2025 PSB SENIOR CONCERT

# The Nutcracker & Through The Night Sky

5 & 6 DECEMBER

MARIST AUDITORIUM, NEWMAN COLLEGE



## WELCOME TO "THE NUTCRACKER" & "THROUGH THE NIGHT SKY"

Tonight, we invite you to drift with us Through the Night Sky as our Contemporary Dance students open the program with a series of pieces inspired by the magic of the hours after dusk. You'll move with them through shimmering mists and fading light, past shooting stars and trailing comets, into realms where astronauts drift in quiet wonder, distant aliens spark the imagination, and into the mysteries of the night—where a grey wolf roams, bats sweep across the sky, stardust hangs suspended in the darkness and gentle angels watch over us. Each dance offers a glimpse into the beauty, wonder, and wildness that lives above us when the world grows still.

As the night sky settles, the stage transforms, and we step into the timeless magic of The Nutcracker. Our Ballet and Character students invite you into a world where imagination awakens and every moment shimmers with possibility. We begin in the warmth of a festive Christmas Eve, where Clara's heart is full of wonder and a single gift sets an extraordinary adventure in motion.

From the thrilling battle between soldiers and rats to the graceful hush of the Snow Forest, Clara's journey unfolds like a dream you never want to end. As she travels deeper into this enchanted realm, the Kingdom of Sweets reveals its delights — a place where dances sparkle like jewels, characters spring to life with charm and colour, and each variation tells its own story of joy, elegance, and celebration.

With every step, our students bring their artistry, dedication, and love of ballet to this treasured tale, honouring a tradition that continues to inspire dancers and audiences year after year.

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## THROUGH THE NIGHT SKY

#### LEAD

**SOLOIST: OLIVIA CRAIGIE** 

#### DUSK

Alyssa Liddell
Blythe Little
Charlotte Wellings
Elodie Dawson
Grace McConaghy
Jennalee Briedé
Lily Mason
Olivia Taddei
Poppy Bousfield
Portia Smillie
Rhiannon Kay
Shayaana Shah-Carvey

Susanna Von Perger

#### MIST

Thomas Cole

Aasha Weerasooriya Avianna Neilson Charlotte Rear Charlotte Wellings Eve Martin Georgia New Jaya Negus-Smith Larissa Bishop Luca Farrall Maeve Crawley Makaela Thornton Olivia Craigie Ruby Giovannetti Whitnall Ruth Broadfoot Savannah Obremski Sophie James 7ara Puado

## GREY WOLF Olivia Craigie

OWLS
Aasha Weerasooriya
Amelie Hammond
Astrid Knights
Avianna Neilson
Darcy Fisher
Makaela Thornton
Mia Foley
Olivia Lambert
Poppy Leather

#### **BATS**

Abbey Endersby Alyssa Liddell Chloe Rear Dahlia Watters Eve Martin Georgia New Laura Gordon Lexie Winston Lily Mason Olivia Adams Olivia Craigie Poppy Bousfield Rhiannon Kay Ruth Broadfoot Sophie Di Blasi Sophie Weaver

#### SHOOTING STARS

Aasha Weerasooriya Alexis Slater Annemarie Humphreys Aurora Agresta Darcy Fisher
Eva Ma
Makaela Thornton
Makalia Smith
Mya Winston
Poppy Leather

#### STAR DUST

Carys van Bronswijk Georgia Worley Selena Cummins Sophie Wiese Tayla Garn

#### COMETS

Alexandra Woods Avianna Neilson Charlotte Rear Charlotte Wellings Chloe Lim Flla Di Blasi Heather Wiese Heily Lim Isla Pacecca Jaya Negus-Smith Larissa Bishop Luca Farrall Madeleine Tan Maeve Crawley Maya Hirst Niamh McSweeney Ruby Giovannetti Whitnall Savannah Obremski Sophie James Xingli (Mia) Wang 7ara Puado

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### THROUGH THE NIGHT SKY - CONTINUED

#### **ALIENS**

Allegra Rahim Arlo Michetti Ayla Holden Darcy Fisher Flara-Rose Part

Elara-Rose Partridge Elliott Harris

Eva Ma

Heidi Broadfoot Helena Figueira

Joyce Zhu

Meabh McSweeney

Mia Foley Poppy Leather

Rebeca Figueira Talia Miller

Tiana Muteto

#### METEOR SHOWER

Charlotte Rear
Chloe Lim
Grace McConaghy
Heather Wiese
Luca Farrall
Maeve Crawley
Makalia Smith
Maya Hirst
Niamh McSweeney
Ruby Giovannetti Whitnall
Savannah Obremski
Xingli (Mia) Wang

#### ASTRONAUTS

Abbey Endersby
Chloe Rear
Claire Gordon
Dahlia Watters
Evie Etheridge
Georgia New
Georgia Worley
Laura Gordon
Lexie Winston
Olivia Craigie
Ruth Broadfoot
Selena Cummins
Sophie Weaver
Sophie Wiese
Tayla Garn

#### BLACK HOLE

Aasha Weerasooriya
Alexandra Woods
Annemarie Humphreys
Avianna Neilson
Charlotte Wellings
Darcy Fisher
Ella Di Blasi
Eva Ma
Grace Jeffes
Heily Lim
Isla Pacecca
Jaya Negus-Smith
Larissa Bishop
Madeleine Tan
Makaela Thornton

Meabh McSweeney Molly Sutcliffe Natalia Cichocki Olivia Zhou Patrick Ion Poppy Leather Tiana Muteto Zara Puado

#### ANGELS

Abbey Endersby Alexis Slater Aurora Agresta Claire Gordon Eve Martin Faith Megan Hiew Heather Wiese Katya Alfimova Laura Gordon Lexie Winston Maya Hirst Mya Winston Renata Pintabona Ruby Giovannetti Whitnall Ruth Broadfoot Savannah Obremski Selena Qi Sophie James Sophie Johnson

Sophie Weaver

Sophie Wiese

Tayla Garn

#### **FINALE**

#### INTERMISSION



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## THE NUTCRACKER ACT 1 SCENE 1: THE PARTY

#### LEADS

CLARA: SHAYAANA SHAH-CARVEY

FRITZ: PATRICK ION

NUTCRACKER SOLDIER: THOMAS COLE

DROSSELMEYER: BENJAMIN FRANZEN

SNOW QUEEN: ELODIE DAWSON

RAT KING: FAITH HIEW

**MUM: STEPHANIE FITYAN** 

DAD: ANTHONY WIESE

MAIDS: LUCA FARRALL, TAYLA GARN

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#### CHILDREN

Aasha Weerasooriya Annemarie Humphreys Aurora Agresta Benicio Gratao Franzen Celeste Liu

Celeste Liu
Eva Ma
Fay Lee
Isabella Grace Lieshout

Lila Hadzic Makaela Thornton Makalia Smith

Yukino Sakurai

PARENTS

**Brittany Cumming** 

Danny Fisher
Denisha Sewnun
Edwina Williamson
Holly Langford-Smith
Jay Shields
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Neve Salt-Meharry
Razel Limbaga
Rebecca Bick
Ruwan Weerasooriya

HARLEQUINADE

Georgia New

Swanny Louie

Trisha Pillai

#### DOLL

Olivia Taddei

GIRL SOLDIER DOLL

Blythe Little

#### CHILDREN WITH DOLLS

Aasha Weerasooriya Alisa Gerasimova Augusta Fityan Ayla Holden Darcy Fisher Ira Ojha Lacey Gill Meabh McSweeney

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Molly Sutcliffe

Poppy Leather

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### ACT 1 SCENE 1: THE PARTY - CONTINUED

#### RAT KING

Faith Hiew

#### RATS

Blythe Little Charlotte Rear Dahlia Watters Ella Thompson Evie Etheridge

Georgia New Grace McConaghy

Lily Mason

Maya Hirst Niamh McSweeney Poppy Bousfield Ruth Broadfoot

Shyla Richardson
LEAD SOLDIER

Thomas Cole

#### SOLDIERS

Alicia Stockley Alyssa Liddell Charlotte Wellings Chloe Rear Eve Martin Jennalee Briedé Olethea Harding Olivia Adams Portia Smillie Rhiannon Kay

Sophie Johnson Tayla Garn Xingli (Mia) Wang

## ACT 1 SCENE 2: SNOW

SNOW QUEEN

Elodie Dawson

SNOWFLAKES

FULL TIME PROFESSIONAL

TRAINING PROGRAMME

Alyssa Liddell
Blythe Little
Grace McConaghy

Jennalee Briedé Lily Mason Olivia Taddei Portia Smillie Rhiannon Kay Sophie Di Blasi Susanna Von Perger

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## ACT 2 SCENE 1: KINGDOM OF SWEETS

#### LEADS

SUGAR PLUM FAIRY: SUSANNA VON PERGER

NUTCRACKER PRINCE: THOMAS COLE

WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS LEAD: PORTIA SMILLIE

TURKISH DELIGHT: ALYSSA LIDDELL

LICORICE ALLSORTS SOLOIST: AVIANNA NEILSON

#### SUGAR PLUM

#### ATTENDANTS

Alexandra Woods Avianna Neilson Charletta Wollings

Charlotte Wellings Ella Di Blasi

Freya Burrows

Grace Jeffes

Heily Lim

Helena Figueira Isla Pacecca

Jaya Negus-Smith

Larissa Bishop

Madeleine Tan

Millie McGuckin

Zara Puado

#### SPANISH CHOCOLATE

Alyssa Liddel<mark>l</mark> Blythe <mark>Littl</mark>e

Charlotte Rear

Charlotte Wellings

Chloe Rear

Cushla Kennedy

Elodie Dawson

Eve Martin

Georgia New

Georgia Worley

Grace McConaghy

Jaya Negus-Smith

Jennalee Briedé

Lily Mason

Luca Farrall

Maeve Crawley

Maya Hirst

Niamh McSweeney

Olivia Taddei

Poppy Bousfield

Portia Smillie

Renata Pintabona

Rhiannon Kay

Selena Cummins

Sophie Di Blasi

Tayla Garn

Zara Puado

#### LICORICE ALLSORTS

Aasha Weerasooriya

Alexandra Woods

Annemarie Humphreys

Augusta Fityan

Charlotte Wellings

Darcy Fisher

Ella Di Blasi

Eva Ma

Freya Burrows

Grace Jeffes

Heily Lim

Ira Ojha

Isla Pacecca

Jaya Negus-Smith

Joyce Zhu

Lacey Gill

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#### ACT 2 SCENE 1: KINGDOM OF SWEETS - CONTINUED

## LICORICE ALLSORTS - CONTINUED

Larissa Bishop
Madeleine Tan
Makaela Thornton
Meabh McSweeney
Millie McGuckin
Olivia Zhou
Poppy Leather
Tiana Muteto
Yukino Sakurai

#### TURKISH DELIGHT

Zara Puado

Blythe Little Carys van Bronswijk Chloe Rear Dahlia Watters Ella Scott Elodie Dawson Emilia Kelly Eve Martin Evie Etheridge Georgia New Jennalee Briedé Lily Mason Olivia Craigie Olivia Taddei Poppy Bousfield Portia Smillie

Renata Pintabona

Rhiannon Kay

Sophie Di Blasi Sophie Wiese Tayla Garn

#### CHINESE TEA

Abbey Endersby Charlotte Rear Chloe Lim Dahlia Watters Ella Thompson Evie Etheridge Faith Megan Hiew Heather Wiese Luca Farrall Maeve Crawley Maya Hirst Niamh McSweeney Olethea Harding Renata Pintabona Sophie James Zia Baer

#### RUSSIAN TOFFEE

Aasha Weerasooriya Allegra Rahim Alya Hadi Avianna Neilson Ayla Holden Christopher Bishop Darcy Fisher Elliott Harris Heidi Broadfoot Katie Tenara Angage Larissa Bishop

Madeleine Grayson

Madeleine Tan

Makaela Thornton Mikako Payne Millie Castellanos Poppy Leather Talia Miller

Abbey Endersby

## DANCE OF THE REED FLUTES

Alicia Stockley Charlotte Rear Chloe Lim Chloe Rear Dahlia Watters Eve Martin Faith Megan Hiew Georgia New Heather Wiese Luca Farrall Maeve Crawley Maya Hirst Niamh McSweeney Olethea Harding Olivia Adams Olivia Craigie Ruth Broadfoot Savannah Obremski Sophie Di Blasi Sophie James Sophie Wiese Xingli (Mia) Wang 7ia Baer

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#### PAS DE DEUX

SUGAR PLUM FAIRY

Susanna Von Perger

PRINCE

Thomas Cole

WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS PART TIME PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

Aasha Weerasooriya Allegra Rahim Alya Hadi Arlo Michetti Avianna Neilson Ayla Holden Charlotte Rear Darcy Fisher Elara-Rose Partridge

Ella Di Blasi Elliott Harris

Eva Ma Eve Martin

Evie Etheridge Georgia New

Grace Jeffes Heidi Broadfoot

Isla Pacecca

Jaya Negus-Smith

Larissa Bishop
Luca Farrall
Madeleine Grayson
Maeve Crawley
Makaela Thornton
Maya Hirst
Millie Castellanos
Olivia Craigie
Poppy Leather
Sophie Di Blasi
Talia Miller
Yuyao Livia Li
Zara Puado

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## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTORS

Welcome to The Perth School of Ballet's Senior Concert for 2025.

We are honoured to share with you a performance that reflects both the artistry and the evolution of our dancers as they present Through the Night Sky and The Nutcracker. These works - one contemporary, imaginative, and expansive, the other a cherished classical tradition - together celebrate the depth, versatility, and expressive power our senior students have cultivated over many years of dedication to their craft.

This year has held moments of both challenge and reflection for our community. As many of you know, one of our directors, Simone, has navigated profound personal loss with the passing of her husband, Brandon. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the compassion, patience, and support shown by our families, students, and staff during this time. Your kindness has been a steady light, reminding us of the strength, empathy, and genuine care that define our PSB family.

Our senior dancers have approached this concert with maturity, resilience, and remarkable artistic spirit. Whether exploring the mysteries and poetry of the night sky or stepping into the timeless world of The Nutcracker, they have embraced each rehearsal with intention and a deep love of dance. Watching them grow into confident young artists — many preparing to extend their steps beyond the studio — has been a privilege and a joy.

We are endlessly grateful to our devoted teachers and staff for their passion, guidance, and unwavering commitment to nurturing both the technical and personal growth of every dancer. And to our families: thank you for the trust, encouragement, and partnership you bring to our school year after year.

We hope the performance moves you, inspires you, and allows you to experience the same sense of wonder, imagination, and celebration that our dancers have poured into their work. May it remind us all that, even through seasons of challenge or change, the arts continue to offer connection, beauty, and hope.

With love and gratitude,

Janine Ban, Simone Jackson-Pike & Janine Lindsay

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#### DIRECTORS

JANINE BAN

SIMONE JACKSON-PIKE

JANINE LINDSAY

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JO WHITE KAREN IMGRUND

KATHRYN HARRIS

KAYLA BOWYER

MAY GREENBERG

MEG PARRY

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ALYSSA LIDDELL BETHANY STOPHER CHARLOTTE WELLINGS CHLOE REAR

ELODIE DAWSON EVE MARTIN

GEORGIA WORLEY JENNALEE BRIEDÉ OLIVIA ADAMS OLIVIA CRAIGIE POPPY BOUSFIELD PORTIA SMILLIE

RHIANNON KAY RUTH BROADFOOT SOPHIE WIESE TAYLA GARN

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NICOLE MURRAY

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RECEPTIONISTS

ISABEL CAMPIONE, MONIQUE HURT, NELWYN MACNULTY, BETH DOWNING

AND OUR WONDERFUL PATRON

BONNY PARKER

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