

# *The Prince*



**Pacific Northwest Ballet's**

## *Nutcracker*

**Choreography by Kent Stowell with sets and costumes by Maurice Sendak**

A young girl named Clara is fast asleep, her mind filled with strange dreams of a Nutcracker, a Princess and a Mouse King. She wakes up and joins a Christmas Eve party where her mysterious godfather Drosselmeier appears with gifts and dancing dolls. He gives Clara a beautiful Nutcracker doll but her naughty brother Fritz gets jealous and breaks it. Godfather Drosselmeier fixes Clara's doll with his handkerchief and rests him under the Christmas tree. After everyone goes to bed, Clara sneaks out to check on her doll and sees the Nutcracker fighting a gigantic Mouse King. She helps the Nutcracker defeat the Mouse King and he is transformed into a handsome Prince while she becomes the beautiful woman of her dreams. Together they go on a wonderful adventure through a magical land. But all too soon, the magic kingdom fades and Clara wakes up from her dreams, wondering where fantasy ends and growing up begins.