



Cape Symphony's *The Nutcracker*

Presented by the Cape Symphony at [Holiday on the Cape](#)

Jung-Ho Pak, Artistic Director & Conductor

Cape Symphony Dance Company,

Michelle Poirier-Chwastiak, Choreographer & Director of Dance



THE CAST

Drosselmeyer: Jung-Ho Pak

Clara and alternating Snow Fairy: Miya Henderson and Annika Waynen

Snow King: Christopher Luz Roque | Guest Artist, Dean College

Snow Queen: Chiara Salzillo | Guest Artist, Dean College

Flower Fairy: Elisha Lesure | Guest Artist, Dean College

Sugar Plum Fairy: McKenna Talbot | Guest Artist, Dean College

Snow Fairies and Party Girls: Mel Costa, Grace Egmore, Julia Gallagher

Children of the Enchanted Palace and Party Girls: Charlotte McCann, Maia Mercurio, Lia Waynen, Lauren Zhang

Snow Angels: Grace Callahan, Ella McNeill, Gemma Soares, Bih Timoh, Charlie Mae Vaneria

THE STORY

The 2022 Holiday on the Cape performances will include the premiere of a new version of ***The Nutcracker*** created for the Cape Symphony. The Cape Symphony Dance Company will be joined by dancers from Dean College as we witness Clara's journey and her discovery of the unparalleled gift of music.

Clara greets her godfather, Drosselmeyer, at her family's annual holiday party they host for all of their friends. Clara's guests come to dance and share in the holiday magic while Drosselmeyer's guests are the musicians who perform. Drosselmeyer presents Clara with a special gift: a nutcracker. After the party, Clara grows tired, falling asleep with her beloved nutcracker in arm.

She awakes in a dream state to see the King and Queen of Snow. Clara is both intrigued and unsure about the magical snow fairies. She seeks the safety of the forest, and she looks on while the Land of Snow is filled with dance. Clara is then greeted by the Snow Angels who come to guide her through the Land of Snow to the Enchanted Palace by shining their light.

At the Enchanted Palace Clara greets the Snow King and Queen, as well as the Flower and Sugar Plum Fairies. She is delighted with the dancing by the Children of the Enchanted Palace. Clara is moved by the beauty of the Flower Fairy, joining her in a duet, and entranced by the Sugar Plum Fairy. She celebrates the music in the final apotheosis and is transported back home with a magic sleep spell cast by the Snow Queen.

Clara awakes back at the party with Drosselmeyer and his guests. She realizes that it had all been the most wonderful dream. Clara feels that the soundscape was the greatest gift she could ever receive from the musicians and her Drosselmeyer, our conductor Jung-Ho Pak.



The Two Claras, Annika Waynen and Miya Henderson

Cape Symphony's *The Nutcracker* is part of [Holiday on the Cape](https://www.capesymphony.org/holiday-on-the-cape) December 2, 3 & 4, 2022. Visit [capesymphony.org](https://www.capesymphony.org), call the Box Office at 508.362.1111, email tickets@capesymphony.org, or visit 2235 Iyannough Road in West Barnstable, MA.