

CAST

Featuring Dancers from the
Baltimore School for the Arts and TWIGS*

Act I, Scene I: Mount Vernon Place Act I, Scene II: Blake Family Holiday Party

Grace

Zoe Grier (12/12, 12/18, 12/20 @6pm)
Brissa Torres (12/13 @2pm, 12/19)
Anslee McKenzie Walters (12/11, 12/13 @6pm, 12/20 @2pm)

Alex

Gavin Archie (12/11, 12/13 @6pm, 12/20 @2pm, 12/20 @6pm)
Khloe Dudley (12/12, 12/13 @2pm, 12/18, 12/19)

Mother

Emily Socolinsky

Father

Rob Reid

Grandmother

Moira Capista

Aunt Dee

Patricia Hengen-Shields

Party Parents

Mac Brabazon, Ja Coates, Kaleb Jenson, Venesa Johnson Day, Julia Marks,
Khaleigh McLeod

Tio Pepe Vendor

Dylan Knight

Party Children*

Kailani Bryant, Amirah Johnson, Avery Myrick, Chandler Revis, Darynn Scott, Benjamin Shu,
Harley Simmons

Act I, Scene III: Midnight Magic and Battle

Nutcracker Prince

Gavin Archie (12/12, 12/13 @2pm, 12/18, 12/19)
Kaleb Jenson (12/11, 12/13 @6pm, 12/20 @2pm, 12/20 @6pm)

Rat King

David Dixon (12/12, 12/13 @6pm, 12/20 @2pm, 12/20 @6pm)
Kash Scott (12/11, 12/13 @2pm, 12/18, 12/19)

Big Mice

Eden Gainey, Milan Jones, Mackenzie Walker, Jayla Edmonds
(12/11, 12/13 @2pm, 12/18, 12/20 @2pm)
Quenta Brown, Ayo Kimber, Mackenzie Walker, Nalia Arceneaux
(12/12, 12/13 @6pm, 12/19, 12/20 @6pm)

Lieutenants

David Dixon, Marta Mullaj* (12/11, 12/13 @2pm, 12/18, 12/19)
Marta Mullaj*, Kayden Sorrell (12/12, 12/13 @6pm, 12/20 @2pm, 12/20 @6pm)

Little Mice*

Agnes Anderson, Anya Conway, Amran Hull, Julep Grizzell, Brea Mallory, Bailey McDowell,
Ibrahim Tajdar

Soldiers*

Tessa Bohlen, Amaya Felton, Liza Huggins, Nasir Martin, Piper Schellenbach, Kynlei Vann,
Azure Wall, Lucy Wedekind

Act I, Scene IV: Snow Scene

Snow Princess

Savannah Dugan (12/11, 12/13 @6pm, 12/20 @2pm)
Sage Edwards (12/12, 12/18, 12/20 @6pm)
Georgia Harris (12/13 @2pm, 12/19)

Snow Demis

Mikayla Baldwin, Kayla Castille (12/12, 12/18, 12/20 @6pm)
Savannah McDaniel, Brielle Miller (12/11, 12/13 @6pm, 12/20 @2pm)
Casey Sellers, Isaac Hunte-Forbes (12/13 @2pm, 12/19)

Snow Corps

Jenna Bates, Mac Brabazon, Phoenix Brown, Langston Fortier, Zoe Franze, Jaylin Gardner,
Dhani Horvath, London Love, Tynia Johnson, Julia Marks, Aniya Mayo, Niobe Paisley,
Terrance Poole, Anina Powell, Jyla Price, Kash Scott, Summer Seay

Act II, Scene I: Magical Mount Vernon

Sunrise Mist

Noel Absher, Stoneya Knox-Mason, Yaminah Jefferson, Eden Gainey, Violet Skane, Parker
Fair, Kamryn Knorovsky (12/11, 12/20 @6pm)
Cayla Lee, Brissa Torres, Kayden Sorrell, Nevaeh Artson, Autumn Paige, Quenta Brown, Grace
McCray (12/12, 12/13 @6pm, 12/18, 12/20 @2pm)
Saniyah McNeill, Stoneya Knox-Mason, Yaminah Jefferson, Eden Gainey, Violet Skane, Parker
Fair, Kamryn Knorovsky (12/13@2pm, 12/19)

Emcee

Gavin Archie (12/11, 12/13 @6pm, 12/20 @2pm, 12/20 @6pm)
Khloe Dudley (12/12, 12/13 @2pm, 12/18, 12/19)

Fanfare

Amaris Holloway, Victory Green-Noel, Kayla Castille, Ayo Kimber, Noel Absher (12/12, 12/18)
Moira Capista, JaLissa Stevenson, Kayden Sorrell, Belèn Rodriguez, Noel Absher
(12/13 @2pm, 12/19)
Amaris Holloway, Victory Green-Noel, Kash Scott, Ayo Kimber, Noel Absher
(12/13 @6pm, 12/20 @2pm)
Moira Capista, Kayal Castille, Kash Scott, Belèn Rodriguez, Maggie Zimmerman
(12/11, 12/20 @6pm)

Shimmer

Sage Edwards and Assata Ebron
with Zorah Jones, Eve Craven, Cannyn Shelton, Jyla Price (12/11)
Zoe Franze and Niobe Paisley
with Phoenix Brown, Eve Craven, Parker Schellenbach, Aniya Mayo 12/12, 12/18)
Zoe Franze and Niobe Paisley
with Zorah Jones, Gwen Dalsimer, Cannyn Shleton, Jyla Price 12/13 @2pm, 12/19)
Sage Edwards and Assata Ebron
with Dhani Horvath, Eve Craven, Cannyn Shelton, Jyla Price (12/20 @2pm)
Zoe Franze and Assata Ebron
with Zorah Jones, Eve Craven, Cannyn Shelton, Aniya Mayo 12/20 @6pm)
Sage Edwards and Assata Ebron
with Dhani Horvath, Eve Craven, Cannyn Shelton, Aniya Mayo (12/13 @6pm)

Spirits

Parker Schellenbach, London Love, JaLissa Stevenson, Casey Sellers, Orla Shiller-Starger,
Jewel Clayton, Langston Fortier (12/11)
Kaylen Clark, London Love, Gwen Dalsimer, Moira Capista, Cannyn Shelton, Zorah Jones,
Jaylin Gardner (12/12, 12/18)
Kaylen Clark, Eve Craven, Summer Seay, Casey Sellers, Orla Shiller-Starger, Jewel Clayton,
Langston Fortier (12/13 @2pm, 12/19)
Parker Schellenbach, London Love, JaLissa Stevenson, Moira Capista, Orla Shiller-Starger,
Jewel Clayton, Jaylin Gardner (12/13 @6pm, 12/20 @2pm)
Parker Schellenbach, London Love, JaLissa Stevenson, Summer Seay, Orla Shiller-Starger,
Jewel Clayton, Langston Fortier (12/20 @6pm)

Fireworks

Jaylin Garder, Mikayla Baldwin, Isaac Hunte-Forbes, Brielle Miller (12/11, 12/20 @6pm)
Jo'Elle Cole, Kash Scott, Dhani Horvath, Terrance Poole (12/12, 12/18)
Jaylin Gardner, Kaleb Jenson, Amaris Holloway, Brielle Miller (12/13 @2pm, 12/19)
Jo'Elle Cole, Mikayla Baldwin, Isaac Hunte-Forbes, Khloe Dudley (12/13 @6pm)
Mikayla Baldwin, Khloe Dudley, Isaac Hunte-Forbes, Terrance Poole (12/20 @2pm)

Naiads

Amu Hanks, Fatima Montes-Greenan, Amaris Holloway, Victory Green-Noel, Edith Masotta,
Zoe Grier (12/11)
Amu Hanks, Fatima Montes-Greenan, Maggie Zimmerman, Belèn Rodriguez, Edith Masotta,
Anslee McKenzie Walters (12/12, 12/18)
Amu Hanks, Fatima Montes-Greenan, Maggie Zimmerman, Victory Green-Noel, Edith
Masotta, Anslee McKenzie Walters (12/13 @2pm, 12/19)
Amu Hanks, Fatima Montes-Greenan, Maggie Zimmerman, Belèn Rodriguez, Edith Masotta,
Zoe Grier (12/13 @6pm, 12/20 @2pm)
Amu Hanks, Fatima Montes-Greenan, Amaris Holloway, Victory Green-Noel, Edith Masotta,
Anslee McKenzie Walters (12/20 @6pm)

Candy Canes

Elena Jeffries*, Kyla Abrams*, Trinity McFadden*, Carissa Walls*, Nadia Green-Noel*,
Dylan Knight*, Lilli Goodman*

with

Cayla Lee, Nevaeh Artson, Jo'Elle Cole, Grace McCray, Tailyn Ball, Milan Jones, Ayo Kimber
(12/11, 12/13 @2pm, 12/19, 12/20 @6pm)

Mackenzie Walker, Yaminah Jefferson, Stoneya Knox-Mason, Saniyah McNeill, Tailyn Ball,
Renee Williams, Violet Skane (12/12, 12/13 @6pm, 12/18, 12/20 @2pm)

Waltz of the Flowers

Red Rose

Zoe Franze (12/11, 12/13 @6pm, 12/20 @2pm)
Jyla Price (12/12, 12/18, 12/20 @6pm)
Phoenix Brown (12/13 @2pm, 12/19)

Anemones

Gwen Dalsimer, Jenna Bates (12/11, 12/20 @6pm)
Assata Ebron, Brielle Miller (12/12, 12/18)
Assata Ebron, Anina Powell (12/13 @2pm)
Gwen Dalsimer, Brielle Miller (12/13 @6pm)
Assata Ebron, Jenna Bates (12/19)
Gwen Dalsimer, Anina Powell (12/20 @2pm)

Hydrangeas

Mikayla Baldwin, Kayla Castille, Kaylen Clark, Savannah Dugan, Sage Edwards,
London Love, Georgia Harris, Zorah Jones, Khaleigh McLeod, Julia Marks,
Savannah McDaniel, Sayyida Ngqondo, Niobe Paisley, Parker Schellenbach,
Summer Seay, Cannyn Shelton, Casey Sellers, Orla Shiller-Starger

Lemon Sticks*

Neriah' Jackson, Campbell Brinkley, Ellery Bjorklund-Guild, Evelyn Armstrong, Jordyn Green,
Julep Grizzell (12/11, 12/13 @2pm, 12/18, 12/20 @2pm)
Neriah' Jackson, Campbell Brinkley, Ellery Bjorklund-Guild, Evelyn Armstrong, Jordyn Green,
Agnes Anderson (12/12, 12/13 @6pm, 12/19, 12/20 @6pm)

Sugar Plum Fairy

Sayyida Ngqondo (12/11, 12/19, 12/20 @6pm)
Julia Marks (12/12, 12/13 @6pm, 12/20 @2pm)
Khaleigh McLeod (12/13 @2pm, 12/18)

Cavalier

Mac Brabazon (12/11, 12/13 @2pm, 12/18, 12/19, 12/20 @6pm)
Langston Fortier (12/12, 12/13 @6pm, 12/20 @2pm)

*Dancers of the TWIGS Program

Synopsis of *The Nutcracker: A Magical Tale in Mount Vernon*

Act I: Mount Vernon Place

Our story begins in the heart of Mt. Vernon where friends and family meet as they stroll through the streets during a holiday event on a frosty December in 2019.

Close friends and family meet at the Blake family home where they come together for their annual holiday party. Presents, dancing and laughter fill their home until suddenly the eccentric Aunt Dee arrives with wonderful presents for all of the children. The most special gift of all goes to Grace Blake. It is an unusual doll- a Nutcracker!

After the festivities come to a close, the guests go home for the night and the Blake family settle into their beds. An awakened Grace, longing to see her Nutcracker doll, sneaks into the darkened family room. Mice, scurrying to find food, stumble upon the Nutcracker. They taunt and chase Grace with it until Aunt Dee unexpectedly appears. She transforms the Nutcracker doll into a life-sized soldier doll. Outside the footsteps of the Blake family home, a battle begins between toy soldiers led by the Nutcracker and mice led by a Rat King.

Afraid for the Nutcracker's life, Grace defeats the Rat King by striking him with her shoe. Aunt Dee revives the Nutcracker and transforms him into a real live prince! Aunt Dee and the Nutcracker Prince lead Grace through the falling snow. On their journey, they discover all the magic that surrounds her in her neighborhood.

Act II: Magical Mount Vernon

As the sun rises and the mist fades, Grace and the Nutcracker Prince are greeted by the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier. Their trusted Emcee guides Grace and the Nutcracker Prince through a dazzling display of culture, creativity, and cuisine in her own neighborhood.

They encounter the fabulous experience of Restaurante Tio Pepe and the Shimmer of musical notes floating through Mt. Vernon from the Peabody Conservatory and the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. The Egyptian Spirits from the Walters Art Gallery conjure stories from long ago, and exuberant Fireworks from the annual Monument Lighting dazzle the sky. The intriguing Naiad sculpture at Mt. Vernon Park lures them with beauty, and Candy Canes come to life with amusement and fun. Dancing flowers from the Flower Mart twirl around sweet and tart Lemon Sticks, and the day is topped off with a delightful treat from the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier.

After seeing the wonders all around them, Aunt Dee safely accompanies Grace back home where all is quiet. Grace is forever changed knowing that magic lives all around her every day!

A Note from Choreographer Amy Hall Garner:

Dearest Community Members,

It is always a joy to return to the Baltimore School for the Arts, and I am especially thrilled to celebrate our 5th year of presenting The Nutcracker: A Magical Tale in Mount Vernon. Since the production first came to life in 2019, it has been an honor to witness our dancers grow, evolve, and bring new depth and joy to this beloved tradition each year. Their passion continues to inspire the artistic choices that shape and elevate this production.

I am profoundly grateful for the continued care, support, and collaboration from everyone involved. A production of this scale is only possible through the dedication of so many—our volunteers, dance families, faculty, production staff, and the wider BSA community. Your time, energy, and generosity are the heartbeat of this magical experience.

I hope you enjoy the performances and wish you a season filled with warmth, joy, and celebration.

With gratitude, Amy Hall Garner

We wish to offer our sincerest gratitude to:

BSA Dance faculty and staff members, especially Leah Allen, Samantha Christiansen, Ninel Cherveko and Da'Shown Rawl; Production Manager Julianne Franz, crew supervisors and mentors, and the Stage Design and Production students for working behind the scenes to make this production run smoothly; Norah Worthington for continuing to guide and support this endeavor as it comes into even greater focus; and Executive Director Rosiland Cauthen for supporting this production and believing in the magic we could create together for our school and our city.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and BSA Foundation donors who keep this program alive on our stage. You ensure we have snacks and meals for all of our Dancers and SDP students; help run our concession stand; and keep the ticketing and check-in process moving smoothly.

A big thank you to our incredible guest performers, including Patricia Hengen-Shields and Maria Broom, and our alumni who have returned to the BSA ballroom stage to bring their own stories and generosity to our party scene.

And lastly, many thanks to the dancers for their collaborative work and joy. Your innovative energy and patience helped us take this production to yet another level!

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Iris Andersen Grizzell '96,
Dance Department Head

Leah Allen,
Dance Program Manager

BSA DANCE FACULTY

Leah Allen, Iris Andersen Grizzell '96,
Samantha Christiansen '91, Ninel Cherevko,
Sarah Cincotta-Yan '01, Sky Cosby '18,
Sonia Dawkins, Amanda Fair '00,

OUR CHOREOGRAPHER

Amy Hall Garner is a native of Huntsville, Alabama, and a graduate of The Juilliard School.

Her work receives international praise with commissions by New York City Ballet, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Miami City Ballet, ABT Studio Co., Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Paul Taylor Dance Company, Carolina Ballet, Collage Dance Collective and many more. Theatrical choreography credits include The Color Purple (Milwaukee Repertory Theater), Dreamgirls (Paramount Theatre) and Choir Boy (Yale Repertory Theatre). In 2018, Amy Hall Garner was selected to participate in Alvin Ailey's New Directions Choreography Lab supported by the Ford Foundation. In addition, Garner was one of the first recipients of the Joffrey Ballet's Choreography of Color Award (now titled Winning Works). Recently, she created a new children's ballet titled, Rita Finds Home for The Joffrey Ballet and reimagined Baltimore School for the Arts' new production of The Nutcracker. Amy is an adjunct professor at New York University's New Studio on Broadway at Tisch School of the Arts and is the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation Choreographer-in-Residence at BalletX.

OUR PRODUCTION STAFF

Production Designer: Norah Worthington

Production Manager: Julianne Franz

Projections Designer: Emilia Cieslak

Graphic Designer: Emma Ayala

Stage Manager: Brigid Tonnesen

Assistant Stage Managers: Evan Randall
Applefeld and Ethan Rosenberg

COSTUMES

Resident Costume Designer: Norah
Worthington

Nutcracker Mask: Chuck Nesci

Costumer: Sarah Jennings

Wardrobe Supervisor (BSO): Neela Stillman

Wardrobe: Johanna Dudley, Hermione
Henritze, Winter Smith

LIGHTING

Lighting Designer: Natasha Tylea

Light Board Operator: Ashley Williams

Followspot Operators: Osei Bennu and Kiddo
Higgs

Dmitri Malikov, LaTeisha Melvin '11,
Justin Metcalf-Burton, Ronderrick Mitchell,
Da'Shown Rawl '14, Ashley Spears '99,
Sofia Tsanova, Anton Wilson

ACCOMPANISTS

Teporah Bilezikian, Lawrence Bowie,
Cal Davis, Sherry Du, Andrew Hann,
Sage Nielson, Rob Reid, Mark Williams,
Susan Wincek

SCENIC

Technical Directors: Natasha Tylea and
James Weisheit

Crew Chief: Amelia Voos '14

Fly: Kai Harris

Stage Crew: Kai Beauvois-Ransome,
Hermione Henritze, Micah Grimaldi, Eli
McBride

SOUND

Sound Engineer: Andrew Gaylin

Sound Board Operator: Rowan Schober-
Levine

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THE NUTCRACKER

A MAGICAL TALE IN MOUNT VERNON



Thursday, December 11, 6pm
Friday, December 12, 6pm
Saturday, December 13, 2pm and 6pm

Music by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Choreography by Amy Hall Garner

Thursday, December 18, 6pm
Friday, December 19, 6pm
Saturday, December 20, 2pm and 6pm

Production Design by Norah Worthington
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