

Storyline / Synopsis:

“CrakdNutz: a holiday circus dream” is an adaptation and continuation of the traditional Nutcracker story reminding us that when surrounded by a community of support, dreams can come true.

Scene 1: The Holiday Party

The beloved Clara is now a young adult dreaming of being a professional circus artist. While everyone is having fun at her holiday gathering, a magician appears bearing circus gifts for everyone. Clara receives a new apparatus, and while normally confident, she becomes apprehensive and full of self-doubt. Clara retires to bed with her Nutcracker doll from childhood.

Scene 2: The Battle

As Clara drifts off to sleep, she falls into a tumultuous dream. The Nutcracker comes to life, and with the assistance of circus soldiers, they chase away her fears and insecurities manifested as an army of rats.

Scene 3: Snowtime Shenanigans

Harlequin fun for everyone - watch out for the snowballs!

Scene 4: Wintery Circus Wonderland

Nutcracker and Clara travel through a snow packed forest, marveling at charming and inspiring circus artists.

Scene 5: The Land of Circus Dreams

The pair arrive at the Land of Circus Dreams, a lively and welcoming place where all things circus come to life. They are warmly greeted by the Sugar Plum Fairies and other circus artists. An entertaining showcase of stunning acts (sprinkled with a hint of romance) ensues.

Scene 6: Finale

Clara is brought face-to-face with her new apparatus. The Land of Circus Dreams is filled with awe and wonder as Clara reignites her confidence, creativity and playfulness to perform for her new circus friends. Clara awakens, was it all a dream?

Cast & Crew

Alona Ovchinnikova: Clara (silks, lyra, acrobatics)

Michel Bray: Nutcracker (silks)

Christal Washer: Clara’s sister, Her Royal Highness Rat Queen, Mapleberry Fairy, Circus artist (silks)

Sophie Goulet: Twinkle Harlequin, Circus artist (lyra, antics)

Renee-Claude Goulet: Jingle Harlequin, Snowflake (LED hula hoops, trapeze, antics)

Melissa Landry: Crinkle Harlequin, Snowflake, Mushroom (LED poi, silks, antics)

Michael Watt: Magician, Lieutenant Colonel Mike Toyson, Snowflake (contact juggling, levi wand, juggling, poi)

Emma Carrothers: Lieutenant Toyler Swift, Snowflake, Sugarplum Fairy (silks, veil poi, silks)

Regina Taptich: Ratasha, Honeypoor Fairy (acrobatics, silks)

Skye Filion: Ratthew, Forest elf (unicycle, juggling)

Jen Derbach: Stage manager

Amy Charbonneau: Stage manager

Francisca Comisso: Music/Lighting Technician (voice of god)

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With the music of

Tchaikovsky

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you all our performers and crew, who spent countless hours creating this show together, building their individual acts, and dedicating many weekend evenings to make this all come to life. A show like this comes together thanks to the support of our entire community, and that includes you, who bought a ticket to our show! Thank you for helping make our circus dreams come true!

-Team Cirquonscient