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# NUTCRACKER

North Peace Cultural Centre  
December 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>



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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 a number of 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 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.







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### 2014-2015 Home Schedule

#### North Peace Arena—8:30 pm

Saturday, November 8	Grimshaw
Friday, November 14	Grande Prairie
Friday, December 5	Spirit River
Saturday, December 13	Falher (Teddy Bear Toss)
Friday, December 19	Grande Prairie
Saturday, December 20	Manning
Saturday, January 10	Manning
Saturday, January 17	Falher
Saturday, January 24	Grimshaw
Thursday, February 5	Spirit River

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**Kendra Coulter as Clara/Sugarplum Fairie**

Born in Grande Prairie, Alberta she moved to Fort St. John at age three. At seventeen years old, Kendra has been dancing for eleven years at Studio 2 Stage. She can be seen alongside the rest of the competitive troupe at Studio 2 Stage, where she has been competing in various styles of dance for eight years. With ballet being her favourite style of dance she is very excited to portray the roles of Clara and the Sugarplum Fairie. She hopes that you enjoy the show and have a wonderful holiday season.



**Hayley Popwell as Clara/Sugarplum Fairie**

Hayley is sixteen years old and was born and raised here in FSJ. She has been a ballet dancer at Studio 2 Stage Dance Academy for thirteen years. Hayley also enjoys other types of dance such as tap, jazz, lyrical and contemporary. Hayley was in The Nutcracker in 2012 and is very happy to be returning this year as Clara and the Sugarplum Fairie. She hopes you enjoy the show.



**Emry Mika as The Nutcracker**

Emry has been involved in many facets of the arts over the years, but never would she have imagined that she would be dancing in a ballet almost 10 years after graduating! Those who remember Emry from her dance years would be quick to comment on her tapping toes and performance ability...not her ballet technique and pointed toes! But she has had a lot of fun jumping in at last minute to be in the Nutcracker! Emry is proud to be part of such a talented group of dancers, and thoroughly enjoys watching them at every rehearsal! She hopes you have as much fun watching the show as they have had putting it together! Merry Christmas and enjoy the magic!

### **Amy Davidson-LaHay as Queen of Sweets**

A recent arrival to Fort St John, Amy is delighted to rediscover her passion for dance. A chance meeting with Shauna and a quick chat about Nutcracker auditions and here we are! She was a dancer through her school years in the South Okanagan and is having fun taking ballet classes again at Studio 2 Stage. Amy hopes you enjoy this production of the Nutcracker and wishes you Happy Holidays.

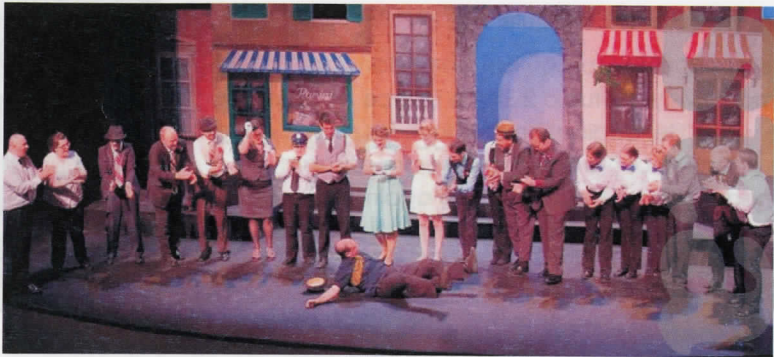


### **Ashley White as Columbine**

Fifteen year old Ashley has been dancing competitively for four years in ballet, jazz, lyrical and contemporary. She dances at The Move Dance Centre. Her favourite dance styles are ballet, jazz and lyrical. She also teaches young dancers at The Move. She has attended The Goh Ballet summer intensive as well as the Harbour Dance Academy's summer program. This is her first year performing in The Nutcracker and says that she has enjoyed the process so far. In addition to Columbine you will also see Ashley perform as a Reed Pipe and a Snowflake. She hopes you enjoy the show.







The Stage North Theatre Society welcomes new members to join our 100+ members in presenting quality, entertaining theatre in Fort St. John.

Stage North offers opportunities for residents of all ages to develop confidence and skills in presentation, to learn about all aspects of community theatre and to assist other groups in the region with staging productions.

You can get involved at anytime! Stage North is always looking for actors, directors, set designers, costumers, stage managers, prop makers and more! Volunteers with and without theatre experience are welcome.

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### **Morgan Mora as Harlequin**

Sixteen year old Morgan has been dancing competitively at Studio 2 Stage Dance Academy for five years. Her dedication and love for dance caught the attention of the National Director of Team Canada. She will be competing against the best dancers in the world representing Team Canada this summer. Morgan has been a part of many productions including Legally Blonde the Musical, The Wizard of Oz and Shrek the Musical. She is excited to be cast in The Nutcracker once again.



### **Oliver Hachmeister as Uncle Drosselmeyer**

Oliver is used to working on theatrical productions but not usually as a performer. He has directed a few Stage North shows and appeared in two plays. He is glad to be back in Nutcracker this year reprising the role of Clara's Uncle Drosselmeyer. Oliver hopes you enjoy the show and wishes you a joyous holiday season.



### **Kevin Smith as the Mouse King**

As the true king he is, he proclaims himself a clumsy one. His dancing skills have been honed through tap lessons at Studio 2 Stage. He has had a number of character roles in Stage North productions. 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.



### **The Nutcracker**

Emry Mika

### **Clara**

Kendra Coulter & Hayley Popwell

### **Uncle Drosselmeyer**

Oliver Hachmeister

### **Sugar Plum Fairy**

Kendra Coulter & Hayley Popwell

### **Adults**

Kevin Smith, Amy Davidson-LaHay, Laura Gardner, Dan Pope, Gilles Francouer, Dawn Ljuden, Carly Dick

### **Children**

Lily Wilson, Jordyn Doucette, Sophie Stevens, Kansas Ross, Liv Materi-Braaten, Ashlyn Goertzen, Natalie White, Ella Forest, Natalie Eggimann, Rylea Krezanoski, Lydia Prosko, Renee Rondeau, Taylor Mannoly, Aurora Jordan, Sophie Gardner, Kesney Myllymaki

### **Harlequin**

Morgan Mora

### **Columbine**

Ashley White

### **Mouse King**

Kevin Smith

### **Soldiers**

Jordyn Krezanoski, Brooklyn Doucette, Camryn Mannoly, MaKayla Todd, Abby White, Mackenzie Gosling, Makayla Connolly

### **Mice**

Ashlynn Taylor, Darcee Mora, Alexis Lindh, Emma Eggiman, Annika Lindh, Ella Jorgenson, Sophie Soderberg

### **Snowflakes**

Elan Miller-Jeanotte, Morgan Mora, Meagan Kindrat, Amy Bazin, Hayley Popwell, Ashley White, Alissa Minard, Kendra Coulter



## **YOUR CO-OPERATION IS APPRECIATED No photography please.**

Text (Facebook, Tweet, etc) 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.*



### Angels

Katie Skinner, MaKayla Todd, Jordyn Krezanoski, Sarah Wilkinson,  
Brooklyn Doucette, Alissa Minard

### Horses

Ashlyn Goertzen, Liv Materi-Braaten

### Gate Keepers

Kesney Myllymaki, Kansas Ross

### Queen of Sweets

Amy Davidson-LaHay

### Russians

Katie Skinner, MaKayla Todd, Sarah Wilkinson, Makayla Connolly

### Chinese

Meagan Kindrat, Elan Miller-Jeanotte, Morgan Mora

### Reed Pipes

Amy Bazin, Abby White, Ashley White, Kendra Coulter, Hayley Popwell

### Arabians

Emma, Eggiman, Carly Dick, Mackenzie Gosling, Darcee Mora,  
Camryn Mannoly, Ashlyn Taylor, Morgan Mora

### Spanish

Nicole Bouchard, Ellie Fraser, Hannah Gabriel, Jenna Harman,  
Amanda Lawrence, Janna Logan

### Clowns

Ella Jorgenson, Annika Lindh, Sophie Soderberg, Lily Wilson, Alexis  
Lindh, Jordyn Doucette, Sophie Stevens

### Waltz of the Flowers

Nicole Bouchard, Ellie Fraser, Hannah Gabriel, Jenna Harman,  
Amanda Lawrence, Janna Logan, Tatijana van Dyken



### Director and Choreographer

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  
Backdrop Margaret May  
Props Crystal & Ray Lehky  
Poster Design Amy Beard  
Lighting Design Oliver Hachmeister  
Lighting Operator Paul Milne  
Sound Operator Shauna Milne  
Costumes Jan McKale  
Backstage Melissa Paakkonen



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## Director and Choreographer Shauna Milne

In 1997, I was approached by Noelle Jellison to take a job in Fort St John teaching full time. I never imagined that the studio would become such a driving force in my life. I am so proud of my dancers. Their hard work and dedication inspire me everyday.

This is the second time the Nutcracker will be performed in our city. The tradition of working with the community to put on the Nutcracker is wonderful. There are so many talented people in the arts community, to bring art, music, dance, and acting together under one roof is remarkable. 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 7 dancers from Dawson Creek joining us with the cooperation of dance teacher and guest choreographer Bernice van Dyken. It is a pleasure to be working again with Bernice. Having the dancers from Dawson Creek supporting us in our venture is truly appreciated.

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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### **Bernice van Dyken Guest Choreographer**

Bernice is a ballet teacher at the Dawson Creek Kiwanis Arts Centre. She qualified as a ballet teacher 20 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 7 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 school musicals productions, and backdrops for Stage North's *James and the Giant Peach* and *Taming of the Shrew* and more. Margaret is also a dedicated board member of the Performing Arts Festival and the Fort St. John Arts Council.