

Great Holiday Classic for the Whole Family

RIO GRANDE VALLEY BALLET

Live
Orchestra



The Nutcracker



2025 ★ 53rd ANNIVERSARY

DEBORAH CASE, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Live Orchestra with Conductor Dr. Norman Gamboa

Saturday, December 13 | Sunday, December 14 | 3:00pm |

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Welcome to our show!

DEBORAH CASE brings a lifetime of dance to each class offered at the Dance Academy. Her training began at age 3 in Texarkana, Texas. After high school, she attended TCU where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education and a minor in dance. As a professional, she led numerous workshops, auditions, and set The Nutcracker for dance companies across the state.

Through a personal invitation from Irina Vakhromeeva, Deborah and her husband, Jimmy Kryzak, traveled to Moscow with 6 of her students to study at the famous Bolshoi Ballet Academy. Through the Bolshoi Ballet Academy's teacher training program, Deborah received an official ballet certificate from the Russian government.

Rio Grande Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has awarded Deborah as "Most Distinguished Woman in Arts and Entertainment." McAllen Chamber of Commerce honored the dance academy as "Top Five Business" of the year; and The Monitor acknowledged her with "People's Choice Award." McAllen Chamber Of Commerce awarded her as "McAllen's Legendary Woman." She currently serves on McAllen

Performing Arts Center Advisory Board. She also serves as Lay Eucharist Minister and lector at St John's Episcopal Church.

JIMMY KRYZAK serves as Manager of DCDA, and is the official photographer for the studio and Rio Grande Valley Ballet. He is the recipient of "People's Choice" award in photography. He was the top salesman for several year's with Life Fitness.

Together, Jimmy and Deborah enjoy traveling on expeditions, and spending time with their amazing 6 grandchildren.



RGV Ballet Orchestra

VIOLIN

Cristian Contreras,
concertmaster

Leah Loera
Alvaro Martinez
Rafael Ramirez
Ramiro Raya
Andrew Trevino
Isaac Vargas

VIOLA

Jacob Robledo
Jose Salinas

VIOLONCELLO

Sebastian Garcia
Marco Vasquez

DOUBLE BASS

Claudia Arroyave

FLUTE/PICCOLO

Joshua Posler
Cassandra Sanchez

OBOE/ENGLISH HORN

Lorena Coronado
Carlos Cantu

CLARINET/BASS CLARINET

Dr. Melissa Vaughan
Alejandro Moreno

BASSOON

Ying-Ching Jeter

HORN

Daniel Garza
Brittany Cruz

TRUMPET

Dr. Alex Sanso
Victor Fortuna

TROMBONE

Alejandro Salinas

TIMPANI/PERCUSSION

Ron Schermerhorn
Dr. Francis Favis
Adam Reyna

KEYBOARD

Dwight Reeves



Dr. Norman Gamboa

Music Director/Conductor
The University of Texas
Rio Grande Valley
Rio Grande Youth Orchestra



Cecilia Molina

Soloist

With a background in operatic vocal performance, Cecy has performed principal roles in Italy and concert performances in England and Mexico. Aside from teaching and performing, Cecilia actively serves her community in her role at the

McAllen Palm awards as well as lending her personal ambiance as a singer and pianist in community organizations like the RGVs professional choir, Passion, churches and local businesses."



Mia Lopez

Soloist

Mia Lopez [cantor in snowflake duet] is making her debut today in The Nutcracker. Mia is excited to be part of this production at The McAllen Performing Arts Center. A Junior at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, her credits include Ride the Cyclone (Jane doe) and Tales of Hoffmann (ensemble) with the UTRGV theatre and music program. She wishes to thank the Lord, her family, friends, and all of those who partake in tonight's event.



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The Nutcracker

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The Nutcracker

HISTORY

*I*t's Christmas Eve and Mayor Stahlbaum and his wife prepare for their annual Christmas party. Excited guests make their way to the mayor's house as the children enjoy the snow and chill outside the city.

Inside the Stahlbaum's house, Clara and Fritz are impatiently waiting to be allowed into the parlor where their parents entertain guests-and where presents are waiting. Their godfather, Uncle Drosselmeyer, attends the party each year, and always brings surprises!

Uncle Drosselmeyer is an eccentric doll maker. He is always inventing new mechanical toys and has prepared a special treat for this year's party. First he demonstrates his newest mechanical dolls: A Boy Doll, a Dancing Girl Doll, and a brave looking Soldier Doll. Finally, he presents his godchildren with a doll made for cracking mounds of traditional Christmas nuts, The Nutcracker. The children are thoroughly delighted by this wooden soldier until Fritz, cheered on by his mischievous friends, breaks the toy. Clara is devastated, but Uncle Drosselmeyer repairs the lovely Nutcracker and leaves it to Clara's care. Clara returns to the ballroom to see that the new Nutcracker toy is still safe. As the clock's bell

pronounces midnight, strange things begin to happen: hungry mice are closing in, walls disappear, her bed is moving through the house-the Christmas tree is growing in the parlor-and so is she! Clara is frightened by the mice, and runs to protect the Nutcracker doll, but discovers the Nutcracker is growing, too. The Nutcracker calls upon Fritz's toy soldiers, now also grown, to battle the mice. Clara helps the Nutcracker defeat the mice and the wicked Mouse King.

The Nutcracker has been liberated through her courageous defeat of the Mouse King and turned into a Prince. He takes her away to his kingdom, surrounded by the dancing snowflakes and led by their Snow King and his Queen. After a long voyage, Clara and the Nutcracker Prince arrive at the gates of the Kingdom of Sweets, greeted by angels.

The Sugar Plum Fairy then summons countless representatives of different nations, representing a wide range of sweet and delicious delicacies. After the festivities of the sweets and dancing, the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier perform virtuoso dances in Clara's honor. Listen for the special sound of the celesta, a new instrument for which this is the first known piece composed.

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Diego Posadas

Congratulations, Son! Your hard work shows...wishing you continued success. Love, Mom, Dad and Sofia





Alexa Lopez
Sugar Plum Fairy 2025

Congratulations on your last Nutcracker, we are so proud of you!





Tiffany Alanna Mirabal

Snow Queen 2025. Congratulations on your 10th and last Nutcracker! We have cherished every moment of your dance journey. We are so proud of the beautiful dancer and amazing young woman you have become. Love, your Family



Kiran Abrigo

From a mouse to Sugar Plum Fairy, It has been a beautiful journey. We love you!



Miguel Villa

What a joy it's been to watch you dance and grow over the past 8 years - our forever Prince! Love and prayers from your Villa-Lepe family



Michelle Garcia Barrera
We will always support you pursuing your dreams.
We love you! Mom, Dad & Ivy



Meredith Culberson
We are so proud of you!
Love, Dad, Mom, DC & Georgie



Salma Prieto Arangüena
Always proud of you,
Mama, Papa, Helena, Mamanina and Mikel



Aby Pozos
Thankful for the way God made you.
Watching you dancing is a joy. Love you!





Vivian Villarreal

Believe in yourself as much as we believe in you!
You are the love and joy in our life! Love, Dad, Mom & Christian





Kennedy Castillo, Joy Wells, Lyn Jimenez



New roles with great friends



Maid to dance





Grace Nieto & Diego Posadas
Snow Queen and Snow King 2025



Grace Nieto
"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." –Picasso
Congratulations to our Snow Queen



Emma Garcia
We are so proud of you beautiful ballerina!
Love, Mom & Dad



Lauren A. Regalado
A dream come true! We are so proud of you!
Mom, Dad, Sister. Nutcracker #7





Miranda Gonzalez

Arabian Princess 2025

Congratulations on your 10th Nutcracker. Love and Blessings Always. Dad, Mom and Mia



Elena & Olivia Martinez

Our two favorite girls, beautiful inside and out! Love, Mami, Papi, Israelito & Emiliano





Stella & Sophia Silva
Wishing the most magical time on stage!
Love, Mom, Dad & Elian



Lila Stromberg
Keep dancing sweet girl! We love you!





Evangelina Alanis

From watching in my arms to little mouse on stage! Love, Mom & Dad



Gianna Fernandez

We are so proud of you, and we love to see you have fun.
Love, Mom, Dad and Brothers





Anna Lynn Schach

Congratulations on your 2nd Nutcracker recital! We love you and are so proud of you.



Camila Rose Garza

Congratulations on your first Nutcracker performance! We are so proud of you!





Victoria Luna

You make us proud! Keep doing hard things and being kind!
Good Bless You!



Gabriela Reyes

Dance with your heart, wishing you a beautiful performance.
Love, your Family



Julianna, Isabella & Monica Sustaita

Congratulations on your 12th year and 7th year in the Nutcracker! Love, Mom & Dad





Mia Cruz

I'm very proud. We love you! Mom & Dad



Sierra Kuha

May Allah Bless you with faith, wisdom, compassion
& light, guiding your steps always



Veronica Villarreal

Through hard work and dedication, dreams do come true.
We love you.



Fiorelle Mego





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ACT I SCENE I, CHRISTMAS EVE, CLARA'S HOUSE

The Burgermeister, Dr. Stahlbaum
Mrs. Stahlbaum
Their daughter, Clara
Their son, Fritz

Saturday WILLIAM KAUFFMANN
Saturday Victoria Luna
Saturday Emma Garcia
Saturday Holly Kate Frisby

Sunday WILLIAM KAUFFMANN
Sunday Isabella Sustaita
Sunday Lauren Regalado
Sunday Catalina Alonzo

THE PARTY GUESTS:

PARENTS

Ladies Karina De Leon, Bertha Garcia, Cynthia Lopez, Ana Loyola, Brenda Ragusin, Sonya Saenz, Monica Sustaita, Erin Tovar

Gentlemen Martin Carrizales, Alessandro De Leon, Diego Guerrero, Victoria Luna, Lucia Medrano, Diego Posadas, Isabella Sustaita, Isabella Zamora, Miguel Villa

CHILDREN'S MARCH

Party Girls

Saturday Evangelina Alanis, Raven Barrera, Isabella Camacho, Olivia Cuevas, Camila Gonzalez, Juliet Moore, Katie Rae Gonzalez, Victoria Gonzalez, Elena Martinez, Olivia Martinez, Roslyn Mata, Veila Nguyen, Gianna Peña, Chloe Sheen, Emma Vallejo, Eloisa Vera

Sunday Lexi Arevalo, Arabella Cantu, Evangelina Caverly, Amairani DeLeo, Ella Garza, Andrea Gaytan, Olivia Godinez, Erin Gonzalez, Camila Lee Hernandez, Valentina Lara, Natalia Rodriguez, Isabella Osuna, Rebecca Rios, Sophia Silva, Alina Tovar, Emma Velazquez

Party Boys

Saturday Dante Barrera, Zoe De Leon, Allyson Garza, Jacqueline Martinez, Gabriella Mirelez, Yexalen Olivarez, Isabella Requenez, Alexandra Sandoval, Anna Lynn Schach, Vivian Villarreal

Sunday Ana Borbolla, Angelique Becho, Olivier De Leon, Kora Rodriguez, Lila Stromberg, Layla Trevino, Nina Vestweber, Jenessa Ybarra, Kiara Zapata

Maids Kennedy Castillo, Lyn Jimenez, Joy Wells

Drosselmeyer MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ

CLOCKWORK TOYS:

Saturday **Boy Doll** Miranda Robles
Girl Doll Aleyna Chavez
Soldier Doll Mia Sofia Cruz
Sunday **Boy Doll** Gabriela Reyes
Girl Doll Natalie Rodriguez
Soldier Doll Mia Sofia Cruz

NUTCRACKER PRINCE

Saturday Miguel Villa

Sunday Miguel Villa

Mouse King Ramona Ruiz

Small Mice

Saturday Evangelina Alanis, Dante Barrera, Raven Barrera, Isabella Camacho, Olivia Cuevas, Camila Gonzalez, Juliet Moore, Katie Rae Gonzalez, Victoria Gonzalez, Elena Martinez, Olivia Martinez, Roslyn Mata, Veila Nguyen, Gianna Pena, Chloe Sheen, Emma Vallejo, Eloisa Vera

Sunday Lexi Arevalo, Arabella Cantu, Evangelina Caverly, Amairani DeLeo, Ella Garza, Andrea Gaytan, Olivia Godinez, Erin Gonzalez, Camila Lee Hernandez, Valentina Lara, Natalia Rodriguez, Isabella Osuna, Rebecca Rios, Sophia Silva, Alina Tovar, Emma Velazquez

Large Mice atelyn Avila, Alessandro De Leon, Gianna Hinojosa, Natalie Martinez, Lucia Medrano, Natalie Ruelas, Julianna Sustaita, Grace Vasso

Toy Soldiers

Saturday Olivier De Leon, Zoe De Leon, Allyson Garza, Jacqueline Martinez, Gabriella Mirelez, Yexalen Olivarez, Isabella Requenez, Alexandra Sandoval, Anna Lynn Schach, Vivian Villarreal

Sunday Ana Borbolla, Angelique Becho, Olivier De Leon, Zoe De Leon, Kora Rodriguez, Lila Stromberg, Layla Trevino, Nina Vestweber, Jenessa Ybarra, Kiara Zapata

CLARA

Saturday Norma Banda

Sunday Salma Prieto

SCENE II: AN ENCHANTED FOREST, LAND OF SNOW

SNOW QUEEN

Saturday Tiffany Mirabal

Sunday Grace Nieto

SNOW KING

Saturday MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ

Sunday Diego Posadas



Snowflakes

Saturday Kiran Abrigo, Michelle Barrera, Meredith Culberson, Mia Sofia Cruz, Leliani Garza, Miranda Gonzalez, Sierra Kuha, Alexa Lopez, Victoria Luna, Fiorelle Mego, Grace Nieto, Aby Pozos, Salma Prieto, Gabriela Reyes, Stella Silva, Isabella Sustaita, Veronica Villarreal, Isabella Zamora

Sunday Kiran Abrigo, Norma Banda, Michelle Barrera, Meredith Culberson, Mia Sofia Cruz, Leliani Garza, Miranda Gonzalez, Sierra Kuha, Alexa Lopez, Victoria Luna, Fiorelle Mego, Tiffany Mirabal, Aby Pozos, Gabriela Reyes, Stella Silva, Isabella Sustaita, Veronica Villarreal, Isabella Zamora

15 Minutes Intermission

ACT II SCENE I, JOURNEY THROUGH THE NIGHT

Angels Isabella Alaniz, Josephina Boudreau, Olivia Chavez, Margot Crain, Gianna Fernandez, Emma Fitch, Camila Garza, Olivia Godinez, Valeria Gonzalez, Delilah Hernandez, Camila Perez, Julianne Regalado, Lexi Schell, Alyson Vasquez, Emma Vestweber, June Zamora

Sleigh Escort Alessandro De Leon, Olivier De Leon

SCENE II, THE CANDY CASTLE, THE LAND OF SWEETS

SUGAR PLUM FAIRY

Saturday Kiran Abrigo **Sunday** Alexa Lopez

HER CAVALIER

Saturday Diego Posadas **Sunday** MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ

Heralds Olivia Chavez, Olivia Godinez, Delilah Hernandez, Lexi Schell, Alina Tovar, Isabella Alaniz

Hot Chocolate (Spanish)

Saturday Michelle Barrera with Katelyn Avila, Natalie Martinez, Natalie Rodriguez, Julianna Sustaita, Grace Vasso, Isabella Zamora

Sunday Veronica Villarreal with Katelyn Avila, Natalie Martinez, Natalie Rodriguez, Julianna Sustaita, Grace Vasso, Isabella Zamora

Coffee (Arabian) Miranda Gonzalez with WILLIAM KAUFFMANN

Tea (Chinese)

Saturday Aleyna Chavez, Holly Kate Frisby, Allyson Garza, Emma Garcia, Jacqueline Martinez, Gabriella Mirelez, Yexalen Olivarez, Isabella Requenez, Miranda Robles, Alexandra Sandoval, Anna Lynn Schach, Vivian Villarreal

Sunday Catalina Alonzo, Ana Borbolla, Angelique Becho, Zoe De Leon, Lauren Regalado, Kora Rodriguez, Lila Stromberg, Layla Trevino, Nina Vestweber, Jenessa Ybarra, Kiara Zapata

Trepak (Russian)

Saturday/Sunday Alessandro De Leon, Olivier De Leon, Gianna Hinojosa, Natalie Rueles, Miguel Villa

Mirlitons (Dance of the Reed Flutes)

Saturday Meredith Culberson, Alexa Lopez, Grace Nieto

Sunday Kiran Abrigo, Tiffany Mirabal, Aby Pozos

Mother Ginger and Her Children

Bertha Garcia, or Monica Sustaita with Isabella Alaniz, Josephina Boudreau, Olivia Chavez, Margot Crain, Gianna Fernandez, Emma Fitch, Camila Garza, Valeria Gonzalez, Delilah Hernandez, Camila Perez, Julianne Regalado, Lexi Schell, Alyson Vasquez, Emma Vestweber, June Zamora

WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS

Dew Drop

Saturday Aby Pozos **Sunday** Meredith Culberson

Flowers

Saturday

Michelle Barrera, Mia Sofia Cruz, Leilani Garza, Miranda Gonzalez, Sierra Kuha, Victoria Luna, Fiorelle Mego, Tiffany Mirabal, Salma Prieto, Gabriela Reyes, Ramona Ruiz, Stella Silva, Isabella Sustaita, Veronica Villarreal

Sunday

Norma Banda, Michelle Barrera, Mia Sofia Cruz, Leilani Garza, Miranda Gonzalez, Sierra Kuha, Victoria Luna, Fiorelle Mego, Grace Nieto, Gabriela Reyes, Ramona Ruiz, Stella Silva, Isabella Sustaita, Veronica Villarreal

SUGAR PLUM FAIRY

Saturday Kiran Abrigo **Sunday** Alexa Lopez

HER CAVALIER

Saturday Diego Posadas **Sunday** MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ

Apotheosis The Entire Company

Crew: Rick Gray, Matt Kauffmann, Ed Povlish

Costumes: 10th Street Dancewear, Rosie Coronado, Katie Rodriguez, Cielo Soto

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Rehearsal assistants: Kayla Abbott, Victoria Barrera, Katie Rodriguez, Michael Rodriguez, Cielo Soto

Choreographers: Victoria Barrera, Katie Rodriguez, Michael Rodriguez, Deborah Case

NO PHOTOGRAPHY OR VIDEOTAPING ALLOWED DURING THE SHOW!





Camila Perez

We're so proud of your grace and strength-our beautiful ballerina.
Love, Mamá, Papá, Yarid



Miranda Robles

Each dance you perform is your dream come true.
Love always, Papi & Mami



Ramona Riuz

Congratulations, Romi! We're so proud of your hard work
and dedication. Love, Mom, Dad & Matthew



Jacqueline Martinez

May our Lord continue to bless you on stage.
Love, Mom, Grandma and Grandpa



Brenda Ragusin



Alexandra Sandoval
We are so proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad



Kiara Zapata
Congratulations on your 5th Nutcracker!
You are so inspiring! We love you! Mom, Papi, Aria



Emma E. Vallejo
Congratulations on your 1st Nutcracker!
Keep dancing, keep smiling! Love you, Dad, Mom, Diego & Jorge





Allyson N. Garza

We are so proud of you! Dance with all of your heart.
Love, Mom & Dad



Julianne Athena Regalado

Congratulations on your first Nutcracker! We love you
and are so proud. Love, Mom & Dad



Arabella Cantu

We love watching you dance. You make us so proud everyday!
Love, Mom & Dad



Gianna Fey Peña

We love you more than words can express!
Love, Mom & Dad





Amairani DeLeo
Shine bright on stage, my princess.
We are so proud of you—dance with joy!



Nina Isabella & Emma Elise Vestweber
Congratulations on your 4th & 2nd Nutcracker!
We love you girls so very much!



Josephina Bourdreau



Alina and Erin Tovar
Sharing the stage, a nutcracker dream come true.





Victoria Gonzalez
Dance with passion, believe on your shine*,
we love you infinitely. Mom, Dad and Hillel



Eloisa Limon Vera
Keep on shining baby girl!
Love, Mom, Dad & Sisters



Natalia Rodriguez
Congratulations on your 4th Nutcracker!
We are all so proud of you! Love, your Family



Emma Gabriela Fitch
Congratulations on your first Nutcracker performance.
Te amamos! Mama, Papa & Pablo





Layla Grace Treviño
Your beauty and grace shine on stage, you make
an amazing ballerina. Love, Mom & Dad



Chloe Lucy Seah Sheen
Your love for music and dance shines brightly,
making every performance truly magical!



Isabella Kate Requenez
Our hearts rejoice watching you dance, cherish this
magical moment! Love, Mom, Dad, Noah and Emma



Eva Caverly
So proud of you! Love, Mom





Valentina I. Lara

We love you mama and we are proud of you!
Love always, Mama & Papa



Ana Borbolla

We are very proud of you, shine and dance with your heart.



Katelyn J. Avila

We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad



Isabella Grace Alaniz

Enjoy your second Nutcracker! We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad & Olivia





Grace Vasso

Wonderful daughter of God, you make the world smile!
We love you so much!



Leilani Garza

We're so proud of you!
Keep dancing and keep shining.



Veila Nguyen

We are so proud of you darling!
We love you so much love bug.



Holly Kate Frisby

Beautiful, sweet, talented girl. We adore you so.
We're so thankful you're our strawberry girl.





Olivia Renae Godinez

You light up that stage Olivia!
We love you! Mom, Dad, Gianna & Elijah



Alyson Vasquez

Dance with joy for God is with you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Andrew & Henry



Jenessa Ybarra

Good luck on your first Nutcracker.
Love, Mom, Sis, Grandpa & Grandma O



Lucia Medrano

We're endlessly proud, Lucia. May you always
chase your dreams fearlessly. We love you



Natalie E. Martinez
 Congratulations! We love to see you dance and shine!
 Love, Mom, Dad, Marcos



Gianna Hinojosa
 Congratulations on your 1st Nutcracker!
 You make us proud! Love, Mom, Dad & Gianni



Olivier, Alessandro, Zoe and Karina DeLeon
 My greatest role isn't on stage,
 it's being their Mom in this ballet of life.



Isabella Osuna
 Your hard work and grace light up the stage!
 We love you, birdie!



Aleyna & Olivia Chavez

What a blessing to see our girls dance with grace & joy.
Love, Mom & Dad



Ella Garza

We are so proud of you, Ella!
Love, Mom, Dad and Urban



Olivia Cuevas

Your dedication and passion inspire us every day!
We love you, Martina, Mom & Dad



Diego Guerrero

"To watch us dance is to hear our hearts speak"
I love you, Mom and Dad





Katie Rae Gonzalez
Congratulations on your 2nd Nutcracker Recital.
We love to see you shine.



Natalie Rodriguez
The hard work you've put into your dancing, really shines through.
Love, Mom and Dad



Catalina Belen Alonzo
Congratulations on another Nutcracker. We are so proud of you!
Love, The Alonzo & Cruz Family



Cynthia Lopez
With lots of love.
Mom, Dad, Yuki and Uncle Julio





Kora Rodriguez

We are so proud of you!

Congratulations on your achievements! Love, all of your Family



Rebecca Rios

Congratulations on your third Nutcracker.

Love, Mom, Dad, Danny



Raven Barrera & Dante Barrera

Congratulations on your 2nd Nutcracker.

We love you and are proud of you both! Mom & Dad



Erin Gonzalez

Erin, your Nutcracker journey shows your dedication and passion.

We are so proud!





Camila Lee Hernandez
 Congratulations on your 3rd Nutcracker performance!
 We are very proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Caleb



Emma Velazquez
 Emma, dance and be happy.
 You are our joy!



Bertha Garcia and Martin Carrizales
 "We're fools whether we dance or not, so we might as well dance."
 -Japanese Proverb



Sidney Zamora & June Zamora
 Congrats on your 6th & 1st Nutcracker girls!
 We love you!! Mom & Dad





Isabella Camacho

We are so proud of you sweetheart!

Dance your heart out-We love you always! Love, Mom & Dad



Andrea Lucía Gaytán

Congratulations on your 1st Nutcracker!

Keep dancing your heart away! We love you! Papi & Mami



Gabriella Mirelez

Psalm 149:3 "Let them praise His name with dancing"



Delilah Hernandez

Your smile shines like the North Star!

Merry Christmas, Delilah! Love, Mom, Dad, Jacob, Ryan





Lexi Schell

Congratulations on your first Nutcracker performance.
Love, Mom and Dad



Lexi Monique Arevalo

"She lights up the stage and our hearts—sweet girl,
forever loved by Mom, Dad and Siblings."



Juliet Moore

We love to watch you shine on stage.
We are so proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad



Camila and Valeria Gonzalez

So proud of your dedication and grace—Shine bright,
our beautiful dancers. Love, Mom and Dad



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RIO GRANDE VALLEY BALLET

Norma Banda



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