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2018 NUTCRACKER

## THE NUTCRACKER

### Shauna Milne DIRECTOR

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



This is the fourth 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. It is a treat for the entire family and brings Christmas spirit close to home.

Over the past four Nutcracker seasons we have been able to build on the production each year. New lights, additions and improvements to sets, new and more challenging choreography all make *The Nutcracker* of 2018 unique from previous years.

The making of this show was 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 also would like to thank my family for their patience and support.

I invite you to share in the fun and excitement of over 50 cast and crew who have made this production of *The Nutcracker* in Fort St. John a cultural feast for the Christmas season. Enjoy the show.

Shauna Milne, Founder Studio 2 Stage Dance Academy

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**YOUR CO-OPERATION IS APPRECIATED**

**No photography please.**

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

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### Mackenzie Gosling CLARA

Mackenzie Gosling is 17 years old and has been dancing since the age of 2. This is Mackenzie's 10th year dancing competitively with Studio 2 Stage Dance Academy as well as her 3rd year dancing competitively with Peace Fusion Dance Company. Her favourite dance styles are contemporary and ballet. She has competed in the BC Provincials of Performing Arts twice for ballet and once for modern dance. Mackenzie has participated in the past three Nutcrackers presented with Studio 2 Stage. This will be her fourth and final Nutcracker.



### Makayla Connolly NUTCRACKER

Makayla began dancing ballet at the age of 2 in Vermillion and moved to Fort St John when she was 5 years old. Now at 16 years old she has now had many years of dance training. This is Makayla's 5th year dancing competitively with Studio 2 Stage Dance Academy. Exploring other styles of dance throughout the years, she favours modern and ballet. She performed in the 2014 performance of The Nutcracker with Studio 2 Stage and is excited to have the part of the Nutcracker this year.

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### Shared Role of the Sugar Plum Fairy

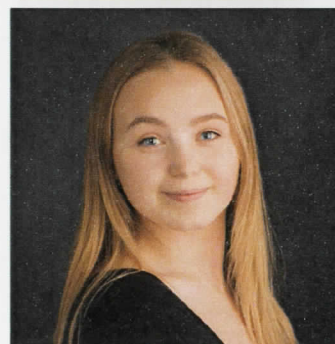
#### Abby White, SUGAR PLUM FAIRY

Abby White is 17, and has been dancing at Studio 2 Stage for 11 years. She has been training in many disciplines since a young age and has developed a love for contemporary as well as ballet. Throughout her years of dance she has had numerous opportunities to travel and take classes with professional instructors and hopes to continue after graduation this June. This will be Abby's fourth time performing in the Nutcracker as she thoroughly enjoys being apart of the show.



#### Chantelle Marlat SUGAR PLUM FAIRY

Chantelle has danced from the age of 4 in Cranbrook under the instruction of Sheri Green. She moved to Dawson Creek 2 years ago and danced in the Nutcracker as the Sugar Plum Fairy last year in Dawson Creek. Chantelle teaches dance at Alchemy Studio in Fort St. John. She spent last summer with the Jorgen Ballet in Toronto and plans to pursue a professional career as a ballet dancer after finishing high school this year.



## STAGE NORTH



### Stage North President Kevin Smith

Partnering with Studio 2 Stage in producing ***The Nutcracker*** has become a tradition every second year. Stage North is proud to help bring to the stage this beloved classical Christmas story. The Stage North 2018-2019 season promises to be filled with comedy, drama

and improv. The second show in this season is ***Tony and Tina's Wedding*** produced as a Dinner Theatre Fundraiser for the Fort St. John Rotary Club in January. ***She Kills Monsters*** in February pulls the audience into fantasy and fighting on the NPCC stage. A Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre in March with the Oilwives is already in the planning and ***Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*** has been casts with seasoned actors of Stage North and will hit the stage in May. The Peace River Zone Theatre Festival promises to be very competitive after last year's success of Stage North winning a number of awards at Mainstage, the provincial theatre competition, with ***Blackbird*** and ***Mary's Wedding***. We look forward to seeing you at the shows.

***Kevin Smith***

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### Shared Role of the Snow Queen

#### Ashlyn Taylor SNOW QUEEN

For the past 5 years, Ashlyn has been dancing competitively at Studio 2 Stage Dance Academy. She started out dancing in Tap and Jazz and then was introduced to other styles including Ballet which has become her favourite style of dance. She also enjoys contemporary dance and variety. Ashlyn has had the opportunity to attend the Performing Arts BC as a provincial delegate numerous times and loves meeting new people and learning from new teachers. Now at 16 years old, she has had 14 years of dance training.



#### Emily Cui SNOW QUEEN

Emily has had the opportunity to attend many different ballet intensives during the summers, including Ballet Kelowna. Emily is 16 years old and has been dancing with Studio 2 Stage since the age of 5, and competitively since she was 8 years old. She started out with ballet and tap, but was introduced to many more styles once she began competitive dance. Emily has discovered that Ballet is her favourite style to perform. Emily loves meeting new people and proud to be performing with this talented cast.



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**Clara**  
Mackenzie Gosling

**Sugar Plum Fairy**  
Shared Role

Abby White, Chantelle Marlat

**Snow Queen**  
Shared Role  
Emily Cui, Ashlyn Taylor

**Nutcracker**  
Makayla Connolly

**Queen of Sweets**  
Amy La Hay

**Columbine**  
Darcee Mora

**Harlequin**  
Jordyn Krezanoski



Harlequin



Columbine

**Uncle Drosselmeyer**  
Oliver Hachmeister

**Mouse King**  
Kevin Smith

**Adults**  
Corine Fraser, Amy La Hay  
Greg Carillo, Hannah Larnder  
Kevin Smith, Dan Pope  
Taylor Jo, Jenny Rondeau  
Claire Craig, Carly Polnik



Uncle Drosselmeyer



Mouse King

**Brother**  
Sebastian Kaban

## THE NUTCRACKER

### Children

Kenlee White, Tempe Milne, Macey Bates, Olivia Danshin, Heather Carnell, Coco Craig, Levi McLain, Hailey McLain, Sophie Barker, Mikayla Lewis, Jordan Taylor, Reagan Maddigan, Rylea Krezanoski, Hailey Finch, Kiera Johnson, Taylor Mannoly, Braelyn Gladysz, Selena Kulikov, Ayla Hedican

### Soldiers

Hailey McLain, Sophie Barker, Mikayla Lewis, Jordan Taylor, Reagan Maddigan, Kenlee White, Sebastian Kaban

### Mice

Braelyn Gladysz, Selena Kulikov, Coco Craig, Heather Carnell, Olivia Danshin, Macey Bates, Tempe Milne



### Snowflakes

Amie Finch, Katelyn Brooks, Camryn Mannoly, Jordyn Krezanoski, Darcee Mora, Abby White, Chantelle Marlat



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### Angels

Hailey McLain, Mikayla Lewis, Jordan Taylor, Selena Kulikov, Coco Craig, Heather Carnell, Olivia Danshin

### Horses

Levi McLain, Sebastian Kaban

### Gatekeepers

Greg Carillo, Hannah Larnder, Ayla Hedican, Taylor Jo, Jenny Rondeau, Claire Craig, Carly Polnik

### Chinese Dancers

Abby Taylor, Ella Brooks



### Russians

Rylea Krezanoski, Hailey Finch, Kiera Johnson, Taylor Mannoly

### Reed Pipes

Amie Finch, Emily Cui, Ashlyn Taylor, Jordyn Krezanoski, Darcee Mora

### Arabians

Katelyn Brooks, Camryn Mannoly

### Spanish Dancers

Rylea Krezanoski, Hailey Finch, Kiera Johnson, Taylor Mannoly



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### Mother Ginger

Amy La Hay

### Clowns

Sophie Barker, Reagan Maddigan, Braelyn Gladysz,  
Macey Bates, Tempe Milne, Kenlee White



### Waltz of the Flowers

Abby Taylor, Ella Brooks, Amie Finch, Emily Cui, Ashlyn Taylor,  
Katelyn Brooks, Camryn Mannoly, Jordyn Krezanoski,  
Darcee Mora, Abby White, Chantelle Marlat



### Friends

Abby Taylor, Ella Brooks, Amie Finch, Emily Cui, Ashlyn Taylor,  
Katelyn Brooks, Camryn Mannoly, Darcee Mora,  
Abby White, Chantelle Marlat

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### Darcee Mora COLUMBINE

This will be Darcee's fourth time performing in The Nutcracker with Studio 2 Stage. She has always dreamed of playing the part of the Columbine doll since she was 5 years old. At 16 years old, Darcee trains with Studio 2 Stage Dance Academy and Peace Fusion Dance Company and teaches at her own local dance studio. Darcee has recently returned from New York with her dance group where they took a class with a New York Rockette along with other workshops at a professional dance studios. She has also had the opportunity to compete 4 times at the BC Provincials of Performing Arts.



### Jordyn Krezanoski HARLEQUIN

Jordyn has been dancing since she was 5 years old. Now at 15, she has had 8 years of competitive dance with Studio 2 Stage. Tap and jazz dance are her favourites. She went to the BC Provincials 3 years ago as an observer for Stage 1. Jordyn just finished a run with the NPSS musical Mamma Mia. This will be Jordyn's fourth Nutcracker with Studio 2 Stage and her first time as Harlequin.

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### **Kevin Smith** **MOUSE KING**

As the true King he is, Kevin proclaims himself a clumsy one. His dancing skills have been honed through tap lessons at Studio 2 Stage. In his personal life he is not as nasty as the Mouse King and spends his work days at Enbridge. As a father of 3 grown children, he effectively keeps the young boys on stage under control. Kevin has played a role in most Stage North shows in the past few years and is currently the President of Stage North. He will be co-directing a Murder Mystery in March.

### **Amy La Hay** **QUEEN OF SWEETS**

Growing up in the Okanagan, Amy was an avid dancer through high school until she graduated and left for university in Vancouver. A few moves later, Amy has now been in Fort St. John since 2014. After a chance encounter with Ms. Shauna, Amy rediscovered her love of dance and is once again taking ballet classes. "You are never too old to learn a few new techniques", according to Amy. Participating in the Nutcracker for the second time, Amy is adding some new touches to her role as the Queen.



### **Oliver Hachmeister** **UNCLE DROSSELMAYER**

Oliver is used to working on theatrical productions but usually in the lighting and sound booth or directing a show. However in the Fort St. John performances of The Nutcracker, he is Clara's Uncle Drosselmeyer, one of his rare performance roles which he has played a number of times now. Oliver spent years as the theatre technician at the North Peace Cultural Centre and is currently the Operations Manager of the Centre.

## STUDIO 2 STAGE

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**Studio 2 Stage Dance Academy** offers classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Acrobatics, Highland, Lyrical, and Hip Hop to students ages three to adult. With over 30 years of dance training and community involvement, Studio 2 Stage is proud to graduate highly skilled dancers, some of whom make dance their career. Studio 2 Stage holds memberships with the Royal Academy of Dance, the Canadian Dance Teachers Association, and Acrobatic Arts.

### Two Divisions of Study are Available

**Recreational** includes classes in all ages and disciplines who perform in a Christmas Recital and a Spring Recital annually. There are no fundraising requirements and students are permitted to participate in exams\*\*.

**Competitive** division has class requirements in Tap, Jazz, Ballet, and Competition. Students perform in a Christmas recital, Spring Recital, 3 competitions, school shows, and gala. They are members of the Northern Dance Theatre Society and students are permitted to participate in exams\*\*.

Taking new registrations January 2018

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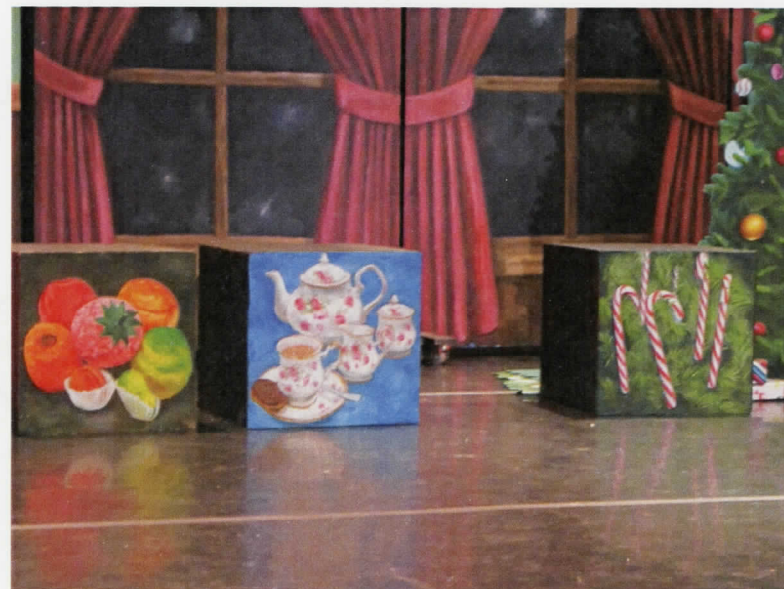


## THE PRODUCTION TEAM

Director Shauna Milne  
Stage Manager Melissa Paakkonen  
Choreographer Shauna Milne  
Program and Publicity Sue Popesku  
Set Design Margaret May  
Photography See and Believe Photography  
Costumes Sheena Gosling, Amy La Hay  
Sound Operator Shauna Milne  
Lighting Operator Mike Leigh



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Local artist Margaret May handpainted the entire set including the luscious sugar plums, tea set and candy canes which were added this year.