

The Nutcracker

WHEN AND WHERE

Sunday, 16 November 2025
Isaac Theatre Royal, Christchurch

Principal Cast

Clara Jennifer Ulloa	Nutcracker Doll / Prince Calum Gray	Sugar Plum Fairy Kate Kadow	Auntie Drosselmeyer Gretchen Steimle
Koro Taiaroa Royal *	Mrs Stahlbaum Breyah Takitimu ‡	Mr Stahlbaum Branden Reiners	Fritz Malachi Pattison ^
Mouse King Jordan Sawtell	Storm Master Kihiro Kusakami	Pohutukawa Flower Jemima Scott	

The Party

PARENTS			
Charlotte Willis †	Luke Cooper	Jemima Scott	Zacharie Dun

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

FRITZ'S FRIENDS			
Elisha Russell ^	Cynthia Zhang ^	Emily Bell ^	Aria Stokes ^
In Hae Kim ^	Isla Leiato ^		

BIRDS			
Tui Catarina Estévez Collins	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

Branden Reiners

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 Olivia Platt Breyah Takitimu [‡] Jemima Scott

The Land of the Sweets

CHOCOLATE FISH

Ema Takahashi Shaun James Kelly

HOKEY POKEY

Catarina Estévez Collins Hannah Thomson

LOLLY SLICE

Dane Head Timothy Ching Jake Gisby

PAVLOVA

Cadence Barrack Callahan Laird Tessa Karle

FLOWERS

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

Mañuka **Mañuka** **Mañuka** **Mañuka**
Rose Xu Breyah Takitimu [‡] Hannah Thomson Olivia Platt

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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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