

JOFFREY BALLET SCHOOL THE NUTCRACKER

DEC.

12TH | 7PM
13TH | 12 & 7PM
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2025

DEAN
MEG PAUL

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
ERA JOURAVLEV

ASSOCIATE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
STACY CADDELL

FEATURING DANCERS FROM THE
CHILDREN'S & YOUTH BALLET AND
NYC BALLET TRAINEE PROGRAMS

LAGUARDIA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
LONG ISLAND CITY, NY

This performance is dedicated to the memory and legacy of Artistic Director **Jo Matos**.

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The Jo Matos Scholarship Fund

Support the Jo Matos Scholarship Fund, created in memory of our beloved Artistic Director, to help dancers who show the deepest passion and desire to grow.

The Jo Matos Scholarship Fund celebrates Jo's lifelong belief that dance is for every child who dreams of it.

Created in her honor, this fund supports students whose passion, dedication, and love for dance shine from within.

This scholarship seeks to support dancers who lack either the means or opportunity to pursue the high quality intensive training their passion for dance deserves.

More than recognizing talent, it uplifts the dancer with dreams, ensuring Jo's spirit of encouragement, opportunity, and joy continues to inspire generations of young artists.

[Click here to read the Official Statement on the Passing of Jo Matos](#)

"For the dancer who dreams the most."
- Jo Matos

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JOFFREY BALLET SCHOOL

THE NUTCRACKER

THE JOFFREY BALLET SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER

Performance Dedicated to
Jo Matos

Directed by
Era Jouravlev

Based on **Alexandre Dumas Père's** adaptation of
the story *Nussknacker und Mausekönig* by
E.T.A. Hoffman

Music by **Peter I. Tchaikovsky**

Choreography Restaged after Original
Choreography by **Robert Ray**

Coffee Choreography by **Margo Sappington**

Flowers, Snow Queen, & Sugar Plum Fairy
Costumes by **Sam Meredith**

Lighting Design by **Kate Ashton**

Scenic Design by **Jo Matos**
with **Backdrops Fantastic, Inc.**

Stage Management by **Madison Ellis**

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THE AFTERBARK

PRODUCTION STAFF

Technical Director:

Kate Ashton

LPAC Technical Director:

Carmen Griffin

Associate Lighting Designer & Board Operator:

Bridget Williams

Senior Program Managers:

Kaitlyn Bottini, Lana Fuqua

Production Coordinator:

Camryn Stafford

Program Administrator:

Erin Troost

Photography:

Drew Garfinkel

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Jacob Kruty

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REHEARSAL DIRECTORS FOR THE NUTCRACKER

Paula Alvarez, Stacy Caddell, Sofia Cozzolino,
Fabrice Calmels, Arina Clavel, Irene Hogarth-Cimino,
Anna Greenberg, Lauren Jaeger, Andrei Jouravlev,
Era Jouravlev, Christopher LaFleche, Tomiko Magario,
Annastasia Mercedes, Margo Sappington

JOFFREY BALLET SCHOOL BALLET FACULTY

**teaching assistants*

Paula Alvarez, Fiona Ambrams-McCabe*,
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Ximena Toledo Chang*, Ursula Verduzco,
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Music Director: **Bruce Lazarus**

Musicians: **Kobi Abcede, Mallory Baker, Paul Bedal, David Bukhin, Orlando Diaz, Melinda Faylor, Irina Fedorova, Allan Greene, Ethan Gueldenzopf, Jennifer Hemken, Jensen Krall, Ray Leslee, Annie Lebeaux, Peter Manheim, Alana Murphy, Alon Nechushtan, Emiko Ohara-Walsh, Igor Pancevski, David Sannella, Matthew Sheridan, Rosanne Soifer, Paul Sottnik, Lee Tombolian, Satomi Yorozu**

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- IATSE Local 52
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Era Jouravlev

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Program: **Stacy Caddell**

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Senior Program Manager, Trainee Experience &

Programming: **Kaitlyn Bottini**

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Programs: **Lana Fuqua**

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Programs: **Madeline Honegger**

Program Administrator for the NYC Trainee

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Herr Drosselmeyer
Carollers

Madame Stahlbaum
Councillor Stahlbaum
Clara
Fritz
Louise
Frau Schmidt
Lottie
Frau Finkelstein
Herr Finkelstein
Finkelstein Children

Frau Von Mueller
Mayor Von Mueller
Von Mueller Children

Frau Rattenburg
Herr Rattenburg
Von Rattenburg Children

Frau Von Trapp
Herr Von Trapp
Von Trapp Children

Frau Frauhausen
Herr Frauhausen

Andrei Jouravlev
Emi Benson, Anna DiZinno, Desiree Li, Mai Miyaguchi,
Isabel Netrosio, Synclaire Stone
Irene Hogarth-Cimino
Christopher LaFleche
Alice Oshima
Sonu Gupta-Kagan
Hadassah Ho
Faye Kelley
Zoe Croulet Sevestre
Yonah Winer
Jackson Stillman
Manon Antonio, Mathilda Freedman, Eliza Intravia,
Maya Likakis, Elizabeth Nealeigh,
Ryder Plumeri, Gregory Ye
Grace Buttimore
Jordan Hollies
Leah Goldsmith, Vivienne Henry, Caspian Houillot,
Aurora Marchionni-Costache, Seher Obhrai,
Brynn Shellenhamer
Seraphima Wolfson
Luis Felipe da Silva Santos
Veronica Madar, Sophia Landot-Medos,
Isabel McMonagle, Greta Tauschinger-Dempsey,
Amaya Zaidi, Austin Hendrix
Evvia Eduarte Courtot
Aiden Yeargin
Yumi Benoist, Ariella Hoppenstein, Lauren Liu,
Seleny Molina, Poetry Moore,
Alexandra Rosier, Giana Tacinelli
Sea Smiciklas
Daniel Romano

Frauhausen Children

Party Baby

Party Baby's Parent

Harlequin

Columbine

Tin Soldier

Vivandiere

Mice

Reindeer

Holiday Trees

Nutcracker Prince

Soldiers

Rat King

Coachwoman

Snow Queen

Snow King

Snowflakes

Michela De Sousa Ferreira, Wesley Magness,
Madeleine Montserrat, Evan Roberts, Harris Segal,
Ellora Shah, Clara Straumann Kim

Mathilde Smith

Mrs. Smith

Charles Klepner

Manami Ono

Joshua McCooey

Summer Fowler

Emma Amstutz, Sophie Atabek, Belinda Banks,
Fiona Downs, Juliette Ingham, Birdie Intravia,
Camila Makarem, Hanna Oshida, Violet Paschke,
Lola Propp, Sophie Rossman, Sylvie Schor,
Winter Suyama, Sophia Thelander, Emma Wang,
Bibi Westberg, Merrit Williams, Leora Zimiles

Addison Arrastia, Celeste Corson Yockey,

Nora Daughtry, Zoe Dumis, Sofie Wilson

Paris Altamirano, Annabelle Bristol,

London Drummonds, Jane Hoscheid, Lilly Leshner,
Phoebe Mier, Clementine Roberts-Chinnici,
Indi Shah-Honawar, Eartha Wang, Simone West,
Marlowe Young, Maya Zuberi

Benjamin Ye

Thibault Antonio, Viola Baca, Madeline Bremberg,
Allegra Cimino, Nora Lanovic, Miwa Mangino,
Cora Ann Uziel, Charlotte Young

Julian Wanderer

Ela Aspegren

Miriam Nsangu

João Emanuel Gonçalves Lima

Alana Landim Bahia Soares, Grace Buttimore,
Evvia Eduarte Courtot, Zoe Croulet Sevestre,
Leni De Andrea Ladisic, Valentina Florencio Mello,
Manuela Jeremias, Beata Maxine Loy, Stella Mansueti,
Aoi Matsuda, Noémie Raboud, Emma Rosay,
Rebekah Sharples-Schmidt, Sea Smiciklas,
Yonah Winer, Seraphima Wolfson

Princess Alice
Princess Marie
Princess Attendants

Sugar Plum Fairy
Prince Coqueluche
Sugar Plum Attendants

Küchenchef
Lead Chocolates
Chocolates

Coffee Princess
Coffee Prince
Coffee Corps

Tea Servers

Sous Chefs

Baklava Men

Baklavas

Taffy

Ida Sharp
Bree Kindron
Dakota Barbatsoulis, Alessia Delorenzo, River Engasser,
Hadassah Ho, Eileen Makris, Anastasia Vatis
Breeanna Palmer
Karmil Suliman
Evelyna Elissa Agathangelou,
Audrey Duvall Cumberland, Cidney Homschek,
Maggie Kelly, Chloe Salant
Joshua McCooey
Leo Freude, Kaija Traidl
Luisa Bley Galli, Grey Holmes, Kaleyah Ikegulu,
Alexandria Key, Aoi Matsuda, Alyssa Porricelli,
Alana Landim Bahia Soares, Aoi Yagi
Carolina O’Naghten
Jay Pavlick
Dia Bailey, Maria Naomi Comboni Caceres,
Faye Kelley, Isabela Nardy, Sofiia Stoieva,
Miriam Michelle Zaldivar Sandoval
Addison Arrastia, Nora Daughtry, Zoe Dumis,
Sofie Wilson, Celeste Corson Yockey
Ophelia Antonio, Pauline Belmonte,
Matilda Buckmaster, Lillian Edelsburg,
Franco Goldsmith, Isla Ingham, Adela Madar,
Quinn Morse, Agnes Roman Pellissier, Zoe Rohland,
Arden Shellenhamer, Hazel Worsham
Jordan Hollies, Jalon Mills, Luis Felipe da Silva Santos,
Aiden Yeargin
Tekoa Aldridge, Emi Benson, Londyn Bounds Clayton,
Ana Laura Bucker Garcia Gomes, Riley Delfox,
Hadley Flagg, Araceli Rosella Ilse, Uliana Kaplun,
Sophia Ljung, Adelaide Luyten, Rylee Nitecki,
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Synclaire Stone, Brooklynn Wilson
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Rose Gentile, Laurel Kirby, Isabel Martinez

Candy Cane Soloist
Candy Canes

Gingerbread Cookies

Dew Drop
Flower Couples

Flowers

Noelle Anches
Ana Bonilla, Daniela Demytrashko, Sofiia Maltseva,
Marharyta Pustovalova
Colette Bardes, Kailie Buckley, Alpha Detrick,
Dezi Eiseman, Alexander Landot-Medos, Mila Kose,
Daphne Michelson, Izumi Meyerson, Norah Moore,
Olivia Stewart, Hailey Williams, Alessia Yang
Myka Damas
Dia Bailey, Mikayla Firlie, Olivia Harris, Sofiia Stoieva,
Lucas Marra Garcia, Daniel Romano,
Jackson Stillman, Kyrylo Zaharchenko
Sasha Boudtchenko, Kendall Case,
Irina-Petra Caraclischi, Eva Campise, Madison Curran,
Mary Dearborn, Anna DiZinno, Desiree Li, Tessi Lawler,
Destiny Mills, Mai Miyaguchi, Isabel Netrosio,
Lily Schultz, Zoey Schwartz, Riri Suzuki, Gabriella Wilson

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A TASTE OF FLAGSHIP JAZZ & CONTEMPORARY
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A TASTE OF FLAGSHIP HIP HOP
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NYC Musical Theater Winter Workshop

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Oct. 31, 2025

Nov. 14 & 21, 2025

Dec. 5, 2025

Jan. 16, 23 & 30, 2026

Feb. 6, 13 & 27, 2026

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Basic Beginner Ballet

Mondays with **Sidney Lowenthal** | 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturdays with **Desiree Errico** | 4:15 PM – 5:45 PM

Beginner Ballet

Mondays with **Desiree Errico** | 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Wednesdays with **Sidney Lowenthal** | 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Fridays with **Stephanie Godino** | 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturdays with **Bill Waldinger** | 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Beginner Intermediate Ballet

Tuesdays with **Bill Waldinger** | 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Wednesdays with **Desiree Errico** | 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturdays with **Stephanie Godino** | 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Intermediate Ballet

Thursdays with **Stephanie Godino** | 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Ballet Classical Variation

Saturdays with **Stephanie Godino** | 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Pointe

Mondays with **Desiree Errico** | 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Wednesdays with **Sidney Lowenthal** | 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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Jazz Technique

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