

The Ryman Healthcare season of

The Nutcracker

WHEN AND WHERE

Wednesday, 12 November 2025
Isaac Theatre Royal, Christchurch

Principal Cast

Clara Catarina Estévez Collins	Nutcracker Doll / Prince Laurynas Vėjalis	Sugar Plum Fairy Mayu Tanigaito	Auntie Drosselmeyer Ana Gallardo Lobaina
Koro Taiaroa Royal *	Mrs Stahlbaum Olivia Platt	Mr Stahlbaum Joshua Guillemot-Rodgers	Fritz George Sutherland ^
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			
Finn Morgan ^	Charlotte Xiao ^	Violet Routledge ^	Sara Toth ^
Mia Chen ^	Evelyn Strawbridge ^		

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 Breyah Takitimu [‡] Gretchen Steimle Jemima Scott

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

Kōwhai **Kōwhai** **Kōwhai** **Kōwhai**
Hilary An-Roddie Lyn Lin [†] Ruby Ryburn Charlotte Willis [†]

Mañuka **Mañuka** **Mañuka** **Mañuka**
Rose Xu Gretchen Steimle Breyah Takitimu [‡] Jemima Scott

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Supporting cast



PRINCIPAL PARTNER

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Concertmaster

Justine Cormack

Assistant C Voncertmaster

Sarah McCracken

First Violins

Jonathan Tanner
Andrew Maddick
Natalia Lomeiko
Amandine Combes-Guerin
Claire Shatford
Jennie Goldstein

Second Violins

Arna Morton | Principal
Milana Kornienko | Associate Principal
Laura Barton
Stephanie Buzzard
Iryna Ionenko | Principal Emeritus
Bistra Dimitrova

Violas

Serenity Thurlow | Principal
Sharon Baylis | Associate Principal
Philippa Lodge
Pippa Mills

Cellos

Naomi Hnat | Principal
Sophie Tanner | Associate Principal
Tomas Hurnik
Joanna Park

Double Basses

Annabella Zilber | Principal
Ross Radford | Associate Principal
Toni St Clair

Flutes

Hye-Won Suh | Principal
Margo Askin | Associate Principal
Rebecca Robinson

Oboes

Ashleigh Mowbray | Principal
Louise Cox | Associate Principal
Rowena Bell

Clarinets

David McGregor | Principal
Jonathan Prior | Associate Principal
John Robinson

Bassoons

Selena Prior | Principal
Gabriel Baird | Associate Principal

Horns

Emma Eden | Principal
Jessica Piva | Associate Principal
Bernard Shapiro
Antonio Dimitrov

Trumpets

Thomas Eves | Principal
Slade Hocking | Associate Principal

Trombones

Karl Margevka | Principal
Christopher Petch | Associate Principal

Bass Trombone

Pablo Ruiz-Henao | Principal

Tuba

Nigel Seaton | Principal

Timpani

Mark La Roche | Principal

Percussion

Brett Painter | Principal
Roanna Funcke | Associate Principal

Harp

Helen Webby | Principal

Celeste

Noelle Dannenbring | RNZB Company Pianist

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Performance Schedule

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

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