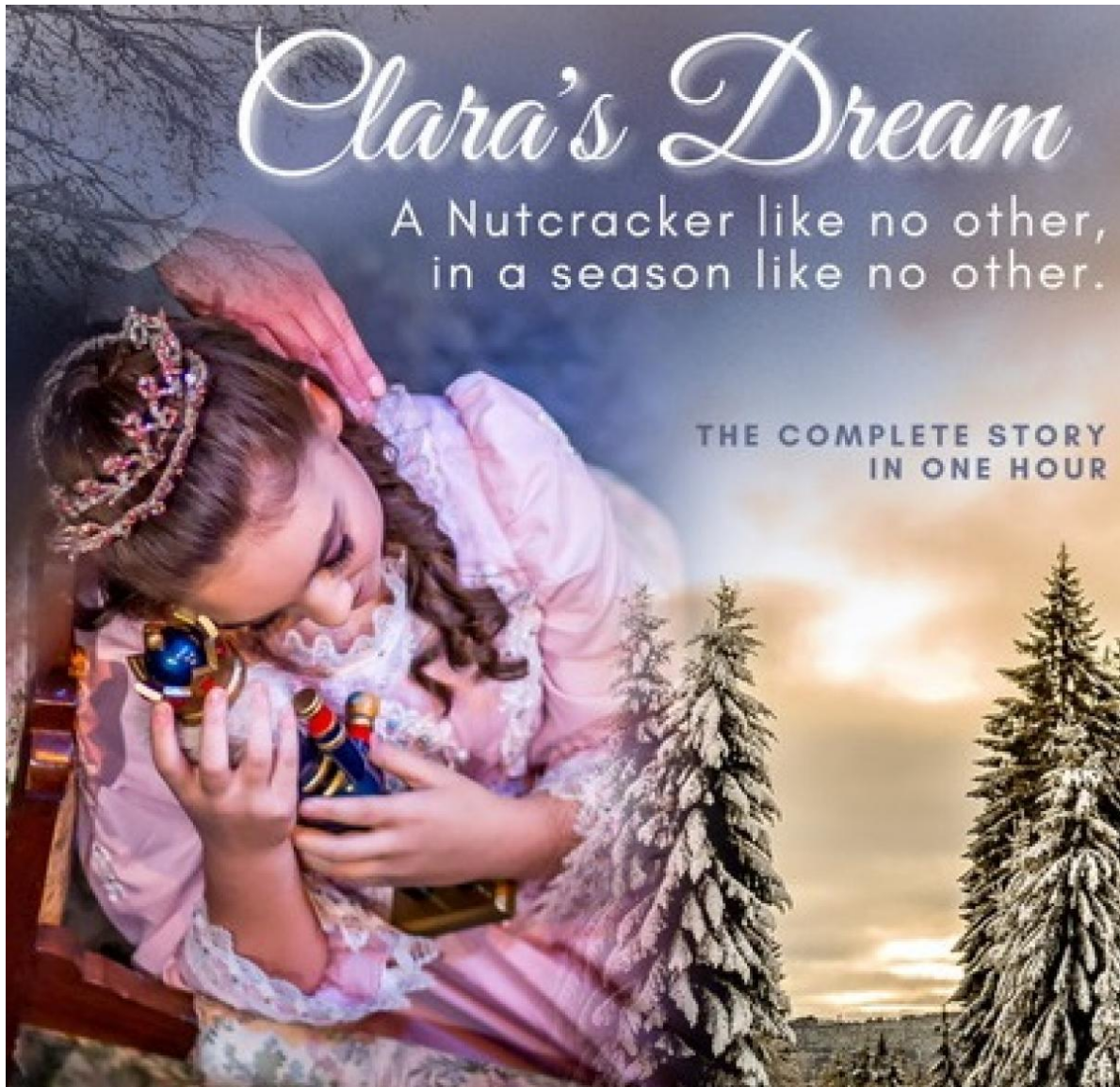


JUDITH SVALANDER DANCE THEATRE

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Judith Svalander (Director and Choreographer for *The Nutcracker*)

A former professional dancer, Mrs. Svalander danced for 10 years in the United States and Northern Europe before returning home to open Judith Svalander School of Ballet. She has danced in – or directed – *The Nutcracker* almost annually since the 1960's. Mrs. Svalander, once again, eagerly looks forward to sharing these performances with you at the Woodstock Opera House. She is grateful for the support of the school, the cast, the community and the Woodstock Opera House. May the spirit fulfill you and may your holidays bring peace. (Full bio available online)



Julie Fiore-Hirsch (Assistant Director for JSSB)

Mrs. Hirsch has taught at JSSB for over 20 years and assists Mrs. Svalander throughout the year with the school's various rehearsals and performances. She has also choreographed classical ballet, contemporary pointe and character pieces for JSDT for over 20 years. Her choreography has been featured in Dance Chicago, Best of Dance Chicago and Winter Festival of Dance. A JSSB alumna, she trained directly and extensively under Judith Svalander while also enjoying a variety of accomplished guest teachers throughout the years such as Marek Cholewa, Rosanna Ruffo Cholewa and Edward Villella. Later, she furthered her ballet training at Milwaukee Ballet and was selected to join their trainee program. While there, she worked with Susan Clark and Basil Thompson, among others. In tandem, she earned her Associate of Science degree while extending her professional training under some of Chicago's finest such as the Ruth Page Foundation, Lou Conte Dance Studio and River North Dance. Other specific influencers include Roger Turner, Linda Spriggs, Greg Begley, and Larry Long. She has also enjoyed guest teaching engagements throughout the Chicagoland area.



Chesney Murphy (Faculty)

A JSSB graduate, Ms. Murphy has a B.A. in dance from Columbia College Chicago with a concentration in Performance and Choreography. She had the privilege of working with some of the country's most well-known choreographers and companies before changing her focus to teaching and choreography. She has taught throughout the Chicagoland area at both the recreational and pre-professional level in all styles and genres in addition to creating programming and curriculum for recreational dance programs for children and adults, specifically for early childhood dance. Her choreography has been featured in dozens of high school and pre-professional musicals, and she continues to be involved with local community theater projects as time allows. She is also the Lead Teacher at Pure Barre Lakeview, a barre fitness studio in Chicago.



Laura Bobowski (Creative Dance Director, Mother Ginger) Ms. Bobowski has a Master's Degree in early childhood education, has retired from teaching the children at SEDOM and is widely known for the wonderful dance programs she has produced for these children. Ms. Bobowski has been teaching at JSSB nearly 30 years, and her Creative Dance program stands alone as the premiere training for 4-6 year olds. She continues to perform with the Judith Svalander Dance Theatre; most recently as the Stepmother in *Cinderella*.

Rick Amundsen (Lighting Designer) A veteran lighting designer for the Woodstock Opera House's resident companies, Rick has designed for operas, ballets and musical theatre. He has set lighting for over 65 shows for JSDT. Judith Svalander Dance Theatre is honored and grateful to have him as designer and technical advisor.

Cathy Olson (Stage Manager) As a mother of two JSSB alumni, Cathy has been an integral part of The Nutcracker since the early 90's. As stage manager, she runs the performance while coordinating and calling cues for all her lighting, sound, and stage crew. We are grateful to have her as she nears the 30-year mark with JSDT.

Alex Vucha (Technical Director, JSSB Administrative Coordinator) Alex has worked for JSSB and JSDT, in numerous capacities, for over ten years. He is currently the Technical Director for the Judith Svalander Dance Theatre overseeing all operations before, during, and after the performances.

Cassady Wille (JSSB Office Manager) A former student of JSSB, graduated with a BA in Theater from Columbia College Chicago with a concentration in Acting. Cassady managed Motion Unlimited Dancewear, in Chicago, and is an expert at fitting pointe shoes for students and professionals. She has danced for over 20 years and would be happy to help with any questions about the school or even your dancer's pointe shoes!

CLARA'S DREAM

Act I/Scene I Clara's Bedroom

	Cast I	Cast II
Herr Drosselmeyer	Peter Heinz	Peter Heinz
The Fairy of Christmas	Ella Weyland	Lindsay Cone
Fritz	Kayden Petrik	William Chamberlin
Clara	Arianna Hogue	Maja Tryba
Ballerina Doll	Mary Jost	Anita Wierer
Marionette Double Doll	Helena Kucera	Morgan Maglente
Mouse King	Kenny Bieschke	Kenny Bieschke
Nutcracker Prince	Daniel Lossev	Daniel Lossev

Act I/Scene II Land of Snow

	Cast I	Cast II
Sugar Plum Fairy	Morgan Maglente	Pernille Gast
Snow Fairies	Olivia Eisch	Matilda Durcan
	Kaitlyn Erickson	Arianna Hogue
	Kathleen Mailey	Addison Schurter
	Lauren Ritter	Lauryn Tyndall
Snow Queen	Kathryn Rowley	Mara Garbanzos
Snowflakes	Isabella Ariston	Lindsay Cone
	Mary Jost	Lillia Kaye
	Kassandra Nestle	Helena Kucera
	Stephanie Schaefer	Kassandra Nestle
	Ella Weyland	Emily Quinton
	Natalie Yassick	Anita Wierer

Act I/Scene III Dream Interlude

	Cast I	Cast II
The Fairy of Christmas	Ella Weyland	Lindsay Cone
Herr Drosselmeyer	Peter Heinz	Peter Heinz
Fritz	Kayden Petrik	William Chamberlin
Dream Clara	Olivia Eisch	Matilda Durcan

Act II Land of Sweets

	Cast I	Cast II
The Fairy of Christmas	Ella Weyland	Lindsay Cone
Sugar Plum Fairy	Morgan Maglente	Pernille Gast
Snow Queen	Kathryn Rowley	Mara Garbanzos
Christmas Court Ballerinas	Arianna Amador Isabella Amador Elizabeth Jost Kaitlyn Lyons	Morgan Barry Isla Browne Delaineey Shasteen Aria Shirazi Sophia Trujillo
Spanish Chocolate Ballerina	Natalie Yassick	Lillia Kaye
Spanish Chocolate Cavalier	Kenny Bieschke	Kenny Bieschke
Chinese Tea Lantern Dancers	Annabella Getty Samantha Lowrey Molly Mueller Grace Gannon	Keira Kozlowski Gemma Del Vecchio Erin Gitchell Katie Losseva
Chinese Tea Ballerina	Pernille Gast	Kathryn Rowley
Marzipan Ribbon Candy	Arianna Hogue Morgan Maglente Kathryn Rowley	Mara Garbanzos Pernille Gast Maja Tryba
Russian Nougat Ballerina	Claire Hogan	Claire Hogan
Russian Nougat Cavalier	Kenny Bieschke	Kenny Bieschke
Mother Ginger	Laura Bobowski	Laura Bobowski
Gingerbread Ballerina	Stephanie Schaefer	Emily Quinton
Miniature Clara	Marlo Neilson	Ava Hirsch
Fritz	Kayden Petrik	William Chamberlin
Candy Cane Ballerina	Isabella Ariston	Natalie Yassick
Sugar Plum Fairy	Morgan Maglente	Pernille Gast
Arabian Coffee Ballerina	Mara Garbanzos	Morgan Maglente
Rose Queen	Kassandra Nestle	Helena Kucera
Tiger Lilies	Mary Jost Natalie Yassick	Lillia Kaye Anita Wierer
Irises	Olivia Eisch Kaitlyn Erickson Kathleen Mailey Lauren Ritter	Matilda Durcan Arianna Hogue Addison Schurter Lauryn Tyndall
Chrysanthemums	Emme Gannon Megan Harrison	Savannah Davila Caroline Fetzner

**A very special THANK YOU to our guest Peter Heinz
and THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers!**