Stoffelen,
Kate Taylor, Charlotte Winkler, Elle Wood

Wild Child ...... Miller Marley Youth Ballet 2 Directed by Ashley Moehlenhoff

Choreography by Miller Marley alumna Alana Campbell

Brooke Barton, Harlow Bivens, Hallie Branson, Lucille Dandurand, Evan Grebenyuk, Saylor Haney, Jake Henry, Lilly Kesner, Sophie Loos, Aubrey Lopez, Coralynn Moffitt, Raina Nahato, London Oxandale, Abby Peterson, Ryan Peterson, Andrea Polanco, Charlotte Stenger, Charlotte Swift, Audrey Tworek

..... Show Biz Performers Let It Snow. Directed and Choreographed by Hannah Yeoman

Cora Allee, Annabelle Bartlett, Elena Blumreich, Kira Caldwell, Draper Cranford, Harper Cranford, Conley Fitzhugh, Hadlie Gloeckner, Lucas Gutierrez Sullenger. Avery Hamilton, Eva Henkhaus, Julia Holtzman, Alina Howlett, Emerson Ilten, Karen Jallad, Farrah Lindt, Evie Logan, Lucy McGinnity, Adaline Osler, Lily Oxandale, Madison Raupp, Indy Seiz, Hannah Shafer, Stella Snyder, Macy Stillwell, Maddie Swink, Ivy Symonds, Ashlynn Troxel, Lyla Turner, Nora Welzenbach, Brooke Winkler, Nora Wymore

# All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth ......TiniTainers

Directed by Annie Cocherl
Assistant Director Megan Schueller
Choreography by Annie Cocherl and Megan Schueller
Student Assistants: Evey Sanders, Jillian Spacek

Vocal soloists: Shelby Davis, Alice Hadley, Brecklyn Gloeckner, Huck Ridley with . . .

Georgia Alderman, Ava Anguiano, Dolly Aylward, Ellie Carter,
PJ Cocherl, Aurora Crane, Millie Davis, Winnie DuVall, Eva Enslinger,
Autumn Farris, Genevieve Fink, Juliana Fleharty,
Laekyn Fowler, Madelyn Grado, Lucy Gutwein, McKenzie Haynes,
Addilyn Heater, Drew Kovarik, Evelyn Lane, Emma Leak,
Zoe Longhofer, Anna Morrison, Savannah Neira Flores, Reese Reintjes,
Lucie Sanders, Nora Schueller, JoJo Smith, Emmy Staub,
Molly Stenger, Aiden Stoffelen, Emilia Stoffelen,
Kate Taylor, Charlotte Winkler, Elle Wood

Re'vin Up the Reindeer ...... MiniTainers

Directed by Annie Cocherl
Choreography by Miller Marley alumna Milly Bell
Student Assistant: Kaitlyn Brewer

Hallie Branson, Kelsey Jo Brewer, Beatrice Dandurand, Brinley Dugan,
Annabelle Fink, Bonnie Golson, Carys Greene, Emma Hurst,
Naomi Kim, Macy Komosa, Sophie Loos, Evelyn Martin,
Vivian Moss, Madylin Price, Sarah Raupp, Sage Reintjes,
Hazel Ridley, Annie Sornson, Emma Kate Stenger,
Ella Suen, Lauren Taylor, Tenley Thompson,
Evelyn Welzenbach, Ruby Wilson

## Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree..... Entertainers White Troupe

Directed by Ann McCroskey
Assistant Director, Sarah Peterson
Choreography by Miller Marlley alumni Mitch McCroskey

Harlow Bivens, Lucille Dandurand, Rebecca Darby,
Stella Davidson, Lyla Davis, Piper Davis, Nora Dixon,
Ailia Ford, Dayanara Gomez, Aubrey Lopez,
Sadie Mayer, Robert Milligan, Coralynn Moffitt,
London Oxandale, Liam Smith,
Ivy Sollenberger, Ethan Suen

Winter Wonderland...... Entertainers Red Troupe

Directed by Ann McCroskey
Assistant Director, Sarah Peterson
Choreography by Miller Marlley alumni Mitch McCroskey

Louisa Bartlett, Greer Borghardt, Rebecca Brekken, Kaitlyn Brewer,
Lorien Colucci, Leah Davis, Addie Edmunds, Emily Enger, Kieran Ford,
Lauren Giuliani, Sylvia Hance, Jake Henry, Jocelyn Henry,
Evelyn Hunn, Maya Jasper, Emorey Koehler, Elliott Kraus,
Adele Milligan, Abby Peterson, Ryan Peterson, Evey Sanders,
Avery Satterfield, Jillian Spacek, Eden Tow

I Do Believe in Christmas ...... MiniTainers

Directed and Choreographed by Annie Cocherl Student Assistant: Kaitlyn Brewer Vocal Direction by Christina Brewer

Vocal soloists: Tenley Thompson, Hazel Ridley, Hallie Branson, Kelsey Jo Brewer, Beatrice Dandurand, Evelyn Welzenbach, Bonnie Golson, Sarah Raupp, Sage Reintjes, Annabelle Fink with . . .

Brinley Dugan, Carys Greene, Emma Hurst, Naomi Kim, Macy Komosa, Sophie Loos, Evelyn Martin, Vivian Moss, Madylin Price, Annie Sornson, Emma Kate Stenger, Ella Suen, Lauren Taylor, Ruby Wilson



Ta' Da' ...... Miller Marley Tiny Competition Team

Directed and Choreographed by Tara Wells

Student Assistants: Teagan Kesner, Kira Yancey

Serenity Alderman, Macklynn Bennett, Caroline Bennink, Margo Buck, Audra Choi, Ellison Davids, Emma Grado, Hannah Harrelson, Addilyn Heater, Drew Kovarik, Stella Mahurin, Isla Novin, Nora Schueller, Piper Thompson, Gwendolyn Wright

# Christmas Is Starting Now ......Entertainers

Directed by Ann McCroskey
Assistant Director, Sarah Peterson
Choreography by Miller Marlley alumni Mitch McCroskey

Louisa Bartlett, Harlow Bivens, Greer Borghardt, Rebecca Brekken, Kaitlyn Brewer, Lorien Colucci, Lucille Dandurand, Rebecca Darby, Stella Davidson, Leah Davis, Lyla Davis, Piper Davis, Nora Dixon, Addie Edmunds, Emily Enger, Ailia Ford, Kieran Ford, Lauren Giuliani, Dayanara Gomez, Sylvia Hance, Jake Henry, Jocelyn Henry, Evelyn Hunn, Maya Jasper, Emorey Koehler, Elliott Kraus, Aubrey Lopez, Sadie Mayer, Adele Milligan, Robert Milligan, Coralynn Moffitt, London Oxandale, Abby Peterson, Ryan Peterson, Evey Sanders, Avery Satterfield, Liam Smith, Ivy Sollenberger, Jillian Spacek, Ethan Suen, Eden Tow

# Santa Can't You Hear Me ...... Entertainers Vocal Duet

Directed by Ann McCroskey
Assistant Director, Sarah Peterson
Vocal Direction by Christina Brewer
Staging by Brian McGinness

Vocal Soloists: Ivy Sollenberger and Nora Dixon



On the Move......Combined Competition Teams

Directed and Choreographed by Tara Wells, Emily Trebbien and Miller Marley alumna Mia Neaderhiser

A special "Thank You!" for prop design and execution by Abby Dugan, Andy Tworek, Tara Kesner

## Tiny Competition Team

Serenity Alderman, Macklynn Bennett, Caroline Bennink, Margo Buck, Audra Choi, Ellison Davids, Emma Grado, Hannah Harrelson, Addilyn Heater, Drew Kovarik, Stella Mahurin, Isla Novin, Nora Schueller, Piper Thompson, Gwendolyn Wright

# Junior Competition Team

Ellie Altenhofen, Wren Anderson, Ruby Bernard, Natalie Coones, Hadley Corcoran, Lincoln Coville Schweigert, Grace Cox, Lucy D'Agostino, Annabelle Fink, Eloise Fink, Gigi Frazier, Annabelle Goslinga, Callen Hains, Ella Hensley, Cecilia Kesner, Rosie Kingsley, Alexandra Kopulos, Sophie Loos, Sarah Madden, Meesha Mazel, Harper McLean, Raina Nahato, Riley Nahato, Evie Njuu, Evelyn Noe, Lila O'Keefe, Carter Perry, Grace Remak, Margot Rice (Sunday only), Paula Rincon, Hadley Sargent, Annie Sornson, Charlotte Stenger, Emma Kate Stenger, Charlotte Swift, Lauren Taylor, Ella Thomas, Audrey Tworek, Liliana Villanueva, Presley Wignall, Georgia Wright, Calia Xiong

## Teen Competition Team

Evie Affolter, Claire Angell, Brooke Barton, Caitlin Beatty, Caroline Bennett, Sloane Burgess, Collins Claycamp, Amelia Coville Schweigert, Ainsley DeVore, Brinley Dugan, Murphy Eshelman, Caroline Fritz, Charley Gunja, Saylor Haney, Lilly Kesner, Jane Kingsley, Audrey Lederer, Lily Rebeck, Corie Ressler, Greta Rupp, Liliana Sanchez Roderick, Zoey Vaglio, Madelyn Villanueva

#### Senior Competition Team

Logan Angell, Greer Borghardt, Alexa Branstetter, Tucker Burks,
Cailyn Crawford, Lauren Giuliani, Dayanara Gomez, Evan Grebenyuk,
Jake Henry, Jocelyn Henry, Annie Joplin, Teagan Kesner,
Elliott Kraus, Grace Lederer, Brynlee Perbeck, Reese Perbeck,
Gabriella Petelin, Isabella Rodriguez, Evey Sanders, Lyla Schumm,
Annabelle Shortle, Noel Smith, Jillian Spacek,
Eden Tow, Ryleigh Williams, Kira Yancey

#### Twenty-minute intermission



# Clara's Dream and A Holiday Musical Revue Production Team

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Music: The Nutcracker Suite Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky Choreography Laura Branson	
Original Costume Designs Tia Browing, Elaine Beckman Lynch	
Resident Lighting DesignerZan de Spelder	r:
Stage Manager Corwin Magee Bower	۲÷
Snow Effect Director, Set CoordinatorBill Wright	ıt
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Backdrop rentals provided by Mark Short of Kenmark Inc.,	
Scenic Backdrops	
Original Set Construction by Frank Renkoski	

## What makes our vision for the Party Scene unique!

Traditionally, as the story of Clara's Dream begins, it is Christmas Eve and Clara's parents, the Stahlbaums, are hosting a huge gala to celebrate the season. All eyes are immediately drawn to the party guests, who have donned their finest Victorian attire for the occasion.

When the curtain rises, the party scene will take on an international flair. The party guests will be foreign ambassadors and their families, all clad in costumes appropriate to their countries of origin. Mr. Stahlbaum, Clara's father, is the Ambassador of England and his distinguished guests will represent the countries of Spain, Arabia, China, Russia, Sweden and Germany.

Our beloved Elaine Beckman Lynch (Elaine Biggs), MMYB's original costume designer, created the impressive array of international costumes for this production. To ensure their historical accuracy, Elaine thoroughly researched the cultural and design elements particular to each piece and then searched for complementary fabric. Her painstaking efforts to include each and every detail and embellishment produced an awe-inspiring collection not often seen in productions of the Nutcracker.

The Miller Marley Youth Ballet Company feels so fortunate to have had a designer of Elaine's expertise at the helm. Elaine's talents and friendship will be missed by many.

## **Program Notes by Matthew Donnell**

It was Christmas Eve at the Stahlbaum's house and Clara's family had thrown the most wonderful party for foreign ambassadors and their families. As Clara slept, her magical Godfather, Herr Drosselmeyer, cast a spell over her that guaranteed that this would be a night she would never forget. As she drifted deeper and deeper into dreamy sleep, she relived the glorious evening and embarked on a wondrous journey led by the mysterious inventor, Herr Drosselmeyer.

Drosselmeyer had a magical way of making life size mechanical dolls come to life. At the party he presented Clara with an unusual Nutcracker doll, which made her feel very special. Then, Drosselmeyer presented the Stahlbaums and all the guests with a Harlequin and Columbine who flirted and teased each other to the delight of the children. A powerful mechanical soldier followed exciting Clara's brother, Fritz, and his friends.

As this memory faded from Clara's dream, she felt as if she were floating and perhaps even flying with Drosselmeyer through an enchanted forest where snowflakes came to life, as if they had lives of their own. A glorious Snow King and Queen danced in honor of Clara. The Snow Queen welcomed Clara by presenting her with her first pair of pointe shoes and then the graceful couple led her and her Godfather into the Kingdom of the Sweets.

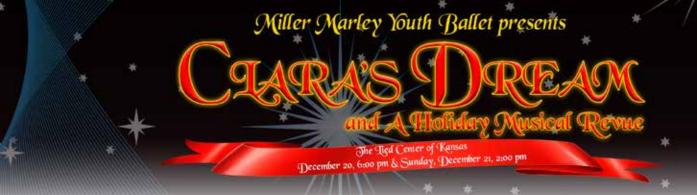
Herr Drosselmeyer escorted Clara to a faraway Kingdom that was so colorful and beautiful. There, Angels and the Sugar Plum Fairy greeted her. Herr Drosselmeyer seemed to know them and respect them for he bowed to them presenting his precious Goddaughter most humbly.

The Sugar Plum Fairy sat them at a seat of honor and commanded a performance commence for their guests. The court was made up of people from all over the world, and Clara was overwhelmed as they danced for her. There were people from Spain, Arabia, China, Russia, Sweden and Germany. But the thing that delighted her most occurred when she danced in celebration with children that were made of gingerbread. After all of this revelry, a beautiful waltz commenced, with women so lovely Clara believed them to be flowers. Were her eyes playing tricks on her? Truly this was an enchanted place! Just when Clara thought she had seen it all, the Cavalier took the floor and amazed her with his power. Then the Sugar Plum Fairy danced gracefully with her handsome Cavalier.

Suddenly, the music swelled, and the room was filled with everyone whom she had encountered that night. They danced and twirled so much that Clara felt her head growing light. It had been the most exciting adventure of her life! As the people swirled around her, she felt herself returning to her dream. Everything was a blur except for Drosselmeyer, and then...

Where was she? She looked around her. She was lying on her sofa. She was alone, and in her arms was her beloved Nutcracker. Had it all been a dream? As she pondered the strange dream, she couldn't help but sense that she was not alone. Unbeknownst to her she was right, for in the shadows was her loving Godfather, Drosselmeyer. He had a mysterious look on his face that seemed to say no matter what adventures Clara encountered in her life - she would always be safe.





#### **Act Two**

#### The Party Scene

Honored Host – The Ambassador of the United Kingdom:

Mr. Stahlbaum: Sean Stenger\*

His wife, Mrs. Stahlbaum: Dani Maheux\*

His son, Fritz: Beatrice Dandurand\*

His daughter, Clara: (Saturday) Audrey Tworek

(Sunday) Charlotte Stenger

Clara's Godfather, Herr Drosselmeyer: Chris Halford\*\*

The Governess: Evelyn Hunn

Distinguished Guests of the United Nations: Families of foreign ambassadors

The Ambassador of Spain: Andrew Winkler\*

His wife: Evey Sanders

His son: (Saturday) Calia Xiong\*, (Sunday) Allison Kneifl\*

His daughter: (Saturday) Brooke Winkler\*,

(Sunday) Piper Weddle\*

The Ambassador of Arabia: Tom Ford\*

His wife: Dionna Ford\*

His son: (Saturday) Ella Suen\*, (Sunday) Audra Choi\*

His daughter: (Saturday) Madison Raupp\*, (Sunday) Eloise Fink\*



The Ambassador of China: Mike Peterson\*

His wife: Holly Gutwein\*

His son: (Saturday) Bo Schueller\*, (Sunday) Alexandra Kopulos\* His daughter: (Saturday) Cecilia Talbott\*, (Sunday) Annie Sornson\*

The Ambassador of Ukraine: Brian Howlett\*

His wife: Brooke Seiz\*

His son: (Saturday) Tatum Schneider\*, (Sunday) Indigo Seiz\*

His daughter: (Saturday) Riley Nahato\*, (Sunday) Alina Howlett\*

The Ambassador of Sweden: Evan Grebenyuk

His wife: Anna Kim\*

His son: (Saturday) Naomi Kim\*, (Sunday) Lincoln Howard\*

His daughter: (Saturday) Serenity Alderman\*, (Sunday) Macy Stillwell\*

The Ambassador of Germany: Mark Komosa\*

His wife: Crystal Taylor\*

His son: (Saturday) Caroline Bennink\*, (Sunday) Hannah Harrelson\*

His daughter: (Saturday) Lauren Taylor\*,

(Sunday) Annie Grace Komosa\*

The Harlequin Girl Doll: (Saturday) Maya Jasper (Sunday) Kaitlyn Brewer

The Harlequin Boy Doll: Ryan Peterson

The Soldier Doll: Jake Henry

#### The Land of Snow

Snow Queen: Jillian Spacek

Snow King: Kieran Ford

Snowflakes: Virginia Schoenfeldt, Grace Taylor, Cailyn Crawford, Isabella Rodriguez, Jocelyn Henry, Annie Joplin, Ellery Henning, Evelyn Hunn (Saturday) Kaitlyn Brewer, Elliott Kraus (Sunday) Maya Jasper, Leah Davis

## The Kingdom of the Sweets

Intro - Angels:

(Saturday) Isla Novin\*, Lorelei Davis\*, Lucy Gutwein\*, Kate Taylor\*, Grace Swift\*, Margo Buck\*, Georgia Alderman\*, Charlotte Winkler\*, Eva Enslinger\*, Laekyn Fowler\*, Nora Schueller\*, Lucie Sanders\*, Mckenzie Haynes\*

(Sunday) Ellie Wood\*, Theodora Kopulos\*, Reese Reintjes\*, Genevieve Fink\*, Winnie Duvall\*, Marie Miller\*, Ellison Davids\*, Alice Hadley\*, Isla Fricke\*, Evelyn Lane\*, Emma Leak\*, Zoe Longhofer\*, Drew Kovarik\*

Sugar Plum Fairy: Evey Sanders

Cavalier: Kieran Ford

#### **Divertissements**

Chocolate – The Spanish Dance Leah Davis and Elliott Kraus with Isabella Rodriguez, Annie Joplin, Ellery Henning, Evelyn Hunn

Coffee – The Arabian Dance
Jocelyn Henry and Evan Grebenyuk with
(Saturday) Raina Nahato, Sophie Loos, Aubrey Lopez, Brooke Barton
(Sunday) Charlotte Swift, Hallie Branson, Saylor Haney, Brooke Barton

Tea – The Chinese Dance
Grace Taylor and Virginia Schoenfeldt with
Jillian Spacek, Kaitlyn Brewer, Maya Jasper, Harlow Bivens

Trepak – The Russian Dance Kieran Ford, Ryan Peterson, Jake Henry with Leah Davis, Elliott Kraus, Cora Moffit, Evelyn Hunn

Mirlitons – The Dance of the Reed Pipes Isabella Rodriguez with Annie Joplin, Ellery Henning

Mother Ginger - Sophie Yancey\*\* with Clara & Herr Drosselmeyer: (see cast above) Gingerbread – Aurelia Maheux\*, Cece Kesner\*, Annabelle Fink\*, Sarah Raupp\*, Emma Kate Stenger\*, Ivy Symonds\*, Ruby Wilson\*, Iris Troy\*, Ella Hensley\*, Kelsey Jo Brewer\*, Hazel Ridley\*, Macy Komosa\*

Waltz of the Flowers

Dew Drop: Cailyn Crawford with

Flowers: Lilly Kesner, London Oxandale, Andrea Polanco,

Brooke Barton, Abby Peterson, Lucille Dandurand,

Cora Moffitt, Harlow Bivens,

(Saturday) Charlotte Swift, Charlotte Stenger, Hallie Branson,

Saylor Haney

(Sunday) Raina Nahato, Audrey Tworek, Sophie Loos, Aubrey Lopez

The Angels Return: (see cast above)

Cavalier - Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy - Coda: (see cast above)

Closing Waltz - Grand Finale: The Kingdom of the Sweets Cast

Bows: The Entire Cast

#### The End





Miller Marley's Recital For Future Stars end of the year production at the Lied Center of Kansas will feature our students in Tiny 2's through Level 3 classes in Act One, including selections from Miller Marley Performing Companies.

Act Two will feature the Miller Marley Youth Ballet's spring production of an original children's classic.

Saturday, May 23rd 5:00 pm Tiny 2's through Kindergarten & 1st Grade Classes

> Sunday, May 24th 5:00 pm Level 1 through 3 Classes

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Congratulations to our two Clara's
On the front cover is Audrey Tworek as Saturday's Clara,
and the back cover features Charlotte Stenger as Sunday's Clara.

