



# THE UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

# Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre

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FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 15, 1978, AT 8:00 POWER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

The Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre's five performances this week comprise a dance residency under the Dance Touring Program, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Michigan Council for the Arts.

# The Nutcracker

Ballet in Two Acts

Music by Piotr Ilvitch Tchaikovsky

Choreography by James Clouser

Lighting design by Pat Simmons

Decor by W. Oren Parker

Costumes designed by Henry Heymann

#### ACT I

The story of "The Nutcracker" begins at a festive Christmas party given by Mayor Silberhaus. His daughter Clara feels especially grown up this Christmas for, instead of receiving a doll for a present as do the other girls, she is given her first pair of satin ballet slippers. She has often dreamt of becoming a ballerina, and her dream is encouraged by her mysterious Uncle Drosselmayer, a strange man who at first frightens and then delights the children with his mechanical dancing dolls.

The highpoint of the party is when Drosselmayer gives Clara a gift that everyone else wants, a Nutcracker, in the shape of a wooden soldier. Her younger brother Fritz is jealous and, when he and his friends snatch the Nutcracker from Clara, it drops and breaks. Clara is heartbroken, but magically Uncle Drosselmayer repairs the doll.

After the party has ended and everyone has gone to bed, Clara sneaks back into the living room to be with her new toy. There is a strange feeling in the room, the clock seems to have gotten taller, and suddenly there are huge mice menacing Clara. No sooner have they disappeared than the Christmas tree begins to grow. The Nutcracker turns into a handsome Prince and, with his wooden soldiers, engages the mice in a fierce battle. Clara is amazed that the ferocious Mouse King looks very much like her Uncle Drosselmayer. Clara joins in the fighting and saves the Nutcracker's life, but the Mouse King escapes.

The Nutcracker Prince thanks Clara for her help and invites her on a journey. Together they pass through a magical snowstorm until they reach the Kingdom of Sweets.

#### INTERMISSION

#### ACT II

Suddenly in the Kingdom of Sweets, Clara finds herself transformed into the grown-up ballerina that she has dreamt of becoming and, after everyone dances in her honor, she and her Prince dance a beautiful pas de deux.

Clara's happy dream is interrupted by the return of the Mouse King, who battles again with the Nutcracker. This time the Prince is victorious and with a flourish he cuts off the Mouse King's tail and presents it as a prize to Clara, who runs away in horror.

In a split second she is back in her nightgown, and the Kingdom of Sweets is fading away. As she waves good-bye to her Prince, she is transported back to the living room. Curling up in her chair, she remembers her Uncle Drosselmayer, who she is sure has been responsible for her wonderful adventure in Dreamland.

## Cast

Clara Drosselmayer Nutcracker	Dagmar Kessler Peter Degnan Miguel Campaneria
Mother	Jeanne Loomis
Father	Kenneth Nickel
Fritz	Michael Abbitt
Boys Act I	Bruce Paul Michelson, Roberto Rodriguez. Geoffrey Kimbrough
Girls Act I	Katherina Rumpler, Margo Scharlin, Nancy Glynn
Aunties	Rebecca Ross, Beth Zeldes
Widow	Annette Gadusek
Female Guests	Amy Stoner. Charlotte Richards
Male Guests	Jean Paul Reaves, Kristian Davis
Maids	Hilda Reverte, Janice Latoszewski
Harlequin	Matthew Degnan
Columbine	Lauren Rouse
Mice	Margo Scharlin, Nancy Glynn, Hilda
	Reverte, Annette Gadusek, Charlotte
C	Richards, Sherri Ale
Soldiers	Roberto Rodriguez, Michael Abbitt, Kristian Davis, Bruce Paul Michelson.
	Jean Paul Reaves, Robert Arbogast
Snow Princess	Jeanne Loomis
Snow Prince	Kenneth Nickel
Snowflakes	Janice Latoszewski, Margo Scharlin,
	Katherina Rumpler, Hilda Reverte, Nancy
	Glynn, Annette Gadusek, Sherri Ale,
	Charlotte Richards, Amy Stoner, Rebecca
	Ross, Beth Zeldes, Jacqueline O'Dell
Spanish	Lauren Rouse
Chinese	Kenneth Nickel
Arabian Girl	Jacqueline O'Dell
Arabian Boy	Jean Paul Reaves
Shepherd Girl	Patricia Davis
Shepherd Boy	Matthew Degnan
Russians	Roberto Rodriguez, Geoffrey Kimbrough. Michael Abbitt
Dew drops	Jeanne Loomis, Kenneth Nickel
Flowers	Sherri Ale, Beth Zeldes, Hilda Reverte.
	Katherina Rumpler, Margo Scharlin.
	Nancy Glynn, Annette Gadusek,
	Amy Stoner, Charlotte Richards

## Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre Production Staff

E. F. West, Production Manager Marvin L. Weitzel, Stage Manager Thomas J. Gergerich, Technical Director Stephen F. Petipas, Costume Shop Foreman Janet Marie Groom, Costumer Karl J. Kura, Wardrobe Assistant Joseph Susany, Master Carpenter William Brown, Master Electrician Mark Susany, Property Master

#### COMING EVENTS

JUDITH BLEGEN, Soprano January 12
Mozart's Marriage of Figaro January 14
"PIRIN," BULGARIAN FOLK ENSEMBLE January 16
PHILIDOR TRIO January 21
Paul Taylor Dance Company January 26 & 27
Barbara Nissman, Pianist February 1
Moscow Philharmonic/Dmitri Kitaienko February 3
Paul Badura-Skoda, Pianist February 9
LES MENESTRELS February 11
Andrés Segovia, Guitarist February 17
Aspects of Peking Opera February 20
FOUNDERS DAY CONCERT February 24
NDR Symphony of Hamburg/Zdenek Macal February 28
Los Angeles Ballet March 12, 13, 14
GUARNERI STRING QUARTET March 21
FESTIVAL OF RUSSIAN DANCE March 24
DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA/DORATI, VON ALPENHEIM March 25
FIFTH ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT March 30
NETHERLANDS WIND ENSEMBLE
Yakshagana, South India April 9
MARILYN HORNE, Soprano April 12
CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA/LORIN MAAZEL April 17

# Announcing: Ann Arbor May Festival, 1979

Wednesday-Saturday, April 25, 26, 27, 28, in Hill Auditorium

The Philadelphia Orchestra and University Choral Union Eugene Ormandy and Riccardo Muti, Conductors

ALICIA DE LARROCHA, Pianist VICTORIA DE LOS ANGELES, Soprano ALMA JEAN SMITH, Soprano ZURAB SOTKILAVA, Tenor ALEXANDRINA MILCHEVA, Mezzo Soprano MARTTI TALVELA, Bass

Wednesday, April 25—Ormandy and de los Angeles: Bartók: Music for Strings, Percussion, and Celesta; Ravel: "Shéhérazade"; Hindemith: "Mathis der Maler"; Mozart: "Voi che sapete" from Marriage of Figaro; Rossini: "Una voce poco fa" from Barber of Seville; Wagner: "Dich teure Halle" from Tannhäuser.

Thursday, April 26—Muti: Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 3; Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 5. Friday, April 27—Muti and Larrocha, All-Beethoven: Symphony No. 6; Piano Concerto No. 3; Overture to Leonore No. 3.

Saturday, April 28-Ormandy, Choral Union, Soloists: Verdi: "Manzoni" Requiem.

Plus a special "Bonus" recital for series subscribers: Monday, April 23 at 8:30, Hill Auditorium Alicia de Larrocha and Victoria de los Angeles performing music of their native Spain.

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