

THE  BROWN-FORMAN  
NUTCRACKER

Choreography by Val Caniparoli



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NARRATIVE



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**ACT 1**



Guests begin to arrive at the Stalbaum House for the annual holiday party. There is a lot of dancing at the party.



Drosselmeyer, the magic toy maker, arrives at the party. He brings gifts and performs magic for everyone.



WDRB

Two large dancing dolls pop out of boxes and perform at the party.



WDRB

Then, a large Nutcracker doll pops out of a box.  
He performs a short dance then goes back into his box.



When the box opens again, Drosselmeyer gives a small Nutcracker doll that is inside to Marie.



While Marie is dancing with her doll, her brother Fritz becomes very jealous and grabs the doll from her hands. Then, he breaks the Nutcracker doll!





Drosselmeyer fixes the Nutcracker doll and gives it back to Marie.



**WDRB**

After one final dance, the party is over. Everyone leaves and goes home to bed.



Marie sneaks back downstairs and falls asleep on the sofa holding her Nutcracker doll.



Strange things begin to happen in the house. The rats come out, the clock chimes midnight and Drosselmeyer reappears, casting magic around the room.



**WDRB**

Suddenly, furniture begins to move on its own, the tree grows very large and its lights begin to blink.



WDRB

Next, the battle scene begins. Rats, toy soldiers and a dancing bear appear onstage and begin to fight.



WDRB

The Nutcracker Doll and the Rat King begin a sword fight. Marie pulls on the Rat King's tail and helps the Nutcracker defeat him.



After the battle is over, the Nutcracker doll transforms into a Nutcracker Prince.





Marie and the Nutcracker Prince go on a journey through a snow-covered forest called the Land of Snow. Dancing snowflakes appear and dance quickly through the snowstorm.



The Nutcracker Prince pushes Marie on a sleigh through the Land of Snow and the snow begins to fall very heavily.

# ACT 2



Marie and the Nutcracker arrive in the Land of Sweets where they are greeted by The Sugar Plum Fairy and entertained by her friends.



There are Spanish Dancers.



There is a Chinese dancer who is joined by two dragons!



There are Russian dancers who jump.



Madame Derby enters next with her dancing jockeys.





Finally, the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier dance for Marie & the Nutcracker Prince.



All of the performers from the Land of Sweets return for a big finale to say goodbye to Marie & the Nutcracker Prince.



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Marie wakes up in her living room, not sure if it was all real or just a dream?

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*The Brown-Forman Nutcracker!*

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