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Vacaville Ballet to stage 'Nutcracker'

A perennial holiday favorite, the music and scenes of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" ballet, its Act 1 marches and waltzes to Act 2 segments such as "Coffee" and the show-stopping Pas de Deux, continue to delight listeners and audiences more than 130 years after it was first staged in St. Petersburg, Russia.

E.T.A. Hoffmann's story continues to enchant as well, telling the tale, set on Christmas Eve, of a little girl, Clara, who finds herself in a fantasy world of oversized toys, armies of mice, in the Land of Sweets and a snowfall.

No matter where "Nutcracker" is performed, as it will be Dec. 11 to 13 in Vacaville, its popularity never wanes.

The Vacaville Ballet Company, under the direction of Cassandra Kamakeeaina, will stage its version at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre, 1010 Ulatis Drive.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. Dec. 11; 1 and 7 p.m. Dec. 12; and 1 p.m. Dec. 13. Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$20 and may be purchased at the box office or online at www.vpat.net.

Besides the main performances, there will be two ancillary events.

An opening-night gala, including a catered Champagne reception, begins at 5:30 p.m. in the VPAT lobby. Tickets are \$20 per person.

A "Nutcracker" tea party will be at 11 a.m. Dec. 12, with tea, sandwiches and special cast appearances. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

For more information, visit www.vacavilleballetcompany.org.

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