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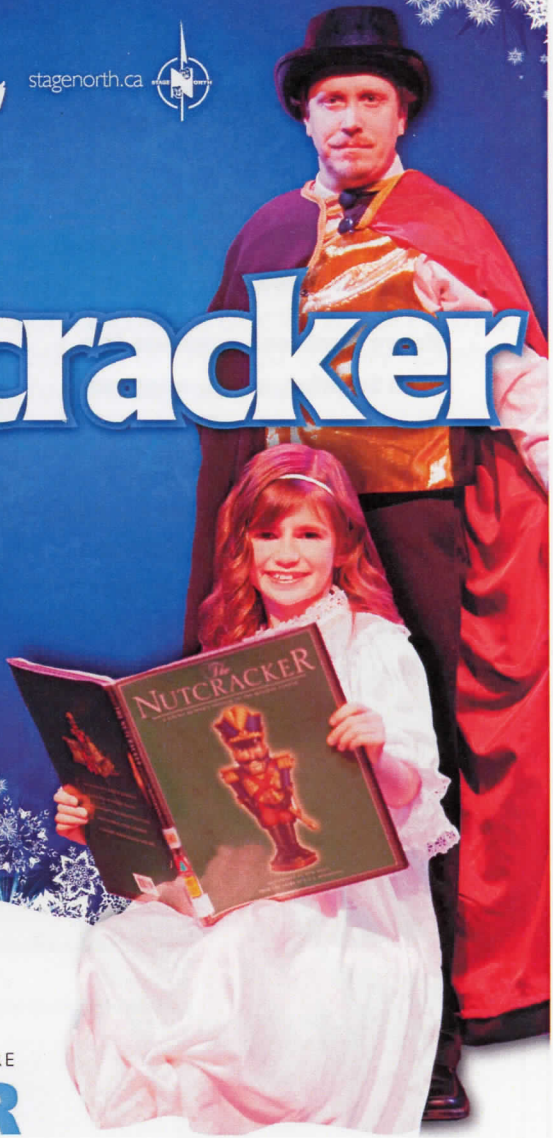
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NORTHERN
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the nutcracker



NORTH PEACE CULTURAL CENTRE
DECEMBER

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Northern Dance Theatre Society is a non-profit charitable society promoting and supporting dance training and education in Fort St. John. The membership is comprised of 45 dedicated parents of dancers who assist Artistic Director Shauna Milne of Studio 2 Stage in organizing events, workshops, recitals, practices, dance exams and summer school. NDTs was established in 1985.

NDTS raises funds for competition entry fees, costumes, and scholarships by conducting concession stands at community events such as the Fall Fair, High On Ice, and the Airshow. They conduct the Flower Pot Auction and silent auctions, sell Purdy's chocolates, Mom's Pantry products, and Mega Lottery tickets to name a few of their many fundraising activities.

Much of their time is in costume management for the dancers. Volunteers design, sew, clean, distribute, and collect costumes. Each group of dancers has a costume team who works with the costume director coordinating all the costumes the dancers wear in the many dance numbers they perform.



Northern Dance Theatre Society

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The Cast



Alexis Lindh as Clara

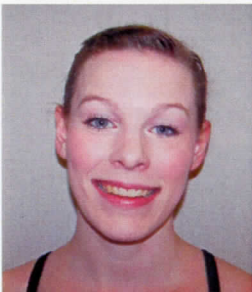
Alexis is 8 years old and has been dancing since she was 3. She currently dances at The Move Dance Centre in the pre-junior company dancers and loves every minutes of it. Alexis also has a passion for acting and playing her guitar. She has acted in the annual Missoula Children's Theatre plays since kindergarten and is looking forward to James and the Giant Peach with Stage North in February. Alexis has dreams of being a dancer, singer and actress when she grows up.



Oliver Hachmeister as Herr Drosselmeyer

Oliver is used to working on theatrical productions but not usually as a performer. He is the lighting and sound technician for the North Peace Cultural Centre and President of Stage North. Oliver has directed a few Stage North shows and appeared in two shows

(both with very few lines) so when asked to be in *The Nutcracker* in a non-speaking role, he was happy to accept. Then he found out how much he would be onstage! Oliver has enjoyed performing in his first ballet and he hopes you enjoy the show as well.



Carly Dick as The Nutcracker

Carly is no stranger to the stage. She has taken dance lessons throughout her life and danced competitively for the past 6 years with Studio 2 Stage. She recently played the fitness queen, Brooke Wyndham, in *Legally Blonde*, and had singing and dancing roles in *Chicago* and *Cabaret*. As the Nutcracker, Carly has been challenged to concentrate on less feminine movements for her hands and legs. She loves dance and plans to continue dancing while attending Mount Royal University in Calgary this coming year.

About Stage North

Stage North Theatre Society welcomes new members throughout the year to join the over 100 Stage North members in presenting quality theatre in Fort St. John. Stage North provides opportunities for residents of all ages to develop confidence and skills in presentation, to learn about all aspect of community theatre and to assist other groups around the region in staging productions.

Get involved with Stage North at any time. Volunteers with or without expertise in theatre and backstage work are most welcome. People are needed for acting, directing, set design and construction, lighting, sound, costume design and construction, props, stage managing and more.

STAGE NORTH THEATRE SOCIETY

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The Cast



Miranda Kelly as The Sugar Plum Fairy

Miranda has come back to Fort St. John to perform in *The Nutcracker* this Christmas season. She is currently in the Theatre Dance program at Ryerson University in Toronto. Miranda is very excited to be performing in her hometown once again. She started dancing at age five at Studio 2 Stage Dance Academy. She participates in ballet, jazz, tap, modern and lyrical. While dancing with Studio 2 Stage, Miranda participated in the BC Dance at the provincial level and won many awards and scholarships in competitions.



Kevin Smith as the Mouse King

As the true king he is, he proclaims himself a clumsy one. He only hopes he can remember which foot goes first. His dancing skills have been honed through tap lessons at Studio 2 Stage where he took up dancing in a self-preservation mode since all 4 of his children took dance lessons. He has had a number of character roles in Stage North productions, the most recent in *Legally Blonde*. He is delighted to share the stage with such young, enthusiastic dancers and hopes to steal some of that energy in the attempt to keep up. He wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and to all a good night.

The Cast



The Nutcracker

Carly Dick

Clara

Alexis Lindh

Herr Drosselmeyer

Oliver Hachmeister

Sugar Plum Fairy

Miranda Kelly



Adults

Amanda Frankham, Trevor Frankham, Kevin Smith
Dan Pope, Kimberly DuBuque, Trinity Truscott, Donnie Truscott,
Nicole MacDuff, Tammy Hrab

Children

Addyson Soderberg, Jett Merwin, Annika Lindh, Brooklynn Doucette,
Frankie Woods, Jordon Lock, Jordyn Doucette, Jordyn Krezanoski,
Kaitlyn Campbell, Kahlan Hrab, Kylee Lock, Lindsay Watson,
MaKayla Todd, Marly Lock, Metthea Kennedy, Sophie Soderberg,
Taylor Mannoly, Rylea Krezanoski

Dolls

Shianne Fairlie, Jianna Neufeld

Mouse King

Kevin Smith

Soldiers

MaKayla Todd, Kaitlyn Campbell, Abby White, Camryn Mannoly,
Darcee Mora

Mice

Lenore Loewen, Lilia Pope, Jordon Lock, Marly Lock,
Mackenzie Gosling

Snowflakes

Ellie Fraser, Emma Fraser, Hayley Popwell, Jianna Neufeld, Kendra
Coulter, Tamara Loewen, Shianne Fairlie

The Cast

Angels

Brittney Lee, Elan Miller-Jeanotte, Lauren Hrab, Meagan Kindrat,
Morgan Mora, Shianne Fairlie

Horses

Jett Merwin, Kahlan Hrab

Gate Keepers

Trinity Truscott, Donnie Truscott

Russians

Amanda Frankham, Brittney Lee, Meagan Kindrat, Lauren Hrab

Chinese

Hayley Popwell, Emma Fraser, Kendra Coulter

Reed Pipes

Ellie Fraser, Tamara Loewen, Shianne Fairlie, Elan Miller-Jeanotte

Arabians

Darcee Mora, Camryn Mannoly, Abby White, Mackenzie Gosling,
Lenore Loewen, Morgan Mora

Spanish

Emma Fraser, Ellie Fraser, Andrea Bouchard, Adrianna Hankins,
Megan Gabriel, Courtney Watson, Jaime Rogers, Emily Nunoda,
Chantal Hannas, Rhian McLeod

Mother Ginger

Nicole MacDuff

Clowns

Emma MacDuff, Lilia Pope, Jordyn Krezanoski, Mylis Kennedy,
Brooklynn Doucette, Olivia Materi Bratten, Zoe MacDuff

Waltz of the Flowers

Emma Fraser, Ellie Fraser, Andrea Bouchard, Adrianna Hankins,
Megan Gabriel, Courtney Watson, Jaime Rogers, Emily Nunoda,
Chantal Hannas, Rhian McLeod



The Crew

Director Shauna Milne
Co-Producers Studio 2 Stage and Stage North
Stage Manager Bernice van Dyken
Choreographer Shauna Milne
Guest Choreographer Bernice van Dyken
Set Design Shauna Milne, Margaret May
Set Painting Margaret May
Props Paul Milne
Program and Promotions Sue Popesku
Lighting Design Oliver Hachmeister
Lighting and Sound Operator Paul Milne
Costumes Jan McKale, Meaghan McKale

The Director's Message



Director and Choreographer Shauna Milne

After many years of teaching dance in Fort St. John, I feel that we now have a solid base of trained dancers to stage *The Nutcracker*. It is common that cities the size of Fort St. John and larger have an annual production of *The Nutcracker* as a Christmas tradition. This is the first time that this Christmas classic will be

performed in our city and I hope it will become a tradition. With all original choreography, the magic of *The Nutcracker* is portrayed through movement and music. It is a treat for the entire family and brings the Christmas spirit close to home.

We are fortunate to have 15 dancers from Dawson Creek joining us with the cooperation of dance teacher and guest choreographer Bernice van Dyken. Two of Studio 2 Stage graduate dancers, who are pursuing dance careers, have returned home to be in this production. Miranda Kelly, who is training in Toronto, performs as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Amanda Frankham, who is training in Vancouver, performs as a Russian and a festive guest along with her brother Trevor.

The making of this show was a collaborative effort of Studio 2 Stage, Northern Dance Theatre Society and Stage North. I thank all of the people who volunteered to make it happen. Without your help this production would not have been a success. I invite you to share in the fun and excitement of over 70 talented cast and crew who have made this premiere production of *The Nutcracker* in Fort St. John a cultural feast for the Christmas season. Enjoy the show.

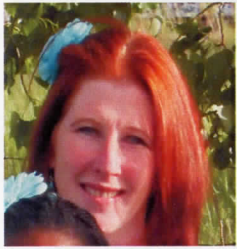
Shauna Milne

About Shauna: *Shauna Milne is the owner of Studio 2 Stage. For 15 years, Shauna has been teaching dance in Fort St. John in partnership with Northern Dance Theatre Society. Shauna teaches ballet, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, acrobatics, musical theatre, and tap to students ages 3-65. Over 200 registrants are taking more than 375 dance classes this year through Studio 2 Stage. Her students win awards at provincial competitions and many study dance after graduation from high school and make dance a career. Shauna has 2 children and her husband Paul often assists with props and technical help for studio shows and recitals.*



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Guest Artists



Bernice van Dyken Guest Choreographer

Bernice is a ballet teacher at the Dawson Creek Kiwanis Arts Centre. She qualified as a ballet teacher 18 years ago with the Royal Academy of Dance and has spent 14 years in Johannesburg, South Africa, where she owned and managed her own ballet studio. She was the Ballet Mistress for the Johannesburg Youth Ballet for 4 years. When she moved to Northern BC to teach dance, she met Shauna through the store, The Dance Bag, at Studio 2 Stage. Bernice choreographed the Spanish dance and the Waltz of the Flowers with 15 of her dancers from Dawson Creek and they joined the ensemble in Fort St. John for *The Nutcracker* performances.



Margaret May Guest Artist

The set and sleigh were painted by Margaret May, a well-known muralist in Fort St. John. She painted the Peace River scene on Finch School, the water tower, the gymnastics murals, scenery for NPSS musicals productions, and backdrops for Stage North's *Cabaret* and *Legally Blonde* and more. Margaret is a long standing "dance Mom", whose daughter, Shannon, is now studying dance in Vancouver. Margaret is also a dedicated board member of the Performing Arts Festival and the Fort St. John Arts Council.

YOUR CO-OPERATION IS APPRECIATED No photography please.

Text your friends that you are seeing *The Nutcracker*, then turn off your cell phone, pagers, etc. Thank you.

For your enjoyment at intermission, the North Peace Cultural Centre offers a Concession in the lobby.

President's Message



Stage North President Oliver Hachmeister

Welcome to another incredible year of theatre! The season began with *Legally Blonde* which featured a number of dancers trained at Studio 2 Stage.

When Stage North was asked by Studio 2 Stage to assist with their production of *The Nutcracker*, we knew that bringing this Christmas classic to Fort St. John was an excellent use of our time and talents. We hope that you will come with your whole family to *The Nutcracker* and start a new family tradition.

In the new year, *James and the Giant Peach* Feb 15-23 promised to be a fun show. Roald Dahl's enjoyable story about a boy escaping from the clutches of his evil aunts and traveling with an astonishing crew of creatures across the sea will delight all audiences. Immediately following *James and the Giant Peach*, Stage North will be hosting their annual Oscars celebration at On The Rocks Pub again. Last year we launched the Fashion and Form competition using recycled movie film. This year we challenge designers with *Disc-Continued*, creating works of art from recycled CDs and DVDs.

Our last show of the season will be onstage April 2-4 and I would love to tell you what it is but it is a secret (at least for now). This show will be our entry into the Peace River Zone Theatre competition and has a chance at representing the region at Provincials in July at Theatre BC's Mainstage festival.

We invite you to join us at each of these events and share in our love of theatre. And when the bug hits you and you want to be a part in creating theatre, send us a note to stagenorth@stagenorth.ca and we will let you know what's coming up and how to get involved.

Oliver Hachmeister



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