Dance Data Project® Data Byte Nutcracker and Holiday Productions 2023–2025



Overview

This is Dance Data Project®'s (DDP) first Data Byte examining Nutcracker ballet performances and holiday productions by the **Largest 150** U.S. Ballet and Classically Based Companies (based on FY22 expenditures), as well as other holiday productions, including Nutcracker adjacent or "inspired by" productions. This analysis focuses on the gender distribution of the choreographers.

The Nutcracker's¹ appeal is multifaceted, rooted in its ability to charm audiences with a blend of magical storytelling, the visual splendor of its vibrant sets and costumes, and the universal appeal of its music. For many, attending a performance of The Nutcracker is an annual tradition that marks the beginning of the holiday season, making it a pivotal event for ballet companies in terms of audience engagement and ticket sales. According to **Bachtrack**, The Nutcracker was the most performed ballet in the world in both 2023 and 2024

The economic impact of The Nutcracker is significant. According to **Dance/USA's** Annual Financial Survey conducted in 2017, "Nutcracker/ holiday revenue represents an average of 48 percent of the surveyed dance companies' overall season revenues and a median of 55 percent. As a percentage of total revenues, it represents an average and median of 15 percent." In the same Dance/USA analysis, 16-24 member companies were surveyed between 2008-2017, average ticket prices almost doubled and attendance increased by 83,000, or 14%. In 2017, companies earned a total of \$51 million in Nutcracker ticket sales compared to \$30 million in 2008. The Nutcracker significantly contributes to companies' financial stability. It has been reported that approximately 45% of New York City Ballet's annual ticket revenues are generated by The Nutcracker. The Washington Ballet also made \$3.4 million in ticket revenue from their 2024 run of The Nutcracker.

¹ In 1816, German author E.T.A. Hoffmann wrote the short story "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King." The Nutcracker Ballet is based on a French adaptation of that story by Alexandre Dumas père titled "The Tale of the Nutcracker". Marius Ivanovich Petipa, a French and Russian ballet dancer and choreographer, and Lev Ivanovich Ivanov, a Russian dancer and choreographer, are credited as being the initial creators of The Nutcracker. The Nutcracker premiered December 1892 at the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia, with music composed by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. An abridged version of "The Nutcracker", staged by Russian dancer and choreographer Alexandra Fedorova, was first performed in the United States by Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo on October 17, 1940 at the 51st Street Theater in New York City. The full-length version of The Nutcracker was first performed by the San Francisco Ballet on December 24, 1944 with choreography by Willam Christensen.



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In the 2023/2024 season, 23.1% of the Nutcrackers and holiday productions presented were choreographed by women among the **Largest 150**, while men choreographed 50.7% of such works. This is similar to the 2024/2025 season, where 25.2% of Nutcrackers and holiday productions were choreographed by women, and 54.4% were choreographed by men among the **Largest 150**. Throughout both seasons, male choreographers created the majority of productions, reinforcing persistent gender imbalances in choreographic roles. The 9 Nutcrackers presented by the **Largest 10** in both the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 seasons were choreographed by men - 4 of which were choreographed by George Balanchine

In the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 seasons, male choreographers consistently outnumbered female counterparts across the **Largest 50**, **Next 50**, and **Additional 50**. Specifically, in the 2023/2024 season, 74.4% of Nutcracker and holiday productions choreographers in the **Largest 50**, 34.0% in the **Next 50**, and 46.3% in the **Additional 50** were men. These figures are similar to the 2024/2025 season, where 81.0% of Nutcracker choreographers within the **Largest 50**, 39.6% within the **Next 50**, and 43.6% in the **Additional 50** were men. Although there was a slight increase in the number of performances choreographed by women in the **Next** and **Additional 50**, the overall distribution still heavily favors men.

Note: the opportunity to create a new version of The Nutcracker offers significant prestige and earnings, not only through licensing fees but also through substantial continuing payouts from residuals, particularly when the work is performed annually.

Currently, most of these opportunities are afforded to male choreographers, and male choreographers continue to receive large investments from companies to create new iterations of The Nutcracker as seen with Milwaukee Ballet and Orlando Ballet in 2023 (Pointe Magazine). Investing in new productions comes with a hefty cost. Recent examples include, Orlando Ballet who invested \$3.6 million in 2023 (intended as a 20-year investment), the Joffrey Ballet's newly imagined Nutcracker was \$4 million in 2016. and Kansas City Ballet's new version in 2015 cost \$2 million, - all of which were choreographed by men. These large-scale investments in new productions also offer opportunities for set, costume, and lighting designers, puppeteers, and other creatives, often of which also are afforded to men. In Christopher Wheeldon's production of The Nutcracker with the Joffrey Ballet, only the lighting designer, Natasha Katz, was a woman (**Pointe Magazine**). However, it should be noted that companies such as New England Ballet Theatre with, "The Fantastic Toyshop" by Rachael Gnatowski, and Baltimore School for the Arts with Amy Hall Garner's "The Nutcracker," are providing opportunities for female choreographers to create and present innovative new interpretations. Overseas, English National Ballet premiered its new production of The Nutcracker in 2024, which was cochoreographed by Arielle Smith.

DDP further distinguishes between living and deceased choreographers. Across the **Largest 50**, **Next 50**, and **Additional 50**, all works solely choreographed by deceased choreographers were men, in both the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 seasons. For the 2023/2024 season, of the living choreographers of Nutcracker and holiday productions, 27.4% were women and 52.2% were men.

In the 2024/2025 season 27.8% were women and 53.9% were men.

DDP also tracked the number of performances of Nutcracker and holiday performances presented. During the 2023/2024 season, the **Largest 50** presented a total of 775 performances. with companies presenting an average of 19.1 performances. Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by women were performed 9.8 times, while male-choreographed productions were performed 21.2 times on average. This is consistent with the 2024/2025 season, where on average, women-choreographed Nutcracker and holiday productions were performed 8.3 times, while malechoreographed works were performed 20.2 times on average within the **Largest 50**. This disparity is further evidenced by the significantly higher number of times on average Nutcracker and holiday performances choreographed by men are presented among the Largest 150 within both the 2023/2024 season (7.0 performances choreographed by women vs. 13.7 by men) and in the 2024/2025 season (6.3 performances choreographed by women vs. 12.7 by men).

The prevalence of male-choreographed Nutcrackers and holiday productions, as well as a greater number of performances afforded their work exemplifies the broader industry-wide trend of lack of female choreographers, as found in DDP's Season Overview 2023/2024 Report.

Traditional and Non-Traditional Nutcracker and Holiday Productions - 2023/2024 Season



DDP classifies a staged work to be traditional if it closely follows the original choreography and narrative framework as historically created and performed. Within this definition, the storyline, music, set, and costume design resemble that closely of the original creation. Non-traditional, in the context of this dataset, was defined as programs that introduced significant changes to one or more elements of the original ballet, often reflecting contemporary interpretations, diverse cultural influences, or innovative artistic visions. Holiday productions include works that are related to holiday or winter celebrations.

During the 2023/2024 season, the **Largest 150** presented a total of 116 traditional and 16 non-traditional versions of The Nutcracker, and 2 holiday productions.

Of the 116 traditional works,

- 24 were choreographed by women (20.7%)
- 61 were choreographed by men (52.6%)
- 18 were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (15.5%)
- 1 choreographed by a gender-expansive choreographer (0.9%)
- 12 were choreographed by unknown choreographers (10.3%)

Of the 16 non-traditional works.

- 7 were choreographed by women (43.8%)
- 7 were choreographed by men (43.8%)
- 2 were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (12.5%)

Of the 2 holiday productions,

• Both were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders The **Largest 50** presented a total of 40 traditional and 2 non-traditional versions of the Nutcracker, and 1 holiday production.

Of the 40 traditional works,

- 4 were choreographed by women (10.0%)
- 31 were choreographed by men (77.5%)
- 4 were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (10.0%)
- 1 was choreographed by an unknown choreographer (2.5%)

Of the 2 non-traditional works,

- 1 was choreographed by a woman (50.0%)
- 1 was choreographed by a man (50.0%)

Of the 1 holiday production,

 1 was choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (100.0%) The **Next 50** presented a total of 43 traditional and 6 non-traditional versions of The Nutcracker, and 1 holiday production.

Of the 43 traditional works,

- 10 were choreographed by women (23.3%)
- 14 were choreographed by men (32.6%)
- 10 were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (23.3%)
- 1 was choreographed by a gender expansive individual (2.3%)
- 8 were choreographed by unknown choreographers (18.6%)

Of the 6 non-traditional works.

- 2 were choreographed by women (33.3%)
- 3 were choreographed by men (50.0%)
- 1 was choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (16.7%)

Of the 1 holiday production,

 1 was choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (100.0%) The **Additional 50** companies presented a total of 33 traditional and 8 non-traditional versions of The Nutcracker.

Of the 33 traditional works,

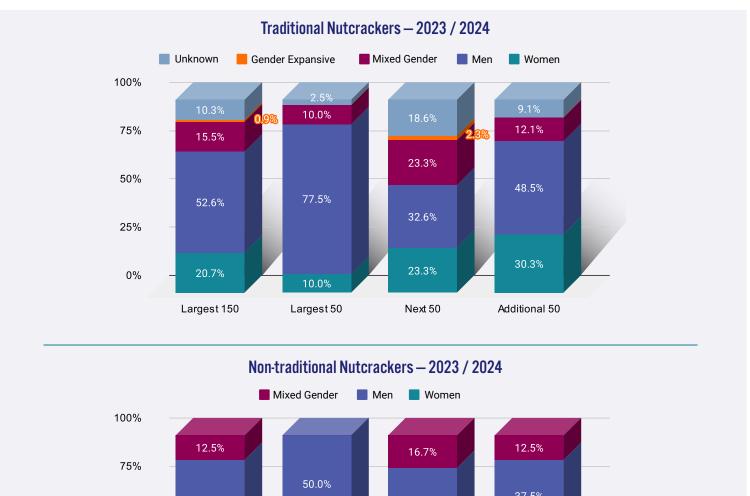
- 10 were choreographed by women (30.3%)
- 16 were choreographed by men (48.5%)
- 4 were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (12.1%)
- 3 were choreographed by unknown choreographers (9.1%)

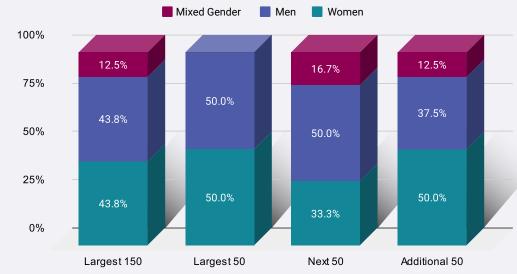
Of the 8 non-traditional works,

- 4 were choreographed by women (50.0%)
- 3 were choreographed by men (37.5%)
- 1 was choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (12.5%)

Traditional and Non-Traditional Nutcracker and Holiday Productions - 2023/2024 Season







Traditional and Non-Traditional Nutcracker and Holiday Productions - 2024/2025 Season



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During the 2024/2025 season, the **Largest 150** presented a total of 113 traditional and 14 non-traditional versions of The Nutcracker, and 1 holiday production.

Of the 113 traditional works,

- 25 were choreographed by women (22.1%)
- 64 were choreographed by men (56.6%)
- 19 were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (16.8%)
- 5 were choreographed by unknown choreographers (4.4%)

Of the 15 non-traditional works.

- 6 were choreographed by women (42.9%)
- 6 were choreographed by men (42.9%)
- 1 was choreographed by a cochoreographer of different genres (7.1%)
- 1 was choreographed by unknown choreographers (7.1%)

Of the 1 holiday productions,

 1 was choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (100.0%) The **Largest 50** presented 39 traditional and 2 non-traditional versions of The Nutcracker, and 1 holiday production.

Of the 39 traditional works,

- 2 were choreographed by women (5.1%)
- 33 were choreographed by men (84.6%)
- 4 were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (10.3%)

Of the 2 non-traditional works,

- 1 was choreographed by a woman (50.0%)
- 1 was choreographed by a man (50.0%)

The 1 holiday production,

 1 was choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (100.0%) The **Next 50** presented a total of 43 traditional and 4 non-traditional versions of The Nutcracker.

Of the 43 traditional works,

- 14 were choreographed by women (32.6%)
- 18 were choreographed by men (41.9%)
- 11 were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (25.6%)

Of the 4 non-traditional works,

- 2 were choreographed by women (50.0%)
- 1 was choreographed a man (25.0%)
- 1 was choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (25.0%)

The **Additional 50** presented a total of 30 traditional and 8 non-traditional versions of The Nutcracker.

Of the 31 traditional works,

- 9 were choreographed by women (29.0%)
- 13 were choreographed by men (41.9%)
- 4 were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders (12.9%)
- 5 were by unknown choreographers (16.1%)

Of the 8 non-traditional works.

- 3 were choreographed by women (37.5%)
- 4 were choreographed by men (50.0%)
- 1 was choreographed by an unknown choreographer (12.5%)

Traditional and Non-Traditional Nutcracker and Holiday Productions - 2024/2025 Season





Gender Distribution of Nutcracker and Holiday Productions Choreographers - 2023/2024 Season



The following section provides an overview of the gender distribution of Nutcracker and holiday performance choreographers presented in the 2023/2024 season.

Among the Largest 150 companies

- 23.1% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by women
- 50.7% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by men
- 16.4% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders
- 0.7% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by a gender expansive individual
- 9.0% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by unknown choreographers

Among the Largest 10 companies

 100.0% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by men

Among the **Largest 25** companies

- 4.5% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by women
- 90.9% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by men
- 4.5% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders

Among the Largest 50 companies

- 11.6% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by women
- 74.4% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by men
- 11.6% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders
- 2.3% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by unknown choreographers

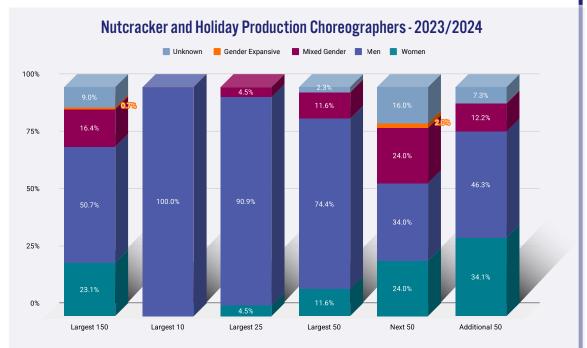
Among the **Next 50** companies

- 24.0% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by women
- 34.0% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by men
- 24.0% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders
- 2.0% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by a gender expansive individual
- 16.0% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by unknown choreographers

Among the **Additional 50** companies

- 34.1% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by women
- \bullet 46.3% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by men
- 12.2% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by co-choreographers of different genders
- 7.3% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by unknown choreographers

| 2023/2024 Season - Nutcracker and Holiday Productions | | | | | |
|---|-------|-----|--------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Rank | Women | Men | Mixed (Men and Women) | Gender Expansive | Unknown |
| Largest 10 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Largest 25 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Largest 50 | 5 | 32 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Next 50 | 12 | 17 | 12 | 1 | 8 |
| Additional 50 | 14 | 19 | 5 | 0 | 3 |
| Largest 150 | 31 | 67 | 22 | 1 | 12 |



Gender Distribution of Nutcracker and Holiday Production Choreographers - 2024/2025 Season



Among the Largest 150 companies

- 25.2% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by women
- 54.5% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by men
- 16.5% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders
- 4.7% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by unknown choreographers

Among the Largest 10 companies

 100.0% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by men

Among the **Largest 25** companies

- 95.5% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by men
- 4.5% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders

Among the Largest 50 companies

- 7.1% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by women
- 81.0% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by men
- 11.9% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders

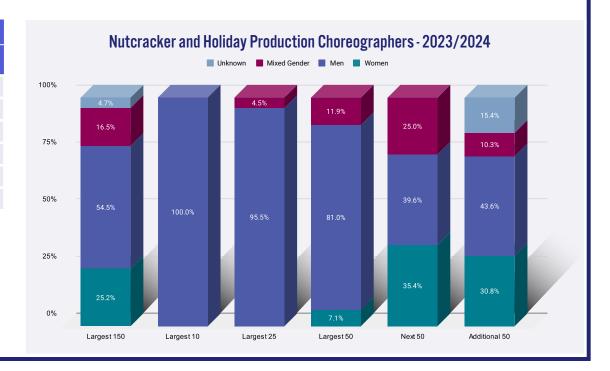
Among the **Next 50** companies

- 35.4% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by women
- 39.6% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by men
- 25.0% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders

Among the **Additional 50** companies

- 30.8% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by women
- 43.6% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by men
- 10.3% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by cochoreographers of different genders
- 15.4% of Nutcracker and holiday productions were choreographed by unknown choreographers

| 2023/2 | 2023/2024 Season - Nutcracker and Holiday Productions | | | | |
|---------------|---|-----|--------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Rank | Women | Men | Mixed (Men and Women) | Gender Expansive | Unknown |
| Largest 10 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Largest 25 | 0 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Largest 50 | 3 | 34 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Next 50 | 17 | 19 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Additional 50 | 12 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| Largest 150 | 32 | 68 | 21 | 0 | 6 |



Living vs. Deceased Choreographers - 2023/2024 Season



During the 2023/2024 Nutcracker and holiday season, the **Largest 150** presented Nutcracker and holiday performances primarily from living choreographers. Across the **Largest 50**, **Next 50**, and **Additional 50**, all works solely choreographed by deceased choreographers were men. If a choreography was created by a mix of living/deceased, they were counted in the living category and are indicated in parenthesis. Refer to Appendix A for a listing of companies, works, and choreographers.

In the 2023/2024 season, within the **Largest 150**, 113 Nutcrackers and holiday productions were choreographed by living choreographers, 5 were choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers, 9 were choreographed by deceased choreographers, and 12 were choreographed by unknown choreographers, and therefore DDP was unable to determine if they were living or deceased.

Of the 113 Nutcracker and holiday performances choreographed by living choreographers,

- 31 were choreographed by women (27.4%)
- 59 were choreographed by men (52.2%)
- 22 were choreographed by choreographers of different genders (19.5%)
- 1 was choreographed by a gender expansive individual (0.8%)

Of the 5 Nutcracker and holiday performances choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers,

- 1 was choreographed by a team of men (20.0%)
- 4 were choreographed by mixed choreographers of mixed genders (80.0%)

All of the 9 deceased choreographers were men.

The **Largest 50**, presented 43 Nutcrackers and holiday performances. 32 were choreographed by living choreographers, 3 were choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers, 7 were choreographed by deceased choreographers, and 1 was choreographed by an unknown choreographer, and therefore DDP was unable to determine if they were living or deceased.

Of the 32 Nutcracker and holiday performances by living choreographers,

- 5 were choreographed by women (15.6%)
- 24 were choreographed by men (75.0%)
- 3 were choreographed by co-choreographers of different genders (g.4%)

Of the 3 Nutcracker and holiday performances choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers,

- 1 was choreographed by a team of men (33.3%)
- 2 were choreographed by mixed choreographers of mixed genders (66.7%)

All of the 7 deceased choreographers were men.

The **Next 50**, presented 50 Nutcrackers and holiday performances, 40 were choreographed by living choreographers, 1 was choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers, 1 was choreographed by a deceased choreographer, and 8 were choreographed by an unknown choreographer, and therefore DDP was unable to determine if they were living or deceased.

Of the 40 Nutcracker and holiday performances by living choreographers,

• 12 were choreographed by women (30.0%)

- 16 were choreographed by men (40.0%)
- 11 were choreographed by co-choreographers of different genders (27.5%)
- 1 was choreographed by a gender expansive individual (2.5%)

The 1 Nutcracker and holiday performances choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers was choreographed by co-choreographers of mixed genders.

There was 1 Nutcracker and holiday performance that was choreographed by a deceased individual, who was a man.

The **Additional 50** presented 41 Nutcrackers and holiday performances, 36 were choreographed by living choreographers, 1 was choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers, 1 was choreographed by a deceased choreographer, and 3 were choreographed by an unknown choreographer, and therefore DDP was unable to determine if they were living or deceased.

Of the 36 Nutcracker and holiday performances by living choreographers,

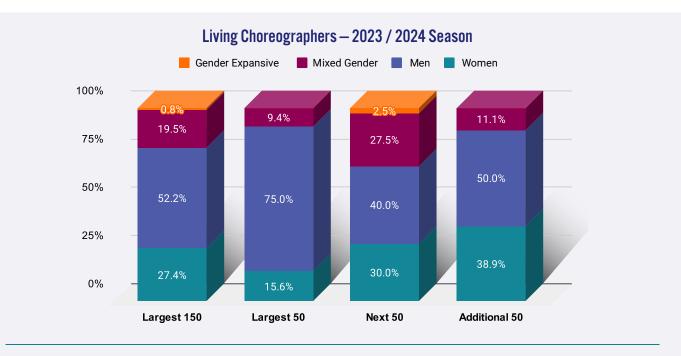
- 14 were choreographed by women (38.9%)
- 18 were choreographed by men (50.0%)
- 4 were choreographed by co-choreographers of different genders (11.1%)

The 1 Nutcracker and holiday performances choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers was choreographed by co-choreographers of mixed genders.

The 1 Nutcracker and holiday performances choreographed solely by a deceased choreographer was a man.

Living vs. Deceased Choreographers - 2023/2024 Season









Living vs. Deceased Choreographers - 2024/2025 Season



In the 2024/2025 season, within the **Largest 150**, 115 Nutcrackers and holiday productions were choreographed by living choreographers, 5 were choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers, 8 were choreographed by deceased choreographers, and 6 were choreographed by unknown choreographers, and therefore DDP was unable to determine if they were living or deceased. Refer to Appendix B for a listing of companies, works, and choreographers.

Of the 115 Nutcracker and holiday productions choreographed by living choreographers

- 32 were choreographed by women (27.8%)
- 62 were choreographed by men (53.9%)
- 21 were choreographed by choreographers of different genders (18.3%)

Of the 5 Nutcracker and holiday productions choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers,

- 1 was choreographed by a team of men (20.0%)
- 4 were choreographed by mixed choreographers of mixed genders (80.0%)

All of the 8 Nutcracker and holiday performances choreographed solely by deceased choreographers were men

The **Largest 50**, 42 Nutcrackers and holiday performances. 32 were choreographed by living choreographers, 3 were choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers, and 7 were choreographed by deceased choreographers.

Of the 32 Nutcracker and holiday performances by living choreographers,

- 3 were choreographed by women (9.4%)
- 26 were choreographed by men (81.3%)
- 3 were choreographed by co-choreographers of different genders (9.4%)

Of the 3 Nutcracker and holiday performances choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers,

- 1 was choreographed by a team of men (33.3%)
- 2 were choreographed by mixed choreographers of mixed genders (66.7%)

All of the 7 Nutcracker and holiday performances choreographed solely by deceased choreographers were men.

The **Next 50**, presented 48 Nutcrackers and holiday performances, 47 were choreographed by living choreographers, and 1 was choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers. There were not any works solely attributed to deceased choreographers.

Of the 47 Nutcracker and holiday performances by living choreographers,

- 17 were choreographed by women (36.2%)
- 19 were choreographed by men (40.4%)
- 11 were choreographed by co-choreographers of different genders (23.4%)

The 1 Nutcracker and holiday performances choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers was choreographed by co-choreographers of mixed genders.

The **Additional 50** presented 39 Nutcrackers and holiday performances. 31 were choreographed by living choreographers, 1 was choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers, 1 was choreographed by a deceased choreographer, and 6 were choreographed by an unknown choreographer, and therefore DDP was unable to determine if they were living or deceased.

Of the 31 Nutcracker and holiday performances by living choreographers,

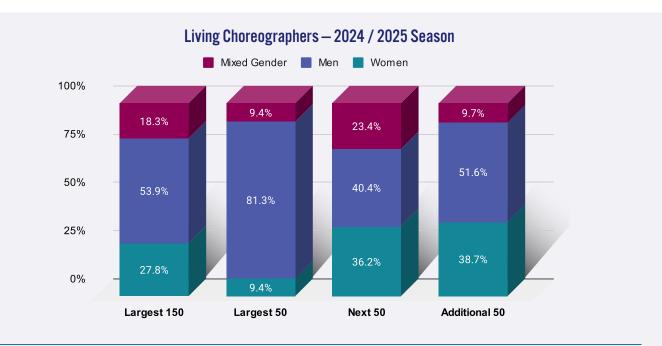
- 12 were choreographed by women (38.7%)
- 16 were choreographed by men (51.6%)
- 3 were choreographed by co-choreographers of different genders (9.7%)

The 1 Nutcracker and holiday performances choreographed by a combination of living and deceased choreographers was choreographed by co-choreographers of mixed genders.

The 1 Nutcracker and holiday performances choreographed solely by a deceased choreographer was a man.

Living vs. Deceased Choreographers - 2023/2024 Season









Average Number of Performances - 2023/2024 Season



DDP tracked the number of performances of Nutcrackers and holiday performances presented in the 2023/2024 season. When available, DDP counted the number of times a work was performed, including both evening and matinee performances. This information was sourced from company websites and ticket links.

The **Largest 150** presented a total of 1312 Nutcracker and holiday performances during the 2023/2024 season. On average, companies presented an average of 10.7 performances. The median number of performances across these companies was 7.

- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by women were performed 7.0 times on average (median = 6.5)
- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by men were performed 13.7 times on average (median = 11.0)
- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by co-choreographers of mixed genders were performed 9.0 times on average (median = 6.5)

The **Additional 50** presented a total of 220 Nutcracker and holiday performances, with companies presenting an average of 6.1 performances. The median number of performances was 6.

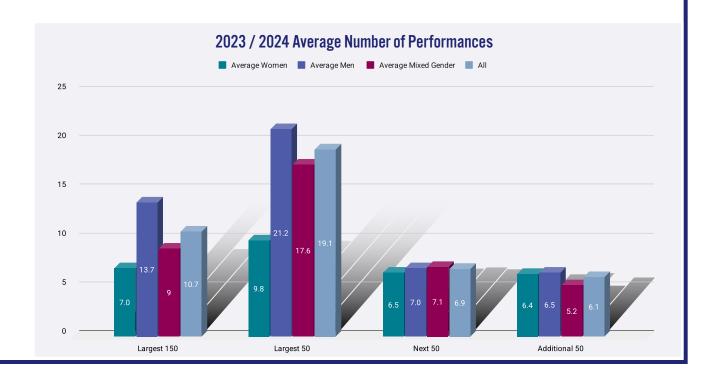
- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by women were performed 6.4 times on average (median = 6)
- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by men were performed 6.5 times on average (median = 6)
- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by co-choreographers of mixed genders were performed 5.2 times on average (median = 4)

During the 2023/2024 Nutcracker and holiday performance season, the **Largest 50** presented a total of 775 performances, with companies presenting an average of 19.1 performances. The median number of performances was 17.

- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by women were performed 9.8 times on average (median = 11)
- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by men were performed 21.2 times on average (median = 18.5)
- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by co-choreographers of mixed genders were performed 17.6 times on average (median = 16)

The **Next 50** presented a total of 317 Nutcracker and holiday performances, with companies presenting an average of 6.9 performances. The median number of performances was 6.

- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by women were performed 6.5 times on average (median = 6)
- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by men were performed 7.0 times on average (median = 5)
- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by co-choreographers of mixed genders were performed 7.1 times on average (median = 6)



Average Number of Performances - 2024/2025 Season



DDP tracked the number of performances of Nutcrackers and holiday performances presented in the 2024/2025 season. When available, DDP counted the number of times a work was performed, including both evening and matinee performances. This information was sourced from company websites and ticket links.

The **Largest 150** presented a total of 1296 Nutcracker and holiday performances throughout the 2024/2025 season. On average, companies presented 10.2 performances. The median number of performances across these companies was 7.

- Productions choreographed by women were performed 6.3 times on average (median = 5)
- Productions choreographed by men were performed 12.7 times on average (median = 9)
- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by co-choreographers of mixed genders were performed 9.5 times on average (median = 8)

The **Additional 50** presented a total of 207 Nutcracker and holiday performances, with companies presenting an average of 5.3 performances. The median number of performances was 5.

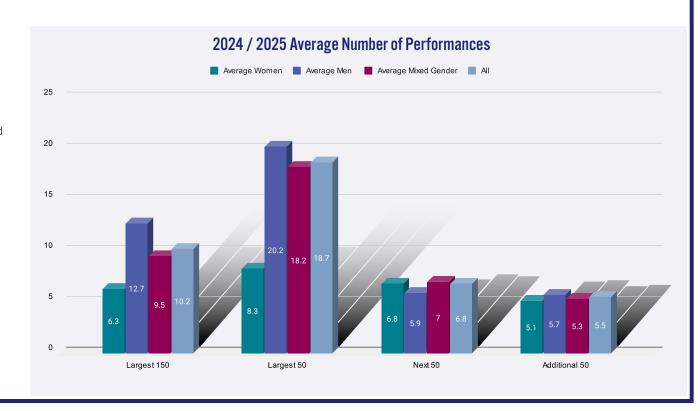
- Nutcrackers choreographed by women were performed 5.1 times on average (median = 5)
- Nutcrackers choreographed by men were performed 5.7 times on average (median = 4)
- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by co-choreographers of mixed genders were performed 5.3 times on average (median = 5.5)

The **Largest 50** presented a total of 784 Nutcracker and holiday performances. On average, companies presented 18.7 performances. The median number of performances was 17.

- Nutcrackers choreographed by women were performed 8.3 times on average (median = 6)
- Nutcrackers choreographed by men were performed 20.2 times on average (median = 17)
- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by co-choreographers of mixed genders were performed 18.2 times on average (median = 17)

The **Next 50** presented a total of 305 Nutcracker and holiday performances. On average, companies presented 6.8 performances. The median number of performances was 6.

- Nutcrackers choreographed by women were performed 6.8 times on average (median = 6)
- Nutcrackers choreographed by men were performed 5.9 times on average (median = 5)
- Nutcrackers and holiday performances choreographed by co-choreographers of mixed genders were performed 7.0 times on average (median = 7)



Sources, Data Collection, Calculations, and Limitations



Nutcracker and holiday production programming data was obtained from primary sources including company websites, social media, programs/playbills and press releases, as well as secondary sources such as news and media coverage. In preparation for this Data Byte and in an effort to be as comprehensive as possible DDP also reached out actively through social media asking for submissions of Nutcracker and holiday productions. The DDP research team reviewed, verified, and collected all data from the sources described above

All relevant data was collected in a shared Google Sheet and was reviewed at least twice, on each occasion by different members of the research team. Data was then analyzed in Google Sheets. For each category, the number of female, male, gender expansive, mixed gender, and unknowns were counted, and percentages were calculated. While every measure is taken to avoid error, DDP acknowledges the possibility of error appearing in the data obtained. DDP strives for accuracy and is open to correcting any mistakes that may have occurred.

Despite DDP's best efforts to obtain all programming information, some companies did not include choreographer information (i.e., name, gender) leading to some works being categorized as "Unknown". Unknown works can be found in Appendix A and B. DDP contacted these companies asking to provide choreographer information. DDP extends our thanks to the following companies for clarifying choreographers and their respective gender: Boulder Ballet, Canyon Concert Ballet, Chamber Dance Project, Charlotte Ballet, Charlottesville Ballet, Chattanooga Ballet, Eugene Ballet, The Florida Ballet, Fort Wayne Ballet, Indianapolis Ballet, New Orleans Ballet Theatre, Newport Contemporary Ballet, and New Mexico Ballet Company.

For more information on the financial impact and growth of "The Nutcracker," please refer to TRG Arts and Purple Sevens Insight Report 8: Festive forecasts.

Appendix A: 2023/2024, Largest 150 Nutcracker and Holiday Productions



The following table outlines Nutcracker and Holiday Productions that were presented in the 2023/2024 season, the title of the performance, and their choreographer(s).

| Company | Performance Name | Choreographer(s) |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| New York City Ballet | George Balanchine's The Nutcracker | George Balanchine |
| San Francisco Ballet | The Nutcracker | Helgi Tomasson |
| American Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | Alexei Ratmansky |
| Boston Ballet | Mikko Nissinen's The Nutcracker | Mikko Nissinen |
| Houston Ballet | The Nutcracker | Stanton Welch |
| Pacific Northwest Ballet | George Balanchine's The Nutcracker | George Balanchine |
| Joffrey Ballet | The Nutcracker | Christopher Wheeldon |
| Miami City Ballet | George Balanchine's The Nutcracker | George Balanchine |
| Philadelphia Ballet | George Balanchine's The Nutcracker | George Balanchine |
| The Washington Ballet | The Nutcracker | Septime Webre |
| Ballet West | The Nutcracker | William Christensen |
| Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | Terrence S. Orr |
| Atlanta Ballet | The Nutcracker | Yuri Possokhov |
| Cincinnati Ballet | The Nutcracker | Victoria Morgan |
| Colorado Ballet | The Nutcracker | Martin Fredmann, Sandra Brown |
| Kansas City Ballet | The Nutcracker | Devon Carney |
| Ballet Arizona | The Nutcracker | Ib Anderson |
| Charlotte Ballet | The Nutcracker | Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux |
| Ballet Austin | The Nutcracker | Stephen Mills |
| Texas Ballet Theater | The Nutcracker | Ben Stevenson |
| Oregon Ballet Theatre | George Balanchine's The Nutcracker | George Balanchine |
| Nashville Ballet | Nashville's Nutcracker | Paul Vasterling, Lev Ivanov |
| Tulsa Ballet | The Nutcracker | Val Caniparoli and Ma Cong |
| Orlando Ballet | The Nutcracker | Jorden Morris |
| Milwaukee Ballet | The Nutcracker | Michael Pink |
| BalletMet | The Nutcracker | Gerard Charles |
| Carolina Ballet | The Nutcracker | Zalman Raffael |
| Richmond Ballet | The Nutcracker | Stoner Winslett |

| Company | Performance Name | Choreographer(s) |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Nevada Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | James Canfield |
| Oklahoma City Ballet | The Nutcracker | Ryan Jolicoeur-Nye |
| Louisville Ballet | The Brown-Forman Nutcracker | Val Caniparoli |
| Los Angeles Ballet | The Nutcracker | Thordal Christensen and Colleen Neary |
| American Repertory Ballet | The Nutcracker | Audrée and Bud Estey, and after Mary Barton, Douglas Martin, and Marius Petipa, with additional choreography by Ian Hussey and Ethan Stiefel |
| Dallas Black Dance Theatre | Espresso Nutcracker | Katricia Eaglin |
| Ballet Memphis | The Nutcracker | Steven McMahon |
| Smuin Ballet | The Christmas Ballet | Michael Smuin, Amy Seiwert, Tessa Barbour, Nicole Haskins, Rex Wheeler, and others |
| Collage Dance Collective | The Nutcracker | |
| Grand Rapids Ballet | The Nutcracker | Val Caniparoli |
| Eugene Ballet | The Nutcracker | Toni Pimble |
| Sacramento Ballet | The Nutcracker | Colby Damon, Julia Feldman, and Nicole Haskins. |
| Alabama Ballet | George Balanchine's The Nutcracker | George Balanchine |
| Ballet Idaho | The Nutcracker | Peter Anastos |
| Cleveland Ballet | The Nutcracker | Gladisa Guadalupe |
| Ballet Rhode Island (formerly Festival Ballet Providence) | The Nutcracker | Yury Yanowsky |
| Ballet San Antonio | The Nutcracker | Easton Smith and Haley Henderson Smith |
| State Street Ballet | The Nutcracker | Rodney Gustafson |
| Ballet Magnificat! | Most Incredible Christmas! | Kathy Thibodeaux & Jiri Sebastian Voborsky |
| New Jersey Ballet Company | The Nutcracker | |
| Madison Ballet | The Nutcracker | Sara Stewart Schumann |

| Company | Performance Name | Choreographer(s) |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| José Mateo Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | José Mateo |
| American Midwest Ballet | The Nutcracker | Erika Overturff |
| New Ballet | The San Jose Nutcracker | Dalia Rawson |
| Post:ballet | Nutcracker | Robin Dekkers |
| Indianapolis Ballet | The Nutcracker | Victoria Lyras, Robert Rodham |
| Indianapolis Ballet | Family Series: Nutcracker Sweets | Victoria Lyras, Robert Rodham |
| Fort Wayne Ballet | Nutcracker | Karen Gibbons-Brown |
| Saint Louis Ballet | The Nutcracker | Gen Horiuchi |
| Boulder Ballet | The Nutcracker | Ben Needham Wood, Andrea Basile |
| Ballet 5:8 | Beyond The Nutcracker | Julianna Rubio Slager |
| South Carolina Ballet (formerly Columbia City Ballet) | The Nutcracker | William Starrett |
| Diablo Ballet | The Nutcracker Suite | Julia Adam |
| Manassas Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | Vadim Slatviskiy & Amy Grant Wolfe |
| Peninsula Ballet Theatre | Nutcracker Sweet | Gregory Amato |
| Peninsula Ballet Theatre | Hip Hop Nutcracker Sweet | Stuck Sanders |
| Peninsula Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | Gregory Amato |
| Peninsula Ballet Theatre | Hip Hop Nutcracker | Stuck Sanders and Alee Martinez |
| Newport Contemporary Ballet | Newport Nutcracker at Rosecliff | Danielle Genest, Christine Kaminski, Eva Marie Pacheco, Miki Ohlsen, Michael Bolger, Spencer Gavin Hering |
| Maine State Ballet | The Nutcracker | Linda MacArhur Miele |
| Brooklyn Ballet | The Nutcracker | Lynn Parkerson |
| The Florida Ballet | The Nutcracker | Roberto Forleo, Laurie Picinich-Byrd |
| Golden State Ballet | The Nutcracker | Raul Salamanca |

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| Company | Performance Name | Choreographer(s) |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Charlottesville Ballet | The Nutcracker | Sara Clayborne, Emily Hartka, Ty Cooper Grace, Heather Rogers |
| City Ballet of San Diego | The Nutcracker | Elizabeth Wistrich after Rudolph Nureyev, Lev Ivanov, Vassily Vainonen, and William Christensen |
| Ballet Des Moines | The Nutcracker | |
| Ballet Virginia | The Nutcracker | Suzanne Lownsbury and Janina Michalski |
| Mystic Ballet | Nutcracker Spectacular | Goran Subotic, Aleksander Subotic |
| Ballet Theatre of Maryland | The Nutcracker | Dianna Cuatto |
| The Tallahassee Ballet | The Nutcracker | Kathryn Karrh Cashin |
| Ballet Tucson | The Nutcracker | Lev Ivanov |
| Huntsville Ballet | The Nutcracker | |
| Oakland Ballet Company | The Nutcracker | Graham Lustig |
| City Ballet of Boston | Urban Nutcracker | Anthony Williams |
| Rochester City Ballet | The Nutcracker | |
| Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker Suite | |
| Canyon Concert Ballet | The Nutcracker Sweets | Michael Pappalardo |
| Dance Alive National Ballet | The Nutcracker | |
| Utah Metropolitan Ballet | The Nutcracker | Jacqueline Colledge |
| First State Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | |
| Eglevsky Ballet | The Nutcracker | Maurice Brandon Curry |
| San Diego Ballet | The Nutcracker | |
| The Minnesota Ballet | The Nutcracker | Karl von rabenau |
| Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida | The Nutcracker | Vladimir Issaev |
| Chattanooga Ballet | The Nutcracker | Brian McSween |

| Company | Performance Name | Choreographer(s) |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| The Georgia Ballet | The Nutcracker | Daet Rodriguez and Margit Peguero |
| American Contemporary Ballet | The Nutcracker | Lincoln Jones |
| Ballet Co. Laboratory | Nutcracker in Wonderland | Zoé Emilie Henrot |
| Ballet Pensacola | The Nutcracker | Darren McIntyre |
| Ballet Palm Beach | The Nutcracker | |
| Ohio Contemporary Ballet (formerly Verb Ballets) | The Nutcracker | Richard Dickinson |
| New Orleans Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | After original Petipa Choreography, Gregory Schramel, Marjorie Schramel, Jo-Ann Sundermeier, Josh Reynolds |
| New Mexico Ballet Company | The Nutcracker | |
| Central West Ballet | The Nutcracker | René Daveluy |
| Central West Ballet | Nutcracker in Jazz | René Daveluy |
| Marigny Opera Ballet | New Orleans Jazz Nutcracker | Jarina Carvalho |
| Syracuse City Ballet | The Nutcracker | Carolina Sheridan |
| Ballethnic Dance Company | Urban Nutcracker | Waverly T. Lucas II |
| Ballet Arkansas | Nutcracker Spectacular | Michael Fothergill |
| Anaheim Ballet | The Nutcracker | Sarma Lapenieks Rosenberg |
| Portland Ballet | The Nutcracker | Nell Shipman |
| Connecticut Ballet | The Nutcracker | Brett Raphael |
| Ballet Quad Cities | The Nutcracker | Courtney Lyon |
| Ballet Vero Beach | Nutcracker on the Indian River | Adam Schnell |
| The Roxey Ballet Company | The Nutcracker | Mark Roxey |
| Avant Chamber Ballet | The Nutcracker | Paul Mejia |
| Charleston Ballet | The Nutcracker | Kim Pauley |
| Ballet North Texas | The Nutcracker | Nicolina Lawson |

| Company | Performance Name | Choreographer(s) |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| ARC Dance Company | The Nutcracker | Marie Chong |
| New York Dance Project | The Nutcracker- Clara and the Land of Sweets | Marius Petipa |
| Cuban Classical Ballet of Miami | The Nutcracker | Eriberto Jimenez |
| Texture Contemporary Ballet | The Nutcracker | Alan Obuzor and Kelsey Bartman |
| Columbia Classical Ballet | The Nutcracker | Brooklyn Mack & Simone Cuttino |
| New York Theatre Ballet | Keith Michael's The Nutcracker | Keith Michael |
| New York Theatre Ballet | Once Upon a Ballet: Nutcracker in NYC | Keith Michael |
| Lexington Ballet Company | The Nutcracker | L Dominguez |
| Greensboro Ballet | The Nutcracker | Christine Cervino Grider |
| Delta Festival Ballet | The Nutcracker 2023 | Richard Monroe |
| Ajkun Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | Chiara Ajkun |
| Sierra Nevada Ballet | The Nutcracker | Bena Weber |
| Kentucky Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | Norbe Risco |
| Ballet Frontier | The Nutcracker | Chung Lin Tseng |
| Albany Berkshire Ballet | The Nutcracker | Madeline Cantarella Culpo |
| Carolina Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker: Once Upon a Time in Greenville | Hernan Justo with additional choreography by Anita Pacylowski-Justo |
| Central Illinois Ballet | The Nutcracker | Rebekah von Rathonyi |
| United Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | |

Appendix B: 2024/2025, Largest 150 Nutcracker and Holiday Productions



The following table outlines Nutcracker and Holiday Productions that were presented in the 2024/2025 season, the title of the performance, and their choreographer(s).

| Company | Performance Name | Choreographer(s) |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| New York City Ballet | George Balanchine's The Nutcracker | George Balanchine |
| San Francisco Ballet | The Nutcracker | Helgi Tomasson |
| American Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | Alexei Ratmansky |
| Boston Ballet | The Nutcracker | Mikko Nissinen |
| Houston Ballet | The Nutcracker | Stanton Welch AM |
| Pacific Northwest Ballet | George Balanchine's The Nutcracker | George Balanchine |
| Joffrey Ballet | The Nutcracker | Christopher Wheeldon |
| Miami City Ballet | George Balanchine's The Nutcracker | George Balanchine |
| Philadelphia Ballet | George Balanchine's The Nutcracker | George Balanchine |
| The Washington Ballet | The Nutcracker | Septime Webre |
| Ballet West | William Christensen's The Nutcracker | William Christensen |
| Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | Terrence S. Orr |
| Atlanta Ballet | The Nutcracker | Yuri Possokhov |
| Cincinnati Ballet | The Nutcracker | Victoria Morgan |
| Colorado Ballet | The Nutcracker | Martin Fredmann & Sandra Brown |
| Kansas City Ballet | The Nutcracker | Devon Carney |
| Ballet Arizona | The Nutcracker | Ib Anderson |
| Charlotte Ballet | The Nutcracker | Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux |
| Ballet Austin | The Nutcracker | Stephen Mills |
| Texas Ballet Theater | The Nutcracker | Ben Stevensen |
| Oregon Ballet Theatre | George Balanchine's The Nutcracker | George Balanchine |
| Nashville Ballet | Nashville's Nutcracker | Paul Vasterling & Lev Ivanov |
| Tulsa Ballet | The Nutcracker | Val Caniparoli & Ma Cong |
| Orlando Ballet | The Nutcracker | Jorden Morris |
| Milwaukee Ballet | The Nutcracker: Drosselmeyer's Imaginarium | Michael Pink |
| BalletMet | The Nutcracker | Gerard Charles |
| Carolina Ballet | The Nutcracker | Zalman Raffael |

| Company | Performance Name | Choreographer(s) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Richmond Ballet | The Nutcracker | Stoner Winslett |
| Nevada Ballet | The Nutcracker | James Canfield |
| Oklahoma City Ballet | The Nutcracker | Ryan Jolicoeur-Nye |
| Louisville Ballet | The Brown-Forman Nutcracker | Val Caniparoli |
| Los Angeles Ballet | The Nutcracker | Thordal Christensen & Colleen Neary |
| American Repertory Ballet | The Nutcracker | Audrey & Bud Estey, Mary Barton, Douglas Martin, Marius Petipa, Samantha Dunster, Ian Hussey, Ethan Stiefel |
| Dallas Black Dance Theatre | Espresso Nutcracker | Katricia Eaglin |
| Ballet Memphis | The Nutcracker | Steven McMahon |
| Smuin Ballet | The Christmas Ballet | Michael Smuin, Amy Seiwert, Nicole Haskins, Rex Wheeler, Brennan Wall and others |
| Grand Rapids Ballet | The Nutcracker | Val Caniparoli |
| Eugene Ballet | The Nutcracker | Toni Pimble |
| Sacramento Ballet | The Nutcracker | R. Colby Damon, Julia Feldman, & Nicole Haskins |
| Alabama Ballet | George Balanchine's The Nutcracker | George Balanchine |
| Ballet Idaho | The Nutcracker | Peter Anastos |
| Cleveland Ballet | The Nutcracker | Timour Bourtasenkov |
| Ballet Rhode Island | The Nutcracker | Yury Yanowsky |
| San Antonio Ballet | The Nutcracker | Haley Henderson Smith, Easton Smith |
| State Street Ballet | The Nutcracker | Rodney Gustafson |
| New Jersey Ballet Company | The Nutcracker | Maria Kowroski |
| Madison Ballet | The Nutcracker | Sara Stuart Schumann, Tom Mattingly, Ja' Malik |
| José Mateo Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | José Mateo |
| American Midwest Ballet | The Nutcracker | Erika Overturff |
| New Ballet | The San Jose Nutcracker | Dalia Rawson |

| Company | Performance Name | Choreographer(s) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Indianapolis Ballet | The Nutcracker | Victoria Lyras, Robert Rodham (snow scene) |
| Indianapolis Ballet | Family Series: Nutcracker Sweets | Victoria Lyras |
| Fort Wayne Ballet | The Nutcracker | Karen Gibbons Brown |
| Saint Louis Ballet | The Nutcracker | Gen Horiuchi |
| Boulder Ballet | The Nutcracker | Ben Needham Wood, Andrea Basile |
| Ballet 5:8 | Beyond the Nutcracker | Julianna Rubio Slager |
| South Carolina Ballet | The Nutcracker | William Starrett |
| Diablo Ballet | The Nutcracker Suite | Julia Adam |
| Manassas Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | Amy Grant Wolfe & Vadim Slatvatskiy |
| Peninsula Ballet Theatre | Nutcracker Sweet | Gregory Amato |
| Peninsula Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | Gregory Amato |
| Peninsula Ballet Theatre | Hip-Hop Nutcracker | Alee Martinez & Isaac 'Stuck' Sanders |
| Newport Contemporary Ballet | Newport Nutcracker at Rosecliff | Miki Ohlsen, Danielle Genest, Michael Bolger, Eva Marie Pocheco & Christine Sandorfi |
| Maine State Ballet | The Nutcracker | Linda MacArthur Miele |
| Brooklyn Ballet | The Brooklyn Nutcracker | Lynn Parkerson |
| The Florida Ballet | The Nutcracker | Roberto Forleo, Laurie Picinich-Byrd |
| Golden State Ballet | The Nutcracker | Raul Salamanca |
| Charlottesville Ballet | The Nutcracker | Sara Clayborne, Emily Hartka, Ty Cooper Grace, Heather Rogers |
| Charlottesville Ballet | Nutcracker Sweets | Sara Clayborne, Emily Hartka, Ty Cooper Grace, Heather Rogers |
| City Ballet of San Diego | The Nutcracker | Elizabeth Wistrich. after Rudolph Nureyev, Lev Ivanov, Vassily Vainonen, and William Christensen |
| Ballet Des Moines | The Nutcracker | Tom Mattingly |
| Ballet Virginia | The Nutcracker | Suzanne Lownsbury & Janina Michalski |

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| Company | Performance Name | Choreographer(s) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ballet Theatre of Maryland | The Nutcracker | Dianna Cuatto |
| The Tallahassee Ballet | The Nutcracker | Kathryn Kharrh Cashin |
| Ballet Tuscon | The Nutcracker | Chieko Imada |
| Huntsville Ballet | The Nutcracker | Phillip Otto |
| Oakland Ballet Company | The Nutcracker | Graham Lustig |
| City Ballet of Boston | Urban Nutcracker | Anthony Williams |
| Rochester City Ballet | The Nutcracker | Shannon Purpura & Megan Kamler |
| Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker Suite | Rachel Van Buskirk |
| Canyon Concert Ballet | The Nutcracker Sweets | Michael Pappalardo |
| Dance Alive National Ballet | The Nutcracker | Kim Tuttle |
| Utah Metropolitan Ballet | The Nutcracker | Jacqueline Colledge |
| First State Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | Pasha Kambalov & Kristina Kambalov |
| Eglevsky Ballet | The Nutcracker | Maurice Brandon Curry |
| San Diego Ballet | The Nutcracker | Javier Velasco |
| San Diego Ballet | The Nutcracker | Javier Velasco |
| The Minnesota Ballet | The Nutcracker | Karl von Rabenau |
| Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida | The Nutcracker | Vladimir Issaev |
| Chattanooga Ballet | The Nutcracker | Brian McSween |
| The Georgia Ballet | The Nutcracker | Daet Rodriguez & Margit Peguero |
| American Contemporary Ballet | The Nutcracker Suite | Lincoln Jones |

| Company | Performance Name | Choreographer(s) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Ballet Co. Laboratory | Nutcracker in Wonderland | Zoé Emilie Henrot |
| Ballet Pensacola | The Nutcracker | Stéphano Candreva |
| Ballet Palm beach | The Nutcracker | |
| Ohio Contemporary Ballet | Nutcracker Soirée | |
| New Orleans Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | |
| New Mexico Ballet Company | The Nutcracker | Kelly Ruggiero, Natalie Sedillo, Vladimir Conde Reche |
| Central West Ballet | The Nutcracker | René Daveluy |
| Central West Ballet | Nutcracker in Jazz | René Daveluy |
| Syracuse City Ballet | The Nutcracker | |
| Ballethnic Dance Company | Urban Nutcracker | Waverly T. Lucas II |
| Ballet Arkansas | The Nutcracker Spectacular | Michael Fothergill |
| Anaheim Ballet | The Nutcracker | Sarma Lapenieks Rosenberg |
| Portland Ballet | A Victorian Nutcracker | Nell Shipman |
| Connecticut Ballet | The Nutcracker | Brett Raphael |
| Ballet Quad Cities | The Nutcracker | Courtney Lyon |
| Ballet Vero Beach | Nutcracker on the Indian River | Adam Schnell |
| Dimensions Dance Theatre of Miami | Nutcracker on the Indian River | Adam Schnell |
| Roxey Ballet Company | The Nutcracker | Mark Roxey |
| Avant Chamber Ballet | The Nutcracker | Paul Mejia |
| Charleston Ballet | The Nutcracker | Kim Pauley |

| Company | Performance Name | Choreographer(s) |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Ballet North Texas | The Nutcracker | Nicolina Lawson |
| ARC Dance Company | Nutcracker Sweets | |
| New York Dance Project | Nutcracker | Marius Petipa |
| Texture Contemporary Ballet | The Nutcracker | Alan Obozur |
| Columbia Classical Ballet | The Nutcracker | Simone Cuttino |
| New York Theatre Ballet | The Nutcracker | Keith Michael |
| Lexington Ballet | The Nutcracker | Eric Trope |
| Greensboro Ballet | The Nutcracker | Christine Cervino Grider |
| Delta Festival Ballet | The Nutcracker | Joseph Giacobbe |
| Ajkun Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | Chiara Ajkun after Marius Petipa |
| Sierra Nevada Ballet Company | The Peanutcracker | |
| Kentucky Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | Norbe Risco |
| Ballet Frontier | The Nutcracker | Chung-Lin Tseng |
| Albany Berkshire Ballet | The Nutcracker | Madeline Cantarella Culpo |
| Carolina Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker: Once Upon a Time in Greenville | Hernan Justo |
| Central Illinois Ballet | The Nutcracker | Rebekah von Rathonyi |
| United Ballet Theatre | The Nutcracker | Choreographed by Henry Hernandez under the artistic direction of Joseph Gatti |

Appendix C: Additional Nutcracker and Holiday Performances 2024/2025 Season



The below appendix references works that were created during the holiday season but are not ranked within the Largest 150 U.S. Ballet and Classically based companies, and therefore were not included in analysis.

Productions performed in the 2024/2025 Season:

| Company | Work Title | Choreographer(s) |
|---|--|--|
| Ballet 314 | The Nutcracker & The World's Fair | Rachel Bodi |
| Baltimore School for the Arts | The Nutcracker | Amy Hall Garner |
| Barriskill Dance Theatre School | The Nutcracker | |
| Black Girls Dance | Mary, A Holiday Dansical | Erin Barnett |
| ContempraDANCE Theatre | Philly Nutt Crak-Up | Gail Vartanian |
| Contemporary West Dance Theatre | Cool Yule | |
| Dayton Contemporary Dance Company | The Littlest Angel | Crystal Michelle |
| Debbie Allen Dance Academy | Hot Chocolate Nutcracker | Debbie Allen |
| Deos Contemporary Ballet | Cracked Nuts | Tess Sinke |
| Dorrance Dance | The Nutcracker Suite | Michelle Dorrance, Josette Wiggan, and Hannah Heller. |
| Inland Pacific Ballet | The Nutcracker | |
| Mark Morris Dance Group | The Hard Nut | Mark Morris |
| New England Ballet Theatre | The Fantastic Toyshop | Rachael Gnatowski |
| Saint Louis Dance Theatre (formerly Big Muddy Dance Company) | Ellington/Strayhorn Nutcracker | Kirven Douthit-Boyd |
| Thomas Armour Dance Theatre | The Nutcracker | |
| | Sugar Hill: The Ellington/Strayhorn Nutcracker | Jon Boogs, Caleb Teicher, Jade Hale-Christofi |
| | The Hip Hop Nutcracker | Jennifer Weber, Randi "Rascal" Freitas |

Productions performed in past seasons:

| Company | Work Title | Choreographer(s) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Grand Rapids Ballet | A Christmas Carol | Brian Enos |
| Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy | 'Twas the Night Before Christmas | Rolando Yanes |