

KLEINDANCE ARTS
PRESENTS

THE NUTCRACKER & GUESTS



12:00 PM
5:00 PM

NOVEMBER 22, 2025
ETHEL POPE AUDITORIUM

THE NUTCRACKER & GUESTS

Directed by: Lyrric Burgos

Your Performer's Name Here:

ACT I

THE FUNCTION

Clara: Janelle Velazquez

Fritz: KC Biely

Drosselmeyer: Johnny Aguilar

Clara's Friends: Klaire Brito, AlanaMae Calad, Shoshanna DeNisi, and Emma Velasco

Party Children: Berkeley Apocada, Anastasia Bravo, Giulia Cansino, Sophia Castro, Mylee Coffey, Charlotte (Coco) Green, Lydia Grindy, Natalie Hernandez, Avie Jacobo-Anaya, Madelyn Jensen, Penelope Oh, Leah Rios, Astrid Solano, and Delilah Virto

Toffee Doll: Lorelai Forney

Soldier Doll: Maya Cooper Cunningham

BATTLE

Clara: Janelle Velazquez

Nutcracker: Samantha Medina

Rat Queen: Lindy Smith

Soldier Doll: Maya Cooper Cunningham

Soldiers: Abigail Beebe, Emillia Beebe, Veronica Cutler, Charlotte (Coco) Green, Elena Holland, Isabella Juarez, Melody Padilla, Marley Parker, Leah Rios, Allison Saiz, Olivia Seymour, Lennon Tellefson, and Delilah Virto.

Mouserinas: Iyla Flores, Aleiyah Preciado, Layla Podsednik, Lily Rios, and Addison Saiz

Mice: Berkeley Apodaca, Lainey Bradshaw, Anastasia Bravo, Ellenie Camacho, Mark Cooper, Emma Isabel Cortés, Sophia Castro, Roxanna Gray, Lydia Grindy, Gia Guerrero, Mary Iness, Amelia Maestas, Oakley Pachner, Keeley Tellefson, and Sofia Valadez

JOURNEY

Clara: Janelle Velazquez

Snow Spirits: Andrea Corrales, Luna Gomez, and Iris Holland

SNOW

Clara: Janelle Velazquez

Icicles: Lily Ang, Sophia Ang, Hadley Baker, Maya Cooper Cunningham, Alyssa Edmonds, Peyton Estrada, Sofia Gomez, Kiran Gorman, Anna Hoelmer, Kendra Miser, Luna Plum, Lucy Riley, Khloe Santos, Lindy Smith, Denise Woods, and Rachel Young

INTERMISSION

ACT II

KINGDOM

Sugarplum Fairy: Sophia Ang

Cavalier: Auguste C. Guiraudet

Clara: Janelle Velazquez

Nutcracker: Samantha Medina

Kingdom Fairies: Andrea Corrales, Iyla Flores, Luna Gomez, Iris Holland, Samantha Medina, and Josefine Scroggin

Kingdom sprites: Abigail Beebe, Emillia Beebe, Veronica Cutler, Avie Jacobo-Anaya, Isabella Juarez, Layla Podsednik, Aleiyah Preciado, Lily Rios, Olivia Seymour, Madelyn Torrez, and Eva Zarling

Hot Chocolate: Hadley Baker, Alyssa Edmonds, Sofia Gomez, Kiran Gorman, Anna Hoelmer, Kendra Miser, Luna Plum, and Lindy Smith.

Toffee: Lily Ang, Maya Cooper Cunningham, Sofia Gomez, Lindy Smith, and Rachel Young

Lead Tiramisu: Sofia Gomez

Tiramisu: Kiran Gorman, Anna Hoelmer

Peppermint: AlanaMae Calad, Lily Ang, Klaire Brito, Kendra Miser, and Lucy Riley

Marzipan: Hadley Baker, Peyton Estrada, Kiran Gorman, Khloe Santos, and Rachel Young

Gumdrops: Worthy Dance Company: Sophia Ang, Lily Ang, Nevaeh Cabigon, AlanaMae Calad, Alyssa Edmonds, Sofia Gomez, Kiran Gorman, Isley Lindner, Luna Plum, Luisa Roque, Lindy Smith

Dewdrop: Lindy Smith

Poinsettias: Lily Ang, Hadley Baker, Maya Cooper Cunningham, Alyssa Edmonds, Peyton Estrada, Sofia Gomez, Kiran Gorman, Anna Hoelmer, Kendra Miser, Luna Plum, Lucy Riley, Khloe Santos, and Rachel Young

INTRODUCING KLEIN DANCE BALLET CO



Listed Left to Right:

Back Row: Lucy Riley, Lily Ang, Luna Plum, Janelle Velazquez

Second to Last Row: Hadley Baker, Sophia Ang, Alyssa Edmonds, Kendra Miser

Third to Last Row: Sofia Gomez, Lindy Smith, Peyton Estrada, Rachel Young

Front Row: Khloe Santos, Kiran Gorman, Maya Cooper Cunningham, Anna Hoelmer



LILY ANG

Hi, I'm Lily, a 13-year-old 8th grader with a love for dance. I train in hip hop, jazz, contemporary, ballet, and acro, and I'm passionate about expressing myself through movement. Performing and collaborating with other dancers inspires me to keep growing and pushing my skills. When I'm not in the studio, I enjoy playing guitar and exploring creativity in new ways.



SOPHIA ANG

Hello! My name is Sophia Ang, and I am a junior in high school. I have been with Klein Dance Company since Season 1, and have danced for about eight years. I plan to major in psychology and minor in dance. This year I have had the opportunity to live my passion every day through training in different styles, being inspired by amazing teachers, and learning through different experiences. I absolutely love nutcracker season and I am so excited to share my passion with you through this performance!



HADLEY BAKER

Hi my name is Hadley Baker. I have been dancing since I was 2 1/2 years old and love it. This is my 3rd year on Company and on the KDA dance team. I spend most of my time at the dance studio learning and dancing. I have been assisting now for the last 2 years at KDA. I love KDA because they have the best teachers. I love dancing because it challenges me, makes me happy and makes the best memories!



MAYA COOPER CUNNINGHAM

My name is Maya. I am 13 years old and I have been dancing since I was 3. Since I was little, whenever I heard music, I would just start dancing like I was the only person in the world. I love dance. It is my happy place when I am stressed, overwhelmed, anxious, or homesick. I joined ballet company because I want to continue my ballet training and go on pointe. Ballet is beautiful and graceful and I feel free and joyful when I dance. Dance is my life and I am so happy to continue with the ballet company!



ALYSSA EDMONDS

Hi! My name is Alyssa Edmonds and the reason I want to be on ballet company is because I love ballet. Ballet and dance can help me express my feelings and make me happy.



PEYTON ESTRADA

Hello, I'm Peyton and I am 14 years old, I want to be a dancer because I love expressing myself through dance and what it has to offer. Dancing allows me to communicate emotions and stories in a way that words cannot capture, giving a unique outlet for creativity. The discipline and physical challenge of dance pushed me to constantly improve, giving me a strong sense of perseverance and ultimately I share the beauty and power of dance with others, creating memorable experiences.



SOFIA GOMEZ

My name is Sofia Gomez and this is my fourth season on Klein Dance Company. I am 14 years old and have been dancing since I was 2. This Nutcracker I will be performing in Snow, Gumdrops, Hot Chocolate, Tiramisu, Toffee, and Poinsettias. I am also part of Worthy Dance Company and the St. Joseph High School Dance Team. Dance has always been my passion and I am excited to share it with you!



KIRAN GORMAN

Hello, I'm Kiran! I am a Principal dancer for KleinDance Company! I am 14 years old and in 8th grade. This is my 4th year in the company. I'm so happy to be a part of this wonderful dance community. I love to dance because it makes me feel free and happy. I would like to thank all of my dance teachers and choreographers for all of their hard work and dedication to making this nutcracker magical. I also want to give a huge thanks to my parents for making this dream come true.



ANNA HOELMER

Hi! I'm Anna. I'm 17 years old, and I've been attending Klein classes for three years. This is my first year in the Klein Ballet Company. I love how easy it has been to make friends, and I love learning something new every class. Nutcracker has always been magical to me, and I love performing so much! I'm so grateful to my parents for supporting and encouraging me, to God for giving me the gift of dance, and to Miss Lyrric, Miss Sophie, and Miss Irene for being amazing teachers.



KENDRA MISER

Hi, my name is Kendra. I am twelve years old, though my friends love to say I look younger. I've been dancing at Klein for around 3 or 4 years now, but this is my first season in company. I just got my first pair of pointe shoes a few months ago, and I love wearing them because it means I've been working hard.



LUNA PLUM

Hi, I'm Luna. I'm 11 years old, and I've been dancing since I was 2. I've always dreamed of being in the Ballet Company, and I'm so excited that it's finally happening! I love the challenge it brings and can't wait to keep growing as a dancer. Performing on stage is super fun, and I really enjoy sharing that experience with my friends who are like family. Plus, I have the best teachers who inspire me every day!



LUCY RILEY

Dancing has been a part of my life for a while. But this is actually my first year in company. I have done regular dance classes, competitions, recitals, and convention. Company has been an amazing experience so far! I've learned new ballet moves, tricks, and technique that I had never seen before. Company has improved my dancing and helped me make some new friends. All in all, I have absolutely loved company! And I will continue to join throughout the years.



KHLOE SANTOS

Hi! My name is Khloe Santos, and I'm currently in 8th grade. I've been dancing since I was 2 years old, and for the past three years, I've had the joy of being part of the Klein Dance Company. This is the fourth studio I've trained with, and it's by far my favorite—because here, we're more than just dancers; we're a family.

Dance has always been a huge part of my life. It's my way of expressing who I am and sharing what I feel without words. One of my favorite times of the year is Nutcracker season, and I'm so excited to bring all my passion and hard work to the stage!



LINDY SMITH

Hey! My name is Lindy-

I've been with KDBC since season one and have loved seeing our studio grow! I've had the honor of teaching here for almost a full year. I am set on becoming a professional dancer and teacher and excited to see what's next. Thank you for coming and seeing our show, I think the rat queen is gonna win this year...



JANELLE VELAZQUEZ

Hi, my name is Janelle and I'm 14 years old. This is my 3rd season on KDBC. I'm currently a freshmen at St. Joseph's High School. I have been dancing since I was little and I love it because it makes me feel happy. I'm so incredibly honored to be Clara in the Nutcracker this year. It has been a dream role for me since I was little. Thank you so much for coming to the show, the rat queen is definitely NOT winning this year...

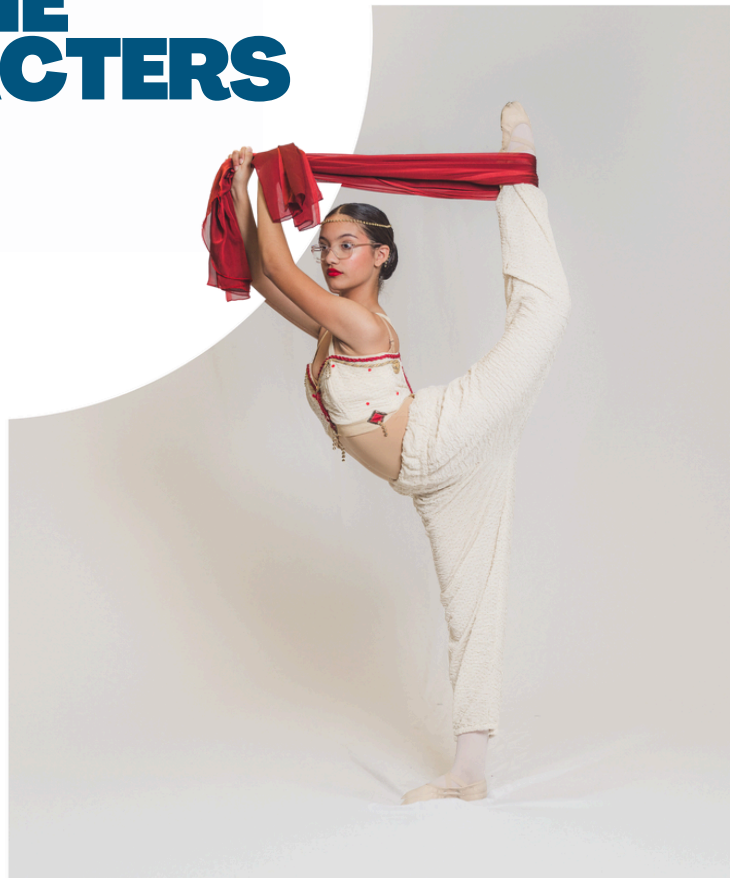


RACHEL YOUNG

Hello, my name is Rachel Young and I am a sophomore in high school. I have just recently started dancing for a year and half and I have grown to love it every day. I also love seeing my friends I have made along the way that encourage me and help me to improve. I appreciate them all as well as my teachers for pushing me and my parents for driving me back and forth from studios. I am extremely excited for this nutcracker and I hope you enjoy!



MEET THE CHARACTERS



TOP LEFT: SOPHIA ANG SUGARPLUM FAIRY
TOP RIGHT: JANELLE VELAZQUEZ CLARA
BOTTOM LEFT: LINDY SMITH DEWDROP
BOTTOM RIGHT: SOFIA GOMEZ LEAD TIRAMISU



ABOVE HOT CHOCOLATE
LISTED LEFT TO RIGHT: SOFIA GOMEZ,
KIRAN GORMAN, ANNA HOELMER,
ALYSSA EDMONDS, LUNA PLUM, HADLEY BAKER,
LINDY SMITH, AND KENDRA MISER

BELOW CLARA & RAT QUEEN
LISTED LEFT TO RIGHT:
JANELLE VELAZQUEZ &
LINDY SMITH





TOFFEE

BACK ROW LISTED
LEFT TO RIGHT:
SOFIA GOMEZ,
MAYA COOPER CUNNINGHAM
MIDDLE: LILY ANG
FRONT ROW:
RACHEL YOUNG, AND
LINDY SMITH



PEPPERMINT

LISTED LEFT TO RIGHT:
KENDRA MISER,
LILY ANG,
AND LUCY RILEY



DEWDROP & POINSETTIAS

BACK ROW LISTED
LEFT TO RIGHT:
MAYA COOPER CUNNINGHAM
AND ANNA HOELMER
MIDDLE: LINDY SMITH
FRONT ROW:
HADLEY BAKER AND
PEYTON ESTRADA



MARZIPAN

LISTED LEFT TO RIGHT:
HADLEY BAKER, RACHEL
YOUNG, PEYTON ESTRADA,
AND KHLOE SANTOS
FRONT ROW:
KIRAN GORMAN



TIRAMISU

BACK ROW:
ANNA HOELMER
MIDDLE ROW:
KIRAN GORMAN
FRONT ROW:
SOFIA GOMEZ



ICICLES

BACK ROW LISTED
LEFT TO RIGHT:
LUNA PLUM, LUCY RILEY,
KHLOE SANTOS,
AND KIRAN GORMAN
FRONT ROW:
KENDRA MISER AND
ALYSSA EDMONDS



RAT QUEEN & NUTCRACKER

LINDY SMITH AND SAMANTHA MEDINA

INTRODUCING OUR GUEST ARTISTS

WORTHY ATHLETICS JUNIOR & SENIOR DANCE COMPANY



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BACK ROW:
ALANAMAE CALAD,
LUNA PLUM
MIDDLE ROW:
ALYSSA EDMONDS,
LUISA ROQUE,
LILY ANG
FRONT ROW:
ALANNA ACEVEDO,
NEVAEH CABIGON



SR. CO.

BACK ROW:
ISLEY LINDNER,
LINDY SMITH,
KIRAN GORMAN
FRONT ROW:
SOFIA GOMEZ,
SOPHIA ANG

GUEST ARTIST AND CAVALIER



Auguste C. Guiraudet has over fifteen years of classical ballet experience and was trained in the American Ballet Theatre (ABT) curriculum. He also received formal training in contemporary dance.

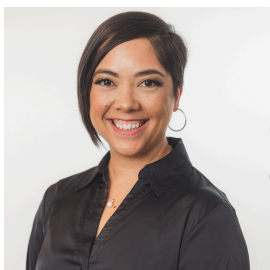
From 2010 to 2016, Auguste studied ballet in France at Club Omnisports de Valbonne (COV) in Valbonne, and continued his education from 2015 to 2016 at the Centre Régional d'Art Chorégraphique in Grasse, where he pursued pre-professional training in both ballet and contemporary dance.

In 2016, Auguste joined New Ballet in San Jose, California, where he trained at the pre-professional level until 2023. During this period, he also served as a Teaching Assistant for Primary B, Primary C, and Primary Boys classes, contributing to the development of young dancers.

His performance credits include multiple appearances at the Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) and California Dance Classics (CDC). In 2022, Auguste was recognized as one of the Top Six Semi-Finalists for Male Classical Dancer at YAGP. He returned to perform at both YAGP and CDC in 2023.

Auguste is currently a member of Cal Poly SLO'S Dance Program, where he continues to expand his choreographic and performance repertoire. Most recently, he appeared in Orchesis Dance Company's 2025 production, Elevate.

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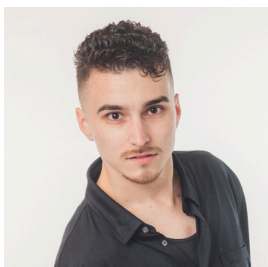
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Owner and Artistic Director
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Training & Performance Director
KleinDance Company Director
Choreographer



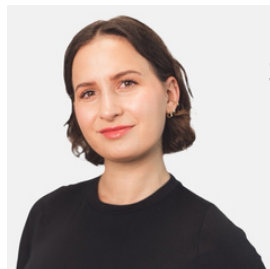
JOHNNY AGUILAR

Choreographer
Teacher



MANNY ZARAGOZA

Choreographer
Teacher



SOPHIE ABATE

KleinDance Team Director
Choreographer
Teacher



TYLER WORTH

Guest Choreographer
Owner and Artistic Director
of Worthy Athletics



SOPHIA ANG

Assistant Choreographer
Junior Teacher



LINDY SMITH

Assistant Choreographer
Junior Teacher

RECITAL WISHES

Recital Wish ~ To: Janelle M. Velazquez

We are in awe with your dedication & passion for dance!

We're all so proud of you! Lovingly, ~Mom, Dad, Luis & David

KC Biely: We're so proud of how you've been working for Fritz!

Love Dad, Mom, Ben, Lolo, Lola, Mush & Buzi

Luna Plum: Luna, you were born to dance, and you make us

SO proud. We love you! -Daddy, Mommy, Lorenzo ❤️

Samantha Medina: Couldn't be more proud of you!

We love u, mama & dad

Maya Cooper Cunningham: We are so proud of you!

Keep dancing and following your heart!

Love, Mama, Jakey, and all the M's

Anna Hoelmer: Anna, watching your God-given beauty
exude as you dance is a joy to see.

With so much Love, Hugs from Dad, Mom and Ben

Recital Wish: Khloe Santos, you continue to amaze us with
all your hard work and dedication. Continue to shoot for
the stars and never stop to reach your goals!

Love, your family

Avie, you are light, laughter & sunshine; when you dance,
the world seems brighter. You're our little piece of magic
in a tiny pair of dancing shoes & we are so proud of you.

Love, Daddy&Momma

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SPECIAL THANK YOU'S TO:

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DEJA VU ANTIQUE MALL, FOR SHARING YOUR SPACE FOR OUR
RECITAL PHOTOS. YOUR CHARM ADDED SUCH A BEAUTIFUL
TOUCH TO OUR DANCERS' SPECIAL MEMORIES.

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FOR THE RECITAL.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTS OUR PERFORMERS,
STAFF AND THE ARTS!

Thanksgiving Break
11/22 - 11/30
Winter Break
12/21 - 1/4

A ballerina with dark hair in a bun, wearing a blue velvet bodice with white lace, a white tulle tutu with gold sequins, and a blue tiara, is standing in a cluttered, vintage-style room. She is looking down and slightly to her left. The room is filled with various objects, including a large mirror, a lamp, a pumpkin, and a wooden table. The lighting is warm and dramatic.

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