About the Artists

Valerie Roche, A.R.A.D.A.I.S.T.D., artistic director and choreographer, is Coordinator of Creighton University's dance program and director of the Omaha Academy of Ballet. She has taught dance in Omaha for 37 years and is credited with developing the organization which became "Ballet Omaha", serving as artistic director of that company from 1965 to 1974.

Patrick Roddy, choreographer and Herr Drosselmeyer, has served as choreographer for numerous productions at Creighton, including Bye Bye Birdie, Working and pieces for "A Company of Dancers". In 1984 he was an assistant choreographer to Ron Field for the opening ceremonies of the Summer Olympics. He has toured nationally as a dancer with Mitzi Gaynor and the Broadway show Whoopee! Omaha area dance teachers know his work through annual workshops over the past twenty years.

Analeah Stamps, choreographer, moved to Omaha last year with her husband Brian, a captain in the US Marine Corps, and their daughter Keirman. Her training in ballet is Cecchetti based. Her undergraduate work in ballet, modern dance, jazz, tap, acting, voice and choreography was done at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, where she gained a BFA.

Bill Van Deest, scenic and lighting designer, is the Theatre Coordinator for Creighton University and has been the Theatre Designer for ten years. He has designed, acted and directed at many theatres in the Omaha area. Bill received his M.A. in theatre from the University of South Dakota.

Charles Jurgensmeier, S.J., chorus preparation, came to the Department of Fine and Performing Arts last year as the Director of Choral Activities. He teaches choral music and music history.

Brian Kokensparger is no stranger to either side of the stage, with theatre roles and dance cameos in several Creighton productions. His scriptwriting ventures have led to several local productions, and a one-act festival performance in New York. He currently teaches and provides computer support in the Creighton College of Arts and Sciences.

Mark Krejci, scenic designer and technical director, joined the Department of Fine and Performing Arts last year as Technical Director. He has designed A Few Good Men, Camping with Henry and Tom, The Queen of Bingo and various other shows at the Omaha Community Playhouse. He designed scenery and lights for the October 1998 production of Children of a Lesser God at Creighton.

Wendy Stark has been the costume designer, cutter and shop manager in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts for four years. In 1996 she received her MFA from the University of South Dakota where she was asked to return and be a guest artist in 1996. Her works have been seen at the Omaha Community Playhouse and, for the last three years, at the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival.

Department of Fine & Performing Arts
Dr. Marilyn A. Kielnierz – music – Department Chair
Alan Klem – theatre – Associate Chair, Performing Arts
Michael Flecky, S.J. – photography – Associate Chair, Visual Arts

Theatre
Bill Van Deest – Theatre Coordinator/Scenic Designer
Dr. Bill Hutson – theatre history/acting/directing
Mark Krejci – Technical Director
Michael Markey – Managing Director, Nebraska Shakespeare Festival
Michael J. McCandless – Building Operations Director/Admissions Liaison
Wendy Stark – Costume Designer
Gerald Walling, SJ – acting/playwriting

Music
Dr. Frederick Hanna – instrumental music/music theory – Music Coordinator
Carole Seitz – music theory/music appreciation/class voice
Charles Jurgensmeier, S.J. – choral music/music history

Adjunct Music
Craig Bircher – trumpet
James Compton – bassoon
Kenneth Dreke – saxophone
Ken Kielnierz – euphonium/tuba
Elaine Majors – piano
Cynthia Nichols – clarinet
Margaret Carpenter – violin/viola
Luigi Waieto – percussion
Margaret Wilneth – cello

Dance
Valerie Roche – Dance Coordinator

Adjunct Dance
Patrick Roddy
Analeah Stamps
Patti Zukaitis

Visual Art
Dr. Roger Akin – art history
Littleton Alston – sculpture
G. Ted Boyer, S.J. – art history – Gallery Director/Community Liaison
Bob Bosco – painting
Don Doll, S.J. – photography – Charles & Mary Heider Endowed Visual Faculty Chair (on sabbatical through Spring 2001)
Jerome K Horning – ceramics
John Thein – printmaking

Staff
Robert Caudillo – Promotions Coordinator/Technology Liaison
Elaine Witt – Administrative Assistant

A Company of Dancers presents

The Nutcracker

Nov 18 - 20, 1998 at 7:30 pm
Nov 21, 1998 at 3:00 pm
Main Stage
Lied Education Center for the Arts
24th & Cass Streets on the Creighton University Campus
The Nutcracker
music by Pyotr Ilich Tchaikovsky

The Story
Clara’s parents Councillor and Mrs. Stahlbaum are holding their annual Christmas party. It is a very joyful affair, with lots of dancing and wonderful and exotic foods and candies from all over the world. Herr Drosselmeyer, Clara’s uncle, comes laden with many splendid toys for all of the children and magic tricks to entertain everyone. Clara’s special present is a Nutcracker soldier doll. The party winds up and it’s time for bed, but Clara is so excited that it will be hard to go to sleep! But sleep comes eventually and with it dreams of all of the fascinating sights and sounds she has experienced. But are they dreams, or did it all really happen? It’s for you to decide.

Act One
Dr. Stahlbaum ................................................. Robert Valenta
Mrs. Stahlbaum ............................................... Kate Malloy
The Maid ......................................................... Kara Grimsley
Herr Drosselmeier ............................................. Patrick Roddy
Clara .......................................................... Brianna Brei (11/18, 11/20)
................................................................. Chelsea Luh (11/19, 11/21)
Fritz, Clara’s brother ....................................... David Fisher
Parents .......................................................... Kinsey Englemann & Dan Justin
Hayley Piper & Daniel Young
Angie Wichman & Ricky New顿 Jr.
Party Scene Children
Boys .................................................................... Emily Bobin, Pam Blake,
Mary Howell
Girls ..................................................................... Mackenzie Barnett, Emma Erickson,
Jennie Harden, Amelia Smith
Toy Soldiers ....................................................... Liz Blake, Charity Dorner,
Amelia Peterson, Maggie Rauth,
Jessica Richste, Paula Theilan,
Lindsay Thomosn, Lucy Zukaitis
Snowflakes ......................................................... Brianna Brei, Brandy Chambers,
Erin Garrigan, Mary Horgan,
Joy Marshall, Barbara Santos,
Rebecca Scherle, Maya Taylor,
Heather Wier, Julie Walter
understudy — Adrienne Posey
Carol Singers ..................................................... Tiffany Flippin, Cortney Hansen,
Ginny Lawless

Fifteen Minute Intermission

Act Two
Mice ............................................................. Gabriele Carstens, Danielle Chouinard,
Cygne Cooper, Mary Howell, Ariel Ibsen,
Tori King, Anna Kokensparger,
Kathleen Kokensparger, Elizabeth Lassiter,
Katie Luther, Killian Matsunami,
Emma Pavkovic, Sarah Sweet,
Christine Webber
King Mouse .................................................... Dan Fix
Nutcracker Prince ............................................. Chad McVicker
Big Soldiers/Trepak .......................................... Jennifer Beringer, Rebecca Brei,
Eva Denton, Penny Gold,
Mary Horgan, Jennifer Parker,
Katyryn Zukaitis, Natalie Tichen
Spanish Dance ................................................... Jessica Smith
Arabian Dance ............................................... Adrienne Posey & Robert Valenta,
with Cameron Corry, Kristin Futfari,
Sara Knou, Barbara Santos
Chinese Dance ............................................... Brandy Chambers, Erin Garrigan,
Kara Grimsley
Sugar Plum Fairy ............................................. Nikki Rauth (11/19, 11/21)
................................................................. Katie O’Connor (11/18, 11/20)
Mother Ginger .................................................. Travis Halsey
Her Bon Bors ..................................................... Brianna Brei (11/19, 11/21),
Emma Erickson, Tori King,
Jane Lang, Chelsea Luh (11/18, 11/20),
Elizabeth Matlock, Emma Pavkovic,
Mary Richstein, Natalie Zebrocki
Flowers .......................................................... Liz Bergman, Penny Gold,
Joy Marshall, Rebecca Scherle
Dragonflies ..................................................... Julie Walter, Maya Taylor
The Page .......................................................... Daniel Dorner

Choreography by .............................................. Valerie Roche
Assisted by ..................................................... Patrick Roddy (soldiers, trepaks & fight
Arabian Stamps (Arabic dance)
Costume Design .............................................. Wendy Stark
Scenic Design .................................................. Mark Krejci, Bill Van Doest
Lighting Design ............................................... Bill Van Doest
Script & Acting Coach ...................................... Brinna Kokensparger
Choreography Preparation by ...................... Charles Jurgensen, SJ
Rehearsal Assistance by ................................. Jennifer Smith, Pati Zukaitis
Catherine Davies Magalen

Production Staff
Technical Director ............................................ Mark Krejci
Stage Manager .............................................. Holly De Los Reyes
Asistant Stage Manager ................................. Nick Zadina
Light Operator ............................................... Autumn Yosten
Costume Construction .................................... Kate Malloy, Erin Dunn
Haley Piper, Autumn Yosten, Jenni Falbo,
Colleen Michelle Vollberg, Travis Halsey,
Ginny Lawless, Kara Grimsley, Robert Valenta
Costume Running Crew ................................. Travis Halsey, Haley Piper
Wigs ............................................................. Wendy Stark
Scenic Artist ..................................................... Bill Van Deest
Scenery & Lighting Crew ............................... Andrew Brooks, Jenni Falbo,
Steven Finley, Ryan Hurd, Stephanie Kid,
Kirsten Kluthe, Paul Liksteg, Priti Patel,
Leslie Stallone, Natalie Tichen, Melanie Wighton,
Nick Zadina, Lauren Goldstein, James Crew,
Jeanne Schuler, Matt Kelehan, Jason Dorwart,
Autumn Yosten, Cory Knuble, Stefan Streit,
Dyler Murphy, Homero Vela, Paul Thelen,
Robert Daniels, Carol Winer
Running Crew .................................................. Homero Vera, Stephanie Kidd,
Lisa Vining, Jenni Falbo
Box Office/ House Manager .............................. Ginny Lawless
Assistant Box Office ................................. Michelle Carroll
Assistant House Manager .......................... Krista Phair

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