

The Ryman Healthcare season of

The Nutcracker

WHEN AND WHERE

Saturday, 1 November 2025
St James Theatre, Wellington

Principal Cast

Clara Catarina Estévez Collins	Nutcracker Doll / Prince Laurynas Vėjalis	Sugar Plum Fairy Mayu Tanigaito	Auntie Drosselmeyer Kirby Selchow
Koro Taiaroa Royal *	Mrs Stahlbaum Olivia Platt	Mr Stahlbaum Joshua Guillemot-Rodgers	Fritz Patrick Bexley ^
Mouse King Luke Cooper	Storm Master Kihiro Kusakami	Pohutukawa Flower Kate Kadow	

The Party

PARENTS			
Gretchen Steimle	Luke Cooper	Jemima Scott	Zacharie Dun

CLARA'S FRIENDS			
Ema Takahashi	Tessa Karle	Dane Head	Jake Gisby

FRITZ'S FRIENDS			
Oakley Simmons ^	Quinn Laurenson ^	Luna Reid ^	Sophie Cammish-Humphreys ^
Annabella Miller ^	Keira Hadley ^		

BIRDS			
Tui Jennifer Ulloa	Kereru Shaun James Kelly		

The Battle

FERRETS			
Jake Gisby	Dane Head		

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‡ Dancer contracted for the Nutcracker season only
^ Child Extra

STOATS

Hannah Thomson Tessa Karle

POSSUMS

Ruby Ryburn Hilary An-Roddie Ema Takahashi

SOLDIERS

Angus O'Connell Joshua Douglas Timothy Ching Callahan Laird

Jordan Sawtell

The Land of the Snow

SNOWFLAKES

Lyn Lin † Ema Takahashi Hannah Thomson Ruby Ryburn

Hilary An-Roddie Tessa Karle Charlotte Willis † Rose Xu

Cadence Barrack Gretchen Steimle Emma Gavan Olivia Platt

The Land of the Sweets

CHOCOLATE FISH

Jennifer Ulloa Shaun James Kelly

HOKEY POKEY

Ema Takahashi Hannah Thomson

LOLLY SLICE

Dane Head Timothy Ching Jake Gisby

PAVLOVA

Cadence Barrack Calum Gray Tessa Karle

FLOWERS

Koŵhai Lyn Lin † **Koŵhai** **Koŵhai**
Hilary An-Roddie Ruby Ryburn Charlotte Willis †

Mañuka **Mañuka** **Mañuka** **Mañuka**
Rose Xu Gretchen Steimle Emma Gavan Olivia Platt

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Supporting cast



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First Violins

Vesa-Matti Leppänen |
Concertmaster
Donald Armstrong | Associate
Concertmaster
Anna van der Zee | Acting
Assistant Concertmaster
Yuka Eguchi | Principal
Emma Barron
Ursula Evans
Malavika Gopal
Pam Jiang
Haihong Liu
Anne Loeser
Alan Molina
Gregory Squire
Rebecca Struthers
Beiyi Xue
Kristina Zelinska

Second Violins

Andrew Thomson | Section
Principal
Amy Brookman | Associate
Principal
Jessica Oddie | Assistant
Principal
David Gilling | Sub-Principal
Emeritus
Janet Armstrong | Assistant Sub-
Principal Emeritus
Julia Broom
Simeon Broom
Elspeth Gray
Andrew Kasza
Megan Molina
Katherine Rowe
Christine Wang
Vivian Stephens | Guest

Violas

Julia Joyce | Section Principal
Alexander McFarlane | Associate
Principal
Nicholas Hancox | Assistant
Principal
Sophia Acheson
Lisa Boyes
Anna Debnam
Beatrix Francis
Jenaro Garita
Victoria Jaenecke
Lyndsay Mountfort
Belinda Veitch
Eli Vincent

Cellos

Andrew Joyce | Section Principal
Ken Ichinose | Associate Principal
Ian Greenberg | Assistant
Principal
David Chickering | Section
Principal Emeritus
Brigid O'Meeghan | Assistant
Sub-Principal Emeritus
Eleanor Carter
Sally Isaac
Joseph Kelly
Annemarie Meijers
Rowan Prior

Basses

Oscar Luque | Acting Associate
Principal
Matthew Cave
Oleksandr Gunchenko
Alanna Jones
Malcolm Struthers

Flutes

Bridget Douglas | Section
Principal
Kirsten Eade | Associate Principal

Piccolo

Johanna Gruskin | Principal

Oboes

Robert Orr | Section Principal
Helen Clinton | Associate
Principal

Cor Anglais

Michael Austin | Principal

Clarinets

Patrick Barry | Section Principal
Ellen Deverall | Associate
Principal

Bass Clarinet

Aaron Klein | Guest Principal

Bassoons

Justin Sun | Section Principal
Jessica Goldbaum | Guest
Associate Principal

Horns

Manuel Escauriaza | Guest
Section Principal
Alexander Hambleton | Associate
Principal
Sebastian Dunn | Sub-Principal
Shadley van Wyk | Sub-Principal
Rebecca Luton | Guest Sub-
Principal

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Trumpets

Michael Kirgan | Section Principal
Mark Carter | Sub-Principal

Trombones

David Bremner | Section Principal
Matthew Allison | Associate Principal

Bass Trombone

Shannon Pittaway | Principal

Tuba

Andrew Jarvis

Timpani

Laurence Reese | Section Principal

Percussion

Thomas Guldborg | Associate Principal / Assistant Timpani
Sam Rich | Sub-Principal

Harp

Carolyn Mills | Guest Principal
William Nichols | Guest Principal

Celeste

Noelle Dannenbring | RNZB Company Pianist

Performance Schedule

Approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes including one 20 minute interval.
A 15 minute lockout period applies to the each act of the performance.
Smoke, haze and lighting effects will be used during this performance.

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