

# WORLD BALLET COMPANY Nutcracker

## Prologue

The children of Counselor Stahlbaum, Marie and Fritz, ask their father to buy them the wonderful dolls displayed in the window of the toy shop. He does not agree but secretly negotiates with his friend Drosselmeier to send dolls to the children for Christmas. The Master sends gifts and prepares a surprise – a small doll for cracking nuts – the Nutcracker.

## Act I

### Scene One

On Christmas Eve, the guests gather in the counselor's house. Children can't wait to see the Christmas tree and holiday gifts. The coveted moment comes when the master of dolls comes dressed in the costume of a wizard and surprises everyone with his art. Clockwork dolls dance for all guests.

Drosselmeyer gives Marie a funny Nutcracker. Fritz accidentally breaks it. Marie gently comforts her new favorite

toy; her brother and his friends, wearing masks of mice, tease sad Marie. Everyone dances once again and leaves.

## Scene Two

Marie falls asleep in her bedroom. But even in her sleep, she keeps worrying about the broken Nutcracker. The clock beats midnight. By the wave of Drosselmeyer's hand, everything changes: room walls move apart, the Christmas tree begins to grow, and all toys come to life. Tin soldiers under the command of the Nutcracker march around the room. Suddenly, mice come out of the underground, led by the Mice King. The dolls are terrified and confused. Only the courage of the Nutcracker saves them. An unequal battle is tied up, and the Nutcracker is left alone with the King of Mice and his retinue. Marie, seeing the danger threatening her toy, takes off her slipper and throws it to the King of mice. Mice scatter scared. And then a miracle happens .... There is no more funny ugly doll – a handsome prince stands in front of Marie. He thanks her for her salvation and invites her to follow her. The waltz of the snowflakes carries our heroes in their dance.

## Act II

Marie and the Prince's amazing journey continues. They sail along the sea to the city of sweets in Confitureurburg, the ruler of which is the Nutcracker. Suddenly, the mice are attacking again. The Nutcracker defeats the enemies. The inhabitants of the city gladly greet Masha and Prince. The

good puppet Mater appears and turns the Kingdom of Sweets into a rose garden. Marie and the prince are happy! But all of this is just a dream. It was a Christmas Eve, and night dreams disappeared with it. There comes a new day. Masha sits by the Christmas tree with a Nutcracker toy on her lap...