

GEORGE BALANCHINE'S

the

NUTCRACKER®

PENNSYLVANIA BALLET
SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE

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PENNSYLVANIA BALLET



The Nutcracker

The Nutcracker is a famous ballet.

A ballet tells a story a story through dancing.

The Nutcracker Ballet tells a story about a young girl who dreams of the Land of Sweets.



Herr Drosselmeier & Marie

Herr Drosselmeier is character in the ballet.

He wears a patch on one of his eyes.

Herr Drosselmeier places a magic spell on the nutcracker doll.

The nutcracker doll will become a Prince and take Marie on a journey to the Land of Sweets.



big

When Marie falls asleep, she dreams of a special place.

In her dream, everything is big.

The Christmas tree grows big.

The presents are big.

The mice are big.



Mouse King

The Mouse King is a dancer wearing a costume.

The Mouse King costume has many heads of mice on it.

The costume shows me the Mouse King is important to the other mice.

The Mouse King has a sword fight with the Nutcracker Prince.



Land of Sweets

Marie and the Prince will go to a magical land on a boat.

In the Land of Sweets, Marie and Prince will meet many different characters.

The characters will perform a short dance for Marie and the Prince.



hiding

Some of the dancers will be hiding on stage.

They will come out from their hiding place to dance.

I can try to guess where the dancers are hiding.

When the dance is over, the dancers will return to their hiding place.



fast dancing

Some of the dances are fast.

The dancer has to dance to the fast beat of the music.

I can clap my hands, tap my feet, or hum along with the music.



finale

The ballet is coming to the end when all the dancers and characters come back onto the stage.

When the dancers bow, I can clap to let them know I liked the ballet.

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