INTERNATIONAL BALLET THEATRE
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR | VERA ALTUNINA

"THE NUTCRACKER" CAST 2026

As of October 31, 2026 Subject to Change

ACT I

Cast A dates: TBA

Cast B dates: TBA

Party Scene

Herr Drosselmeyer – TBA

Clara: Cast A: Sara Paola Rui, Cast B: Anouch Torossian

Fritz – Sam Berger

Fritz's friends - Ashton Son, Luke Griffin, Ryan Lin, Ciaran O'Sullivan

Clara's Friends - Mikayla Tverskoy, Nicole Aslanyan, Sloane Auld, Madelyn Morrison, Amaya Baird, Evelyn Li, Isabella Nien, Ruhi Pawar, Emily Peng

Mother – Ksenia Berger

Father – Sonny Asawadilokchai

Grandmother – Tina Houston

Maids – Laura Meyer and Hiromi Rudd

Guests – Shannon Holm, Carmen Radu, Emily Griffin, Suzanne Auld, Athena Masters more TBA

Christmas Choir - Natalia Skvortsova, Kaylee Holm, Eve Bradley, Angela Kim, more TBA

Dolls

Harlequin – Gregory Skvortsov

Columbine – Polina Kucher

Ballerina - Liza Inshyna (A)/Hattie Auld (B)

African – Inara Tocci - Ponce de Leon (A)/Caighley Heath (B)

Battle Scene

Nutcracker – Audrey DeMarre

Mouse King – Natan Lubow

Mouse Queen – Jingyan Ren

Mouse Princes - Sloane Auld

Mouse Prince - Madeline Morrison

Rats – Ellen Vaughan, Alice Graf, Isabella Ho, Ani Abayjan, Yuval Vainstein, Hazel Auld

Mouse General - Jeffrey Birkby

Mice - Ariel Berger**,** Genevieve Griffin, Avery Vanter, Maria Kasmachova, Chelsea Chow, Ysa Waldau, Aila Aberilla, Isabella Zhang, Zoe Lapham, Bethany Kim

Little Mice - Evelyn Fratila, Monica Xiong, Olivia Morrow

Big Soldiers - Jingrong Ren, Kaylee Holm, Sophia Acevedo, Eve Bradley, Angela Kim, Josephine Smith

Soldiers - Jordan Ocul, Sara Raza, Makena Wilkins, Ella Kwok

Trumpeter - Byron Timmerick

Drummers – Mikayla Tverskoy, Nicole Aslanyan, Amaya Baird, Evelyn Li, Isabella Nien, Ruhi Pawar

Cavalry - Sam Berger, Ashton Son, Luke Griffin, Ryan Lin, Yuhan Yao, Emily Peng, Ciaran O'Sullivan

Christmas dolls:

Harlequin – Gregory Skvortsov

Columbine – Coralee Auld

Ballerina - Yilin Zhang

Snow Scene

Big Clara – Anna - Sophia Scheller (former principal dancer with San-Francisco Ballet and New-York City Ballet)
Nutcracker Prince - Yanier Gomez Noda, principal dancer with Nacional de Danza in Spain
Snow Queen – Payton Knauss (A)/Samyuktha Mani(B)

Snowflakes – Francine Ritzman, Inara Tocci - Ponce de Leon, Payton Knauss (B)/Samyuktha Mani (A), Liza Inshyna, Audrey DeMarre, Polina Kucher, Hattie Auld, Caighley Heath, Jingyan Ren, Ellen Vaughan, Sophie Bashiri, Alice Graf, Yuval Vainstein, Jingrong Ren, Hazel Auld, Ani Abayjan (A)/ Isabella Ho(B) (Sophia Acevedo - understudy)

ACT II

Opening: Sweet Castle

Butterflies - Ellen Vaughan, Alice Graf, Isabella Ho, Ani Abayjan, (Jingrong Ren - understudy)

Dragon Flies – Sara Paola Rui/Anouch Torossian, Yuhan Yao, Ruhi Pawar

Pixies - Mikayla Tverskoy, Nicole Aslanyan, Sloane Auld, Madelyn Morrison, Amaya Baird, Evelyn Li, Emily Peng, Isabella Nien

Mouse General - Jefrey Birkby

Little Mice - Evelyn Fratila, Monica Xiong, Olivia Morrow

Variations

Spanish – Inara Tocci - Ponce de Leon and Payton Knauss with Genevieve Griffin, Avery Vanter, Chelsea Chow, Ysa Waldau, Aila Aberilla, Isabella Zhang

Arabian – Francine Ritzman, (Liza Inshyna - understudy)

Chinese –Jingyan Ren and Sophie Bashiri with Sam Berger, Ashton Son, Luke Griffin, Ryan Lin, Ciaran O'Sullivan

Russian – Hattie Auld and Audrey DeMarre with Natan Lubow

Dance of the Mirlitons – Yilin Zhang and Coralee Auld with Gregory Skvortsov, (Zoe Lapham, Bethany Kim - understudy)

Polichinelle's - Natalia Skvortsova and Laura Meyers with Jordan Ocul, Sara Raza, Makena Wilkins, Ella Kwok and Byron Timmerick

Waltz of the Flowers

Soloist - Polina Kucher, Samyuktha Mani, Liza Inshyna, Caighley Heath

Big Flowers – Jingrong Ren, Yuval Vainstein, Hazel Auld, Kaylee Holm, Sophia Acevedo, Eve Bradley, Angela Kim, Josephine Smith, (Alice Graf, Isabella Ho - understudy)

Small Flowers - Zoe Lapham, Bethany Kim, Maria Kasmachova, Ariel Berger, (Genevieve Griffin, Avery Vanter, - understudy)

Grand Pas De Deux – Anna - Sophia Scheller (former principal dancer with San-Francisco Ballet and New-York City Ballet) and Yanier Gomez Noda, principal dancer with Nacional de Danza in Spain