



# The Nutcracker

## FAST FACTS

### Goh Ballet's *The Nutcracker*

*The Nutcracker*, presented annually by prestigious local dance organization Goh Ballet, has become a well-loved holiday tradition in Vancouver. This year's breathtaking performance takes place from December 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Centre (777 Homer Street). Here's what you should know before you go:

- 2015 marks *The Nutcracker's* seventh year showing in Vancouver. Since premiering in 2009, the production of this masterpiece has given tens of thousands of audience members the opportunity to be swept away by this world-famous Christmas story.
- Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* follows the unforgettable journey of Clara and her beloved Nutcracker as they battle the evil Mouse King and his army of mischievous mice. Audiences will be swept up in the worlds of the Snow, travel through the Lemonade Sea, and arrive at the Kingdom of the Sugar Plum Fairy. Since debuting in 1892, *The Nutcracker* has become one of the world's most recognized ballets.
- *The Nutcracker* will bring together a cast of more than 200 performers, including local and international ballet dancers, rising ballet stars, choirs, gymnasts, ballroom dancers, and even a drag queen.
- Throughout its seven years, Goh Ballet's *The Nutcracker* has featured renowned dancers from around the world. This year's production welcomes guest stars from the **San Francisco Ballet** and the **Pacific Northwest Ballet**, while past years have featured dancers from the American Ballet Theatre, the New York City Ballet, the Royal Danish Ballet, and many more.
- The legendary Anna-Marie Holmes is the choreographer for Goh Ballet's *The Nutcracker* since its inception. Born in Mission, BC, Holmes was the first ever North American ballerina to dance with the Kirov ballet in St. Petersburg, one of the greatest ballet companies of all time. As a choreographer, she has produced pieces around the world, including in New York, Tokyo, and London.
- Since its beginning, *The Nutcracker* production has also featured lighting design by Canadian Pierre Lavoie and, each year is pleased to present live music by the Vancouver Opera Orchestra.
- Esteemed Ballerina Chan Hon Goh serves as Executive Producer of *The Nutcracker*. After a 20-year career as a principal dancer with the National Ballet of Canada, hundreds of international performances, and multiple awards, Goh chose to return to her home community of Vancouver and her first project was producing Goh Ballet's *The Nutcracker*, a world-class production that Vancouver can be proud to call its own.

#### About Goh Ballet:

Since 1978, Vancouver, Canada has been home to the Goh Ballet, a vibrant, innovative and diverse dance organization. Under the direction of Chan Hon Goh since 2010, the organization is following the vision of its founders while expanding on current artistic aspirations. The Goh Ballet pursues technical and artistic excellence while raising cultural awareness in our communities through performance productions. The Goh Ballet is synonymous with excellence, training talent and fostering the presentation of classical ballet. It provides extraordinary opportunities for dancers to reach their full potential, while contributing to the artistic well being of our city and country. The Goh Ballet is always at the forefront of

the arts community and has toured around the world, including the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, France and the U.S.A.

For more information on the Goh Ballet's The Nutcracker, please visit: [www.gohnutcracker.com](http://www.gohnutcracker.com)

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