

Birmingham Royal Ballet - Full Performance

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THE NUTCRACKER

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The Sugar Plum Fairy on Top of the Tree

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Celebrate Christmas with the Birmingham Royal Ballet's celebrated production of The Nutcracker.

Sir Peter Wright's adaptation of this sumptuous ballet, a firm favourite ever since it was first staged here in 1990, is the Sugar Plum Fairy on top of the Christmas tree for ballet lovers everywhere.

Imagine the scene; it is Christmas Eve and the house of Dr. Stahlbaum and his ballerina wife is in the throes of a wondrous party. Their guest, the enigmatic mage Drosselmeyer presents the fifteen year old Clara with the gift of a nutcracker doll, immediately enchanting her.

That night, whilst everybody else sleeps, Clara steals herself downstairs to once again cast eyes upon her gift, but all is not as it seems. Upon the strike of midnight magic ignites the air, weaving its way into the fabric of the room, and everything begins to grow. Or is it Clara shrinking? One thing is certain; nothing will ever be the same for her again. From a marauding legion of pugnacious rats, to breathlessly choreographed and fantastical dances in far-off magical lands, The Nutcracker will keep both casual and seasoned ballet-goers of all ages enthralled and delighted throughout.

The combination of all the elements that make a truly classic fairy tale – a beautiful princess figure, a handsome prince, an eccentric magician, and a mystical foe – plus a sprinkling of what gives Christmas its spellbinding innocence, has made this the perennial Winter favourite and arguably the greatest ballet ever staged.