

The Nutcracker

Singapore Dance Theatre

8 – 11 December 2011, Esplanade Theatre

Production information

Celebrating 23 years of Singapore Dance Theatre, this is a new production of the popular classic work premiered in St Petersburg in 1892, with choreography by Marius Pepita, music by Peter Tchaikowsky, based on Alexander Dumas' adaptation of Ernst Hoffman's story, *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*. Artistic Director Janek Schergen freshly choreographed a huge new production, uniquely setting it in Shanghai at the end of the 19th Century. With set and costumes by Aaron Yap and lighting by Suven Chan, the designs deliberately fused Chinese, Asian and European cultures.

(Synopsis)

(Prologue) In Shanghai, on the 24th of December, a group of close friends are preparing themselves for a large party to be hosted by the well-respected family, the Nightingales.

Act I. (The Party) Mrs Nightingale's parents and other guests arrive, including Mr Drosselmayer and his entourage, which includes his nephew Kristian and his schoolmates, and a magician. Drosselmayer presents Clara, the youngest Nightingale daughter, with a German nutcracker one which he has cast a spell. (The Battle) When the household is fast asleep, young Clara seeks the nutcracker; suddenly the house seems overrun by mice, causing great mischief. Drosselmayer returns with Kristian and friends, now soldiers, to protect Clara. A battle ensues and they are finally victorious over the mice. (Land of Snow) Clara is rewarded by a magical journey to meet the Snow King and Queen.

Act II. (Kingdom of the Sugar Plum Fairy) Clara's journey continues into the magical kingdom of sweets, where she meets her sister Marie with Kristian – now the Sugar Plum Fairy and her consort. Clara is entertained with wondrous dances. As night fades, Clara awakes on the sofa with the nutcracker by her side and fresh snow sparkling outside.

CAST

Mrs Nightingale	.....	Madeleine Halbauer,
Mr Nightingale	.....	Timothy Coleman, Chen Wei
Mdm. Tang	.....	Elynn Chew
Mr. Tang	.....	Lim Choon How
Marie	.....	Rosa Park, Heidi Zolker
Fritz	.....	Lee Wai Hong
Clara	.....	Sara Chantal Han, Natalie Ng
Drosselmeyer	.....	Mohamed Noor Sarman
Kristian	.....	Timothy Coleman, Kenya Nakamura
Kristian's Friends	.....	Shaw Coleman, Etienne Ferrère, Tatsuro Kannan, Ryo Suzuki, Kensuke Yorozu,
Aunt – Mdm. Ching	.....	Amy Bale
Mei Yan	.....	Sae Bosco
Mei Yi	.....	Sherry Leow
Maid	.....	Li Jie
Butler	.....	Timothy Ng
Russian Ballerinas – Marie	.....	Iori Araya
Russian Ballerinas – Anna	.....	Nonoko Tanaka
Russian Ballerinas – Olga	.....	Chihiro Uchida
Banker – Mr. Lee	.....	Robin Lawrence Kent

Mdm. Lee	.....	Elaine Heng
Lee Juan	.....	Rachel Ong
Lee Yee	.....	Renee Teo
Lee Mei	.....	Natasha Magad
Shopkeeper – Mr. Sung Zhao Jun	.....	Zhao Jun
Mdm. Sung	.....	Alison Carroll
Sung Wei	.....	Stine Emilie Tinsfeldt
Sung Lian	.....	Hana Bermingham
Mayor – Mr. Wu	.....	Michael Wong
Mdm. Wu	.....	Tomoko Takahashi, Heidi Zolker
Wu Hao	.....	Matthew Ng
Wu Yu	.....	Ashley Lim, Allison Tan
Ambassador	.....	Etienne Ferrère, Kensuke Yorozu
Mlle. Shen	.....	Cheah May Yen
Theo	.....	Jan Werner
Amelia	.....	Siti Farahnazirah
Magician	.....	Jazz Ang
Mouse King	.....	Francis Jaena Jr
Little Mice	.....	Andrea Cher, Sarah Cher, Kimberley Chia, Amelia Inkster, Samantha Tang
Big Mice	.....	Rachel Chan, Jaimie Ford, Felicia Lim, Saskia O'Neill, Isadora Ou, Angelica Tan, Vanessa Tan, Joelynn Woo,
Soldiers	.....	Jill Goh, Natasha Magad, Elaine Ng, Nura Wong
Snow Queen	.....	Tomoko Takahashi, Rosa Park
Snow King	.....	Chen Wei
Icicles	.....	Etienne Ferrère, Nanase Tanaka, Nonoko Tanaka, Kensuke Yorozu, Zhao Jun,
Snowflakes	.....	Iori Araya, Amy Bale, Allison Carroll, Cheah May Yen, Elynn Chew, Madeleine Halbauer, Elaine Heng, Jessica Larbig, Li Jie, Akira Nakahama, Chihiro Uchida, Xu Lei Ting, Heidi Zolker
Sugarplum	.....	Rosa Park, Heidi Zolker
Cavalier	.....	Timothy Coleman, Kenya Nakamura
Spanish	.....	Nanase Tanaka, Zhao Jun
Spanish Girls	.....	Jill Goh, Regina Henares, Jasmine Hussain, Nicole Khoo, Lee Kai Wei, Vanessa Lim, Lim Wei Qin, Low Jiaxin, Elaine Ng, Sian Yeo Li-Shwen, Nura Wong
Shepherd	.....	Etienne Ferrère, Robin Lawrence Kent
Shepherdess	.....	Li Jie, Nonoko Tanaka
Chinese Flowers	.....	Iori Araya, Elynn Chew, Xu Lei Ting
Toy Soldiers	.....	Shaw Coleman, Etienne Ferrère, Tatsuro Kannan, Ryo Suzuki, Kensuke Yorozu
Dolls	.....	Hana Bermingham, Amelia Inkster, Siti Farahnazirah, Angelica Tan, Samantha Tang, Stine Emile Tinsfeldt
Teddy Bears	.....	Sae Bosco, Rachel Chan, Sherryl Leow, Natasha Magad, Isadora Ou, Joelynn Woo
Dewdrop	.....	Elaine Heng, Tomoko Takahashi

Flowers	Iori Araya, Amy Bale, Allison Carroll, Cheah May Yen, Lisha Chin, Madeleine Halbauer, Elaine Heng, Jessica Larbig, Li Jia, Akira Nakahama, Mina Niikura, Tomoko Takahashi, Nonoko Tanaka, Chihiro Uchida, Xu Lei Ting, Heidi Zolker
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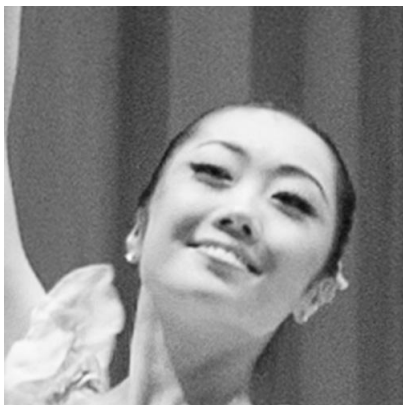
PRODUCTION

Artistic Director & Choreographer	Jane Schergen
Ballet Master	Mohamed Noor Sarman
Set & Costume Designer	.....	Aaron Yap
Lighting Designer	.....	Suven Chan
Master Painter	.....	Ross Turner
Set & Props Fabricator	.....	PART I Design Private Limited
Scenic Painting	.....	Scenic Studio (Melbourne, Australia)
Costumer Fabricator	.....	Masquerade Costume & Mascots Chacott Co. Ltd

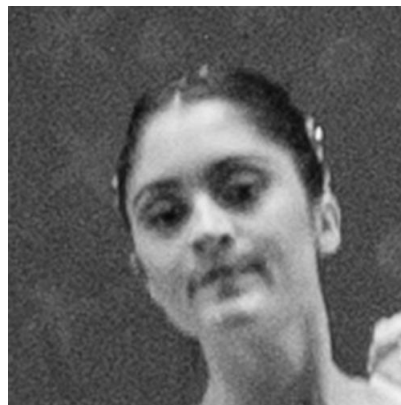
Production Manager	.....	Suraya Ab Rasid
Technical Manager	.....	Tay Huey Meng

Stage Manager	.....	Chim Sin Yee
Assistant Stage Managers	.....	Tan Shi Yi, Alycia Finley
Sound Operator	.....	Ian Koh
Wardrobe Supervisor	.....	Florence Sim
Wardrobe Manager	.....	Peen Geok Hoon
Wardrobe Assistants	.....	Fanny Phua, Adeline Wong, Chua Meng Wah
Make-up and Hair Artists	.....	Haslina Ismail, Rasyidah Usnabi
Stagehands	.....	Amelia Ramli, Yukj Emili Koh, Justina Khoo
Child Minder	.....	Candice Quek

Photos of Cast and Production (appearing in the documentary photographs)



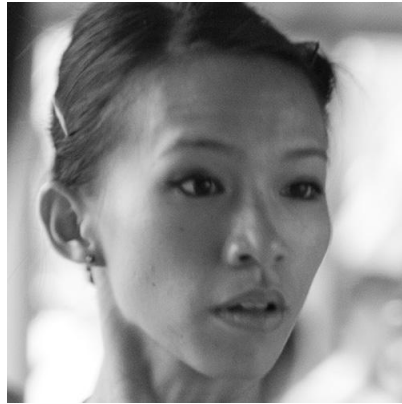
Iori Ayara



Amy Bale



Alison Carroll



Cheah May Yen



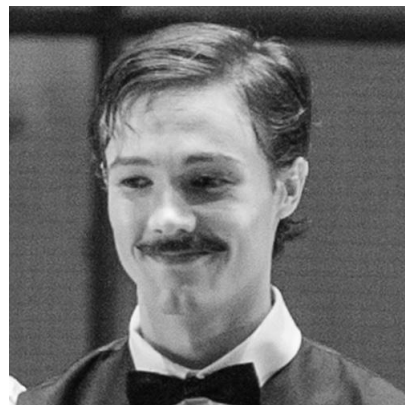
Chen Wei



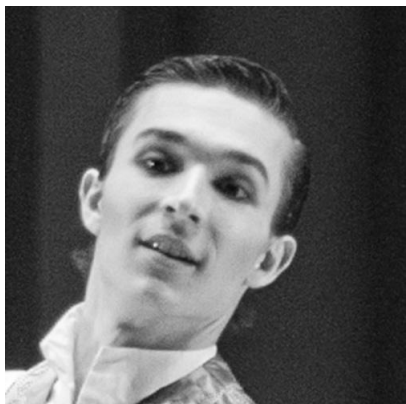
Elynn Chew



Shaw Coleman



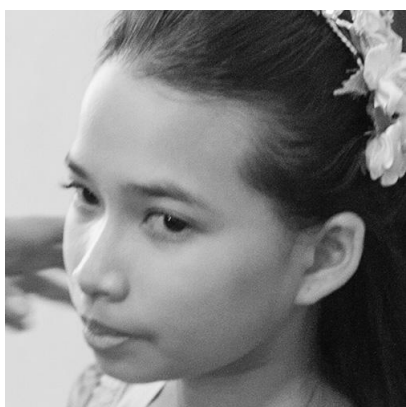
Timothy Coleman



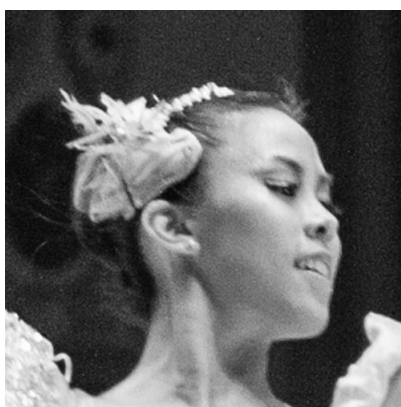
Etienne Ferrère



Madeleine Halbauer



Sara Chantal Han



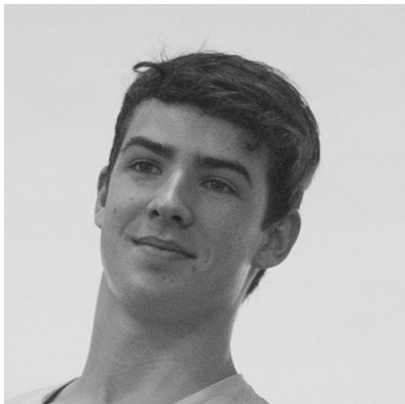
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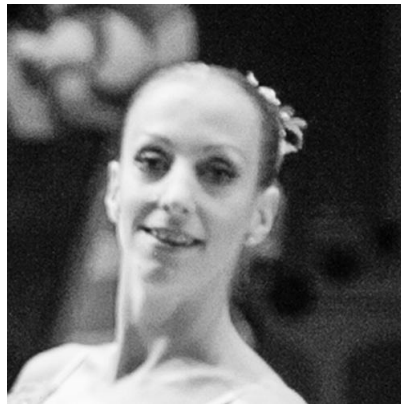
Haslina Ismail



Tatsuro Kannan



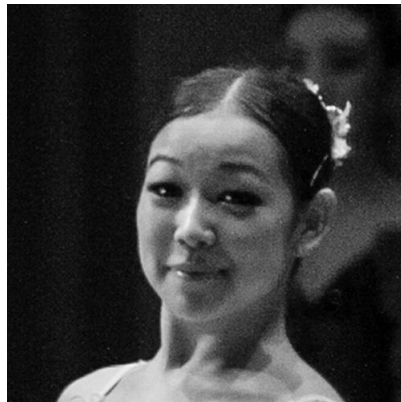
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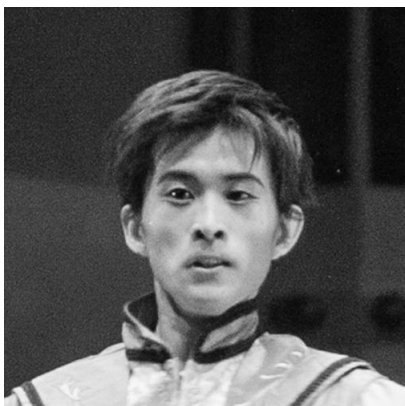
Jessica Larbig



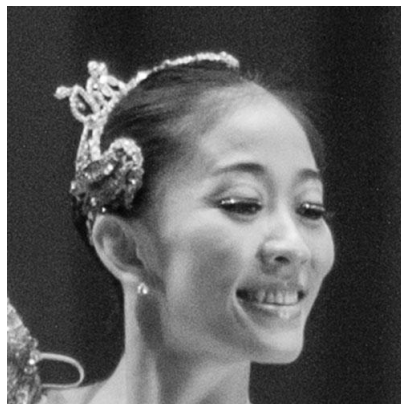
Li Jie



Akira Nakaham



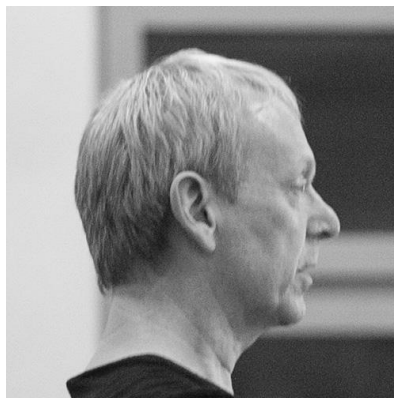
Kenya Nakamura



Rosa Park



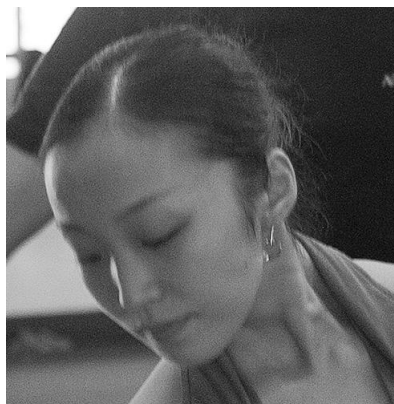
Mohamed Noor Sarman



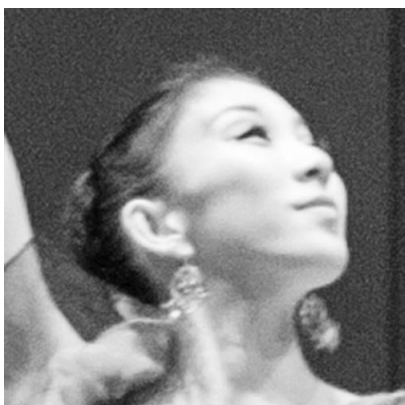
Janek Schergen



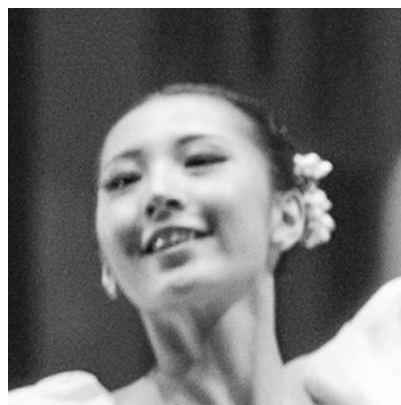
Ryo Suzuki



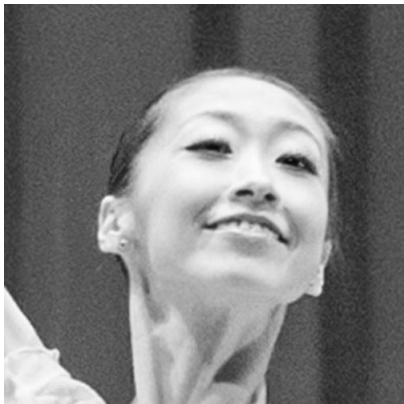
Tomoko Takahashi



Nanase Tanaka



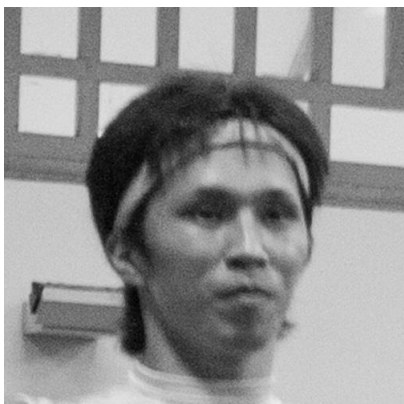
Nonoko Tanaka



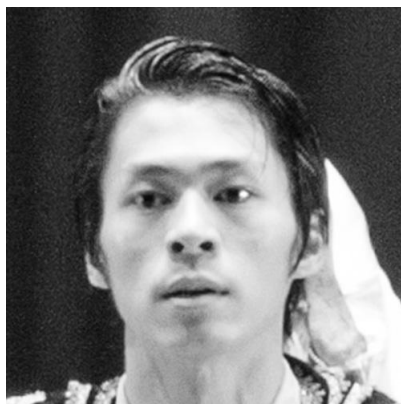
Chihiro Uchida



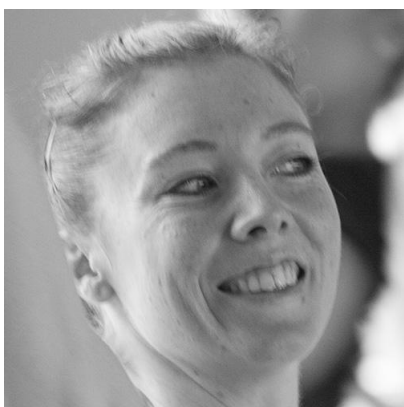
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