The Nutcracker
PYOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY

BALLETT 2011

Eesti Rahvusballett / Estonian National Ballet
Choreography Ben Stevenson
(Texas Ballet Theatre, U.S.A)

FILMED AT Il Teatro La Fenice di Venezia
IN December 18th and 20th, 2012
TV DIRECTOR Stéphane Vérité
RUNNING TIME 1x93’
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ARTISTIC INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION

Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* is one of the best known and most loved pieces of the composer, the music of which has inspired many choreographers to tell the colourful Christmas fairytale of E. T. A. Hoffmann and Alexandre Dumas senior in the language of dance. Ben Stevenson is to this day considered one of the most important shapers of the American ballet art. For almost thirty years, he has been the art director of the Houston Ballet and under his leadership the company has grown into an internationally acknowledged ballet theatre, and from the year 2003 he is the Artistic Director of the Texas Ballet. His stage productions have earned several renowned awards and praise from the critics, and have been staged at Opéra de Paris, Canadian National Ballet, La Scala, Bavarian State Opera, London City Ballet etc.

SYNOPSIS

Herr Stahlbaum and his wife are giving a Christmas party and Clara and Fritz, their children, greet the guests. All the children are given toys by their parents. Suddenly the mysterious Drosselmeyer arrives and entertains the children with his magical tricks and wind-up dolls. Drosselmeyer brings a special gift for Clara, a wooden Nutcracker. During the night, then the clock strikes midnight as the room fills with giant mice and attack Clara. Led by her valiant Nutcracker life-size toy soldiers come to her rescue and Clara wins the battle. Suddenly the Nutcracker is transformed into a handsome prince and drag Clara in wonderful worlds (Land of Snow, Kingdom of Sweets...).

PERFORMERS

Vladislav LANTRATOVOV (The Bolshoi Theatre) ..................... *The Prince*
Galina LAUSH ..................................................................... *Snow Queen*
Alena SHKATULA .................................................................. *Sugar Plum Fairy*
Svetlana DANILOVA .................................................................. *Clara*
Bruno MICCHIARDI ..................................................................... *Fritz*
Victor YELISSEYEYV .......................................................... *Drosselmeyer*
Michele PELLEGRINI .......................................................... *The Nutcracker*

Orchestra del Teatro La Fenice

ARTISTIC STAFF

Music Director Mihhail Gerts
Choreographer Ben Stevenson | Libretto Marius Petipa based on the fairy-tale of E. T. A. Hoffmann and Alexandre Dumas (père) | Designer Tom Boyd (Houston Ballet, USA) | Stage Director Timothy O'Keefe (USA) | Lighting Designer Tiit Urvik

PRODUCTION

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