Roswell Cultural Arts presents
Atlanta Dance Theatre's
The Nutcracker

Fri 12/9 @ 7pm
Sat 12/10 @ 2pm & 7pm
Sun 12/11 @ 2pm

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Roswell Cultural Arts Center 950 Forrest Street, Roswell, GA 30075
ADT is a non-profit organization committed to developing young dancers and bringing professional-quality performances to local audiences. The dancers are exposed to a variety of dance techniques and styles ranging from classical and contemporary ballet to jazz and modern, with renowned master teachers and choreographers.

Our Mission

- Advance the training of the serious dancer by providing high quality training and performance opportunities.
- Teach our young dancers not only the value of a well-trained, healthy body, but to also give them the opportunity to contribute to their community with their time and talent in a positive way.
- Offer professional caliber performances to the North Fulton community, inspired by love of the dance art form.

Every season our goal is to deliver against the directive of our Mission by providing professional level family entertainment through the dance art form and establish new traditions in the North Fulton community.

Artistic Director

Shelley Grames graduated from Brenau University with a BFA in dance pedagogy and recipient of the Sullivan Award. After graduation, she danced professionally with the Gainesville Ballet Company, Ruth Mitchell Dance Theatre, and as a guest artist with several companies in the Southeast. She served as the Theatre Administrator and Assistant Director of the Georgia Metropolitan Dance Theatre (formerly the Ruth Mitchell Dance Theatre) for seven years. In 2003 as a choreographer, Shelley was awarded the Monticello Award by the Southeastern Regional Ballet Association, receiving a full scholarship to Regional Dance America’s (RDA) National Choreography Intensive to study with Alan Hineline. Shelley has had numerous works performed at RDA’s National Festival, RDA/SE, American College Dance Festival, Atlanta Symphony’s Concerts for Young People and other festivals. Shelley has set many full length, original productions including Peter Pan, Alice in Wonderland, Lion King of Africa, Aladdin, and Beauty and the Beast. Shelley has also coached and mentored dancers competing in Youth America Grand Prix and other competitions, with dancers placing in the top 12. Currently, Ms. Grames is the Artistic Director of Atlanta Dance Theatre and the School of Atlanta Dance Theatre, Membership Chairman for RDA/SE, and teaches and choreographs at Mt. Paran Christian School. She is an avid sports fan (Hotty Toddy!) and enjoys giving back to her community!
Choreography and Staging
Shelley Grames

Music
Tchaikovsky

Rehearsal
Shelley Grames and Laura Grace Wenning

Production
Rubicon

Stage Manager
Laura Grace Wenning

Act I

The Party

Clara Stahlbaum
*Emily Sedgwick **Alden Cox

Isabelle Stahlbaum
Lucy Harrington

Mr. and Mrs. Stahlbaum
Joanne Feldman and Paul Milliken

Godfather Drosselmeyer
Lonnie Davis

The Maids
Jonnee Dorminy and Emily Jesseph

The Butlers
Fletcher Dorminy and Eric Nash

Party Guests

Girls
Emaline Adel, *Alden Cox, Easley Harrell, Norah Riepe, **Emily Sedgwick, Lainey Speckhart

Boys
Naomi Billups, Kate Ellis, Kara Rose Norris, Zoe Norris, Abigail Sedgwick

Parents
Kim and Matt Crawford, Tiffany Cox and Chris Feldman

Harlequin Dolls
*Amara Rodriguez, **Cate Daly and Jonah Hooper

Soldier Doll
Carys Feldman

The Battle

Rat Queen
*Elizabeth Howard, **Clara Rogers

Rats
Melike Altunbasak, **Elizabeth Howard, Maya Howard, *Clara Rogers, Amara Rodriguez
Nutcracker Prince
Eric Nash

Soldiers
Emily Bailey, Nyla Billups, Kate Crawford, Max Crawford, Lucy Harrington, Caralee Moore

The Snow Forest
Snow Queen and Cavalier
**Meg Crawford, *Cate Daly and Robert Chabot

with
Melike Altunbasak, *Meg Crawford, **Cate Daly, Carys Feldman, Elizabeth Howard, Addison McKee, Clara Rogers, Amara Rodriguez, Julia Schulz

Act II
The Land of Sweets
Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier
※Carys Feldman, ※※Anna Daly and Jonah Hooper

Angels
**Melike Altunbasak, *Amara Rodriguez

with
Emaline Adel, Naomi Billups, Kate Ellis, Eisley Harrell, Kara Rose Norris, Zoe Norris, Norah Riepe, Abigail Sedgwick, Lainey Speckhart

Spanish
**Elizabeth Howard, *Julia Schulz and Robert Chabot

Marzipan Shepherdess
*Clara Rogers, **Addison McKee

Lambs
Aubrey Courson, Charlie Ellis, Sophie Sedgwick, Raegan Watkins

Chinese
*Melike Altunbasak, **Amara Rodriguez

Russian
*Cate Daly, Julia Schulz, and Eric Nash
**Elizabeth Howard, Addison McKee and Eric Nash

Mother Ginger
Fletcher Dornin

Her Children
Nyla Billups, Max Crawford, Lucy Harrington, Caralee Moore

Arabian
*Addison McKee, **Cate Daly and Robert Chabot

Dew Drop Fairy
*Meg Crawford, **Julia Schulz

Waltz of the Flowers
Melike Altunbasak, **Meg Crawford, Elizabeth Howard, Maya Howard, Clara Rogers, Amara Rodriguez, **Julia Schulz

Grand Pas de Deux

Finale
*Performs Friday, December 9th at 7pm and Saturday, December 10th at 2pm
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Robert Chabot
The Nutcracker holds a special place in Robert’s heart and performing this beloved show during the holiday season has become a staple in his life. Robert has been teaching children and young adults to dance for about 6 years, and thoroughly enjoys the process. He has been training in various forms of dance since age 14 under the direction of Denise Reeves, continued adult learning under Michael Garrison and life-long learning under Sharon Druzbanski. Robert has performed numerous roles in The Nutcracker, Swan Lake, Cinderella, Coppelia, Pirates of the Phantom Waves, Carmen, and more. He has also performed in numerous industrial pieces like Foot Loose, Cartoon Network and Monster Sound.

Lonnie E. Davis Jr.
Lonnie has been a force in the Atlanta dance community, choreographing and training dancers for decades. Most recently he spent 13 yrs on faculty at Cobb County Center for Excellence in Performing Arts at Pebblebrook HS. He also, spent over a decade building the modern, jazz curriculum at the Atlanta Ballet Centre for Dance Education and 7 yrs at DeKalb School of the Arts. Lonnie has been a guest instructor all over the U.S. and abroad and is also a choreographer, having set works on national dance companies, colleges and universities. He recently completed beginner through advanced Horton pedagogy teacher training at the Ailey School. He was recently appointed chair of the dance conservatory at the all-new school of the arts (SOTA) at Central Gwinnett HS. Lonnie is excited to back joining ADT for his 9th Nutcracker with the company.

Jonah Hooper
A native of Georgia, Jonah began dancing under the direction of Diane Callihan of Gainesville Ballet. He was a principal dancer with Atlanta Ballet for 17 years, appearing as Quasimodo in Michael Pink’s The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Dracula in Dracula, Romeo in Romeo & Juliet, Sharpless and Pinkerton in Stanton Welch’s Madame Butterfly, and Jay Gatsby in John McFall and Lauri Stallings’ The Great Gatsby. In addition to dancing, Jonah is an accomplished photographer and hosts The Dancer’s Lounge, a photo blog that provides creative discussion about dance and performance. Jonah and his wife Maria live in Decatur with their two children.
**Guest Artists**

**Joanne Feldman** is a three-time Emmy award winning meteorologist for Good Day Atlanta on FOX 5 and co-host of Good Day Atlanta at 10am, covering the day’s lifestyle and entertainment news. Having studied dance and theatre through college, she went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography at the University of Georgia and completed her meteorology education in the master’s program in Meteorology at Penn State University. Joanne is proud to have supported Atlanta Dance Theatre for the past decade and to have performed as a party parent in the annual production of the Nutcracker. She’s excited to perform the role of Mrs. Stahlbaum this year alongside her talented Good Day Atlanta colleague, Paul Milliken.

**Paul Milliken** is thrilled to be returning to his 2nd Nutcracker, although he has attempted many of these moves for years in the privacy of his living room. Paul is an Emmy-winning meteorologist and the “feature guy” for Good Day Atlanta, where you’ve probably seen him riding roller coasters and stuffing his face with food on live TV. Paul is also active in community theatre and enjoys writing and recording music in his spare time.

**Eric Nash** is a local area performer who is excited to share the stage with ADT again. He has delighted ADT audiences as one of Barnaby’s henchmen in the beloved holiday performances of Babes in Toyland, as the Nutcracker Prince in Nutcracker Land of Sweets, ADT’s spring performances including Alice in Wonderland, Pairings and Snow White.

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- Meg Crawford
- Cate Daly
- Carys Feldman
- Elizabeth Howard
- Maya Howard
- Addison McKee
- Amara Rodriguez
- Clara Rogers
- Julia Schulz

**Apprentice Company**
- **Apprentice 1**
  - Alden Cox
  - Emily Sedgwick
- **Apprentice 3**
  - Emaline Adel
  - Naomi Billups
  - Kate Ellis
  - Eisley Harrell
  - Kara Rose Norris
  - Zoe Norris
  - Norah Riepe
  - Abigail Sedgwick
  - Lainey Speckhart

**Junior Company**
- Nyla Billups
- Max Crawford
- Lucy Harrington
- Caralee Moore

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