



Interlochen

ARTS ACADEMY

Interlochen, Michigan
127th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd Program of the 62nd Year

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THE NUTCRACKER

Music by
Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Staging and Choreography by
Joseph Morrissey

With the
INTERLOCHEN ARTS ACADEMY ORCHESTRA and CONCERT CHOIR
Leslie B. Dunner, orchestra conductor
W. Carter Smith, choir conductor

Costume Design by Amanda Lifvendahl
Lighting Design by Nicklas Casella
Set Design by Stephanie Baugher
Land of Sweets Projections Design by Lucas Inman

Dance Division Faculty: Katie Dorn, Rachel James, Jurijs Safonovs
Ballet Rehearsal Pianists: Steve Larson and Jamie Pfauth

Thursday, December 7, 2023
Friday, December 8, 2023
Saturday, December 9, 2023
Saturday, December 9, 2023
Sunday, December 10, 2023

7:30pm, Corson Auditorium
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CAST

(in order of first appearance)

ACT I

Paperboy..... Patrick Michaels**
Ice Skaters..... Devon Hartstein,
Lindy Sloan,
Cole Lessard (12/7, 12/9 matinee, 12/9 evening)
Vincent Farrehi (12/8, 12/10),
Colton Thomas
Chestnut Vendor Jaxson Barnett
DrosselmeyerJurijs Safonovs***
Harlequin Vince Mardirossian (12/7)
Rowan Barber (12/8, 12/9 evening, 12/10)
Huxley Pillars-Capoccia (12/9 matinee)
Columbine.....Jayla Stafford (12/7)
Joey Gelman (12/8, 12/9 evening)
Kalea Hoffner (12/9 matinee)
Chloe Cowgill (12/10)
Delivery Boy Patrick Michaels**
Clara's Friends Grace Allen,
Jaiyana Frankson,
Avery Strong,
Leila White
Fritz Vincent Farrehi (12/7, 12/9 matinee)
Cole Lessard (12/8, 12/9 evening, 12/10)
Nanny.....Anne Maust
Butler TJ McCarthy*
Herr Stahlbaum Jesse Harrington (12/7, 12/8, 12/10)
Vince Mardirossian (12/9 matinee, 12/9 evening)
Frau Stahlbaum Anna Vaughn
Clara Lilly Coate (12/7, 12/9 evening)
Jayla Stafford (12/8)
Aimee Craig (12/9 matinee)
Julia Birkenstein (12/10)
Grandmother..... Madeleine Pace*
Grandfather.....Forest Hamel *
Party Guests.....Carsen Gerstell,
Lila Jackson,
Zeylia Jacobi,
Shilo McCarthy,
Owen Boone,
Rowan Barber (12/7, 12/9 evening)
Huxley Pillars-Capoccia (12/8, 12/10)
Jesse Harrington (12/9 matinee),

Party Guests (continued)Cole Lessard (12/7, 12/9 matinee)
 Vincent Farrehi (12/8, 12/9 evening, 12/10),
 Colton Thomas
 Bear Jaxson Barnett
 Mouse KingForest Hamel*
 Mice Jackson Alejandro*,
 Ravi Mampara*,
 TJ McCarthy*,
 Madeleine Pace*,
 Hayden Thompson*,
 Rueby Wood*
 The NutcrackerHuxley Pillars-Capoccia (12/7)
 Vince Mardirossian (12/8, 12/10)
 Rowan Barber (12/9 matinee)
 Jesse Harrington (12/9 evening)
 Toy Soldiers Rowan Barber (12/7)
 Huxley Pillars-Capoccia (12/8, 12/9 matinee, 12/9 evening, 12/10),
 Jaxson Barnett,
 Owen Boone,
 Vincent Farrehi,
 Cole Lessard,
 Colton Thomas
 Baby Mouse.....Andrew John**
 The Snow King..... Jesse Harrington (12/7, 12/8, 12/10)
 Colton Thomas (12/9 matinee)
 Vince Mardirossian (12/9 evening)
 The Snow Queen..... Nami Chung Vastine (12/7, 12/8, 12/10)
 Leanne Chi (12/9 matinee)
 Emma Pearl (12/9 evening)
 Snowflakes Demi-Soloists.....Leanne Chi (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
 Lilly Coate (12/9 matinee, 12/10),
 Cadence Glenzy (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
 Joey Gelman (12/9 matinee, 12/10),
 Leah Hager (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
 Anna Vaughn (12/9 matinee, 12/10),
 Anne Maust (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
 Lindy Sloan (12/9 matinee, 12/10)
 Snowflakes.....Carsen Gerstell,
 Devon Hartstein,
 Kalea Hoffner,
 Lila Jackson,
 Zeylia Jacobi,
 Lola Pimentel-Barker (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
 Grace Allen (12/9 matinee, 12/10)

ACT II

Penguin Masters of Ceremonies Forest Hamel,
TJ McCarthy

Sugar Plum Fairy Alexis Monreal (12/7)
Emma Pearl (12/8, 12/10)
Chloe Cowgill (12/9 matinee)
Nami Chung Vastine (12/9 evening)

Sugar Plum Attendants Lila Jackson (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
Leanne Chi (12/9 matinee, 12/10),
Carsen Gerstell,
Kalea Hoffner,
Lola Pimentel-Barker

Bakers Jackson Alejandro*,
Ravi Mampara*,
Hayden Thompson*,
Rueby Wood*

Baker Junior Patrick Michaels**

Prince Coqueluche Huxley Pillars-Capoccia (12/7)
Vince Mardirossian (12/8, 12/10)
Rowan Barber (12/9 matinee)
Jesse Harrington (12/9 evening)

Chocolate Vince Mardirossian (12/7)
Huxley Pillars-Capoccia (12/8, 12/9 matinee, 12/9 evening)
Rowan Barber (12/10),
Jayla Stafford (12/7)
Julia Birkenstein (12/8, 12/9 matinee, 12/9 evening)
Lilly Coate (12/10),
Aimee Craig (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
Alexis Monreal (12/9 matinee, 12/10)

Coffee Soloists Leanne Chi (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
Lila Jackson (12/9 matinee, 12/10),
Cole Lessard (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
Owen Boone (12/9 matinee, 12/10),
Colton Thomas (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
Jesse Harrington (12/9 matinee, 12/10)

Tea Vincent Farrehi (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
Cole Lessard (12/9 matinee, 12/10),
Julia Birkenstein (12/7)
Lilly Coate (12/8, 12/9 matinee)
Alexis Monreal (12/9 evening)
Aimee Craig (12/10)

Strawberry Rowan Barber (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
Colton Thomas (12/9 matinee, 12/10),
Chloe Cowgill (12/7, 12/9 evening)
Alexis Monreal (12/8)

Strawberry (continued)Jayla Stafford (12/9 matinee)
 Cadence Glenzy (12/10)

Shortcake Joey Gelman,
 Leah Hager (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
 Anne Maust (12/9 matinee, 12/10),
 Lindy Sloan,
 Anna Vaughn

Peppermint Soloists Jesse Harrington (12/7, 12/8)
 Vince Mardirossian (12/9 matinee, 12/9 evening)
 Huxley Pillars-Capoccia (12/10),
 Anne Maust (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
 Leah Hager (12/9 matinee, 12/10)

Peppermint..... Grace Allen,
 Leila White,
 Jaxson Barnett,
 Owen Boone (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
 Vincent Farrehi (12/9 matinee, 12/10)

Flower Cavaliers..... Colton Thomas (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
 Jesse Harrington (12/9 matinee)
 Rowan Barber (12/10),
 Cole Lessard (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
 Huxley Pillars-Capoccia (12/9 matinee)
 Jesse Harrington (12/10)

Waltz of the FlowersLila Jackson (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
 Leanne Chi (12/9 matinee, 12/10),
 Carsen Gerstell,
 Devon Hartstein,
 Kalea Hoffner,
 Jaiyana Frankson,
 Zeylia Jacobi,
 Shilo McCarthy,
 Lola Pimentel-Barker

Dewdrop Cadence Glenzy (12/7, 12/9 matinee)
 Nami Chung Vastine (12/8)
 Jayla Stafford (12/9 evening, 12/10)

Mr. Gingerbread Jaxson Barnett

Mrs. SpiceJayla Stafford (12/7)
 Alexis Monreal (12/8, 12/10)
 Julia Birkenstein (12/9 matinee, 12/9 evening),
 Aimee Craig (12/7, 12/8, 12/9 evening)
 Alexis Monreal (12/9 matinee)
 Lilly Coate (12/10)

* Denotes IAA theatre students

** Denotes local supporting cast *** Denotes IAA dance faculty

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THE NUTCRACKER

Synopsis by Joseph Morrissey
after E.T.A. Hoffman's *The Nutcracker and Mouse King*
and Alexandre Dumas' *The Tale of The Nutcracker*

ACT I

Scene I: Christmas Eve on a Street in Nuremberg, Germany

Ice skaters practice their moves on a street in Nuremberg as the paperboy finishes his last route on Christmas Eve. Festive shoppers stroll by as a vendor happily offers warm chestnuts to the skaters. Holiday cheer is in the air.

Scene II: Drosselmeyer's Toy Shop of Fantasies

Mysterious toy shop owner, Herr Drosselmeyer, tries to fix his broken dolls, only to find mischief and flirtation behind his back. Shoppers arrive buying last minute gifts as Columbine and Harlequin profess their love for each other. Things explode and the lights go out.

Scene III: Christmas Eve at the Stahlbaum Family Home

Dancing ensues at the Stahlbaum family Christmas party before Drosselmeyer arrives presenting his life-size Harlequin and Columbine dolls along with a dancing bear for everyone's entertainment. As the guests head to dinner, Drosselmeyer presents Clara with his gift — a Nutcracker. Clara dances with the Nutcracker until a jealous Fritz breaks it. Drosselmeyer uses his magic to repair the doll. Fritz instigates another loud interruption before the guests conclude the evening with a celebratory dance. Meanwhile, Drosselmeyer reads Clara and her friends a story that tells the tale of the Nutcracker being a handsome prince put under an evil spell by the wicked Mouse King. Bedtime approaches and the guests depart the Stahlbaum residence, leaving the nanny and butler to bid each other goodnight under the mistletoe.

Scene IV: The Battle

Fritz sneaks out to the living room to find his toy horse but is scared by Drosselmeyer magically flickering lights about. Clara enters longing to be with her beloved Nutcracker and falls asleep next to the doll. The evil Mouse King appears, encouraging his entourage of mice to frighten Clara. Drosselmeyer enters and scares the mice away before transforming the Nutcracker into a life-size figure. He calls upon an army of toy soldiers and then makes the Christmas tree and everything around it grow. A mouse tries to attack General Bunny before he is shot by a soldier's cannon. A battle soon begins between the Nutcracker and his toy soldiers and the Mouse King and his mice. The Mouse King and the Nutcracker face off against each other, and just as one nearly defeats the other, Clara distracts the Mouse King by hitting him with a broom. The Nutcracker seizes

the moment to slay the Mouse King from behind with his sword. The mice mourn the defeat of the Mouse King and Clara weeps over the Nutcracker, fearing he is harmed. Drosselmeyer creates a magical fog and the Nutcracker transforms into a handsome prince who displays admiration and gratitude to Clara for helping to break the Mouse King's spell. Shy at first, Clara is mesmerized by the Prince, who guides her outside to the Enchanted Snow Forest where they are greeted by its keepers, the Snow King and Queen.

Scene V: The Enchanted Snow Forest

The Snow King and Queen arrive and dance amongst their snowflakes in a whirling snow-filled forest. Drosselmeyer arrives in a sleigh, offering it to Clara and the Prince so that they may be whisked away to the Palace of Sweets where the Sugar Plum Fairy and her entourage await.

—15 MINUTE INTERMISSION—

ACT II

Scene I: The Peppermint Forest

Being transported to the land of sweets, Sugar Plum attendants welcome the arrival of Clara, Drosselmeyer, and Prince Coquleuche. The Sugar Plum Fairy arrives, welcoming sweets and delicacies from around the world to join in celebrating the Prince's return to his kingdom. After the celebration, a reenactment of his battle with the Mouse King is staged. All thank Clara for helping to rescue the Prince. The Sugar Plum Fairy magically whisks everyone away to the Palace of Sweets where a variety of dances will be held in Clara's honor.

Scene II: The Palace of Sweets

The various sweets and delicacies dance for Clara and Drosselmeyer. They are, in order of appearance:

Chocolate
Coffee
Tea
Strawberry Shortcake
Peppermint
Dewdrop, Waltz of the Flowers and their Cavaliers
Gingerbread and Spice

The Prince and the Sugar Plum Fairy dance together, demonstrating their love for each other. The ceremony ends with a grand finale with everyone who has been a part of Clara's magical journey at the Palace of Sweets.

Scene III: Clara's Bedroom

Clara awakes in her bedroom as the Nutcracker remains by the window. Clara embraces her beloved doll, realizing the experience was all a wondrous and memorable dream.

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INTERLOCHEN ARTS ACADEMY DANCE DIVISION

Grace Allen, Scarsdale, N.Y.
Rowan Barber, Hanover, Pa.
Jaxson Barnett, Lawrenceburg, Ky.
Julia Birkenstein, Glencoe, Ill.
Owen Boone, Cincinnati, Ohio
Leanne Chi, Yangmei District, Taoyuan City, Taiwan
Nami Chung Vastine, Miami, Fla.
Lilly Coate, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Chloe Cowgill, Tucson, Ariz.
Aimee Craig, Mill Bay, British Columbia, Canada
Vincent Farrehi, Rochester Hills, Mich.
Jaiyana Frankson, Atlanta, Ga.
Joey Gelman, Denver, Colo.
Carsen Gerstell, Steamboat Springs, Colo.
Cadence Glenzy, Danville, Ind.
Leah Hager, Trabuco Canyon, Calif.
Jesse Harrington, King Ferry, N.Y.
Devon Hartstein, Sag Harbor, N.Y.
Kalea Hoffner, Snowmass Village, Colo.
Lila Jackson, Oak Park, Ill.
Zeylia Jacobi, Steamboat Springs, Colo.
Cole Lessard, Seal Harbor, Maine
Vince Mardirossian, Longmeadow, Mass.
Anne Maust, Dexter, Mich.
Shilo McCarthy, Montauk, N.Y.
Alexis Monreal, Chula Vista, Calif.
Emma Pearl, Bogotá, Colombia
Huxley Pillars-Capoccia, Detroit, Mich.
Lola Pimentel-Barker, Jamaica, N.Y.
Lindy Sloan, Portola Valley, Calif.
Jayla Stafford, Detroit, Mich.
Avery Strong, Chapel Hill, N.C.
Colton Thomas, Spokane, Wash.
Anna Vaughn, Evergreen, Colo.
Leila White, Old Greenwich, Conn.

LOCAL SUPPORTING CAST

Andrew John
Patrick Michaels

SUPPORTING CAST FROM THE ARTS ACADEMY THEATRE DIVISION

Jackson Alejandro, Traverse City, Mich.
Forest Hamel, Meredith, N.H.
Ravi Mampara, Washington, D.C.
TJ McCarthy, Exton, Pa.
Madeleine Pace, Westerville, Ohio
Hayden Thompson, Union, S.C.
Rueby Wood, Central Square, N.Y.

Members of the INTERLOCHEN ARTS ACADEMY CONCERT CHOIR

Ya-Ju Chuang, rehearsal pianist Mallory Sajewski, librarian Troy Burnett, manager

Elijah Ai, China	Lilac Lopez, Colo.
Adiza Albury, The Bahamas	Hanna Maes, Fla.
Julieta Amoroz, Mich.	London McKenzie, Wis.
Vivian Barrett, Wyo.	Grace Meyer, Ohio
Sabrina Bianco, N.Y.	Caewithe Miller, Wash.
Kendall Buckley, Calif.	Elizabeth Palumbo, N.J.
Remington Collins, Ill.	Sally Pan, China
Grace Coon, Miss.	Sufia Rahman, Texas
Eva Donahey, Pa.	Opal Reese, Ill.
Ayla Rose Donohue-Özyar, Md.	Sydney Rosplock, Wis.
Drucilla Dumas, La.	Bridget Shene, Fla.
Gia Gondusky, Va.	Belle Thommen, Mich.
Alejandra Gaspar-Hulbert, Costa Rica	Leila Topi, Mass.
Yoyo Jiang, China	Sasha Townend, The Bahamas
Tobi LaCroix, Va.	Joanna Wilson, Texas
Joan Lee, South Korea	Kaila Zeh-Gatti, N.Y.

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Variation Choreography of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Prince
revised after Lev Ivanov and Vasili Vainonen

INTERLOCHEN ARTS ACADEMY ORCHESTRA

Christine Roberts, manager Mallory Sajewski, librarian

VIOLIN I

Iris Danek, Calif.*
Winter Wu, China*
Jane Finlayson-Fife, Ill.*
Helen Liu, China*
Harry Yang, China*
Leo Makino, Wash.*
Malika Prasad, Ill.*
Charlotte Fong,
 Hong Kong**
Ari Han, Va. **
Alice Song, Canada**
Evan Whipple, Wyo. **
Jeewon Lee, Conn. **
Emilio Zires, Ill. **
Nora Zarycki, Mont. **
Nicole Wang, Taiwan**

VIOLIN II

Jim Kaplan, N.Y.*
Jad Ibrahim, Syria*
Simon Hill, S.C.*
Phoebe Bruchman, Texas*
Ella Besirli, Mich.*
Emilio Zires, Ill.*
Sabine Stern, Calif.**
Tessa Duncan, Canada**
Yuqin Huang, China**
Miuccia Li, China**
Hadassah Ring, Mich.**
Suki Li, China**

VIOLA

Alexandra Yeoh, Ohio*
Greyson Geisness, Fla.*
Bailey Rickman, N.C.*
Sarah Wagner, Va.*
Lily Wodzisz, Mich.**
Jordan Fletcher, Okla.**
Lana Kim, Mich.**
Callie Kleinman, N.M.**

CELLO

Henry Cornette, Va.*
Sarah Mann, Mich.*
Karl Davis, Minn.*
Morgan Miner, Ill.*
Griffin Jones, S.C.**
Luke Walker, Jamaica**
Meena Karimi,
 Afghanistan**
Charlotte Wildenberg,
 Mont.**

DOUBLE BASS

CJ Moore, Minn.*
Shelcy Dilone, Mass.*
Philani Gqamana, N.Y.**
Xiye Chen, China**

FLUTE

Rylan Collins, Texas
Taltos Fuszfas, Fla.**
Ava Gilbert, Conn.*
Genevieve Skatoff, Fla.

OBOE

Amelia Cheng, Wash.*
Riley Cornell, N.C.*
Alexander Garcia, Fla.*
Sarah Gray, Kan.**
Lauren Hart, Ohio**
Ziyao Sun, China**

CLARINET

Audrey Bray, Texas
Lawson Caldwell, Texas
Ian Dodd, Vt.*
Luis Montero Hernandez,
 Costa Rica**

BASSOON

Alaine Garinger, Ohio*
Wyatt Larsen, Nev.**
Elise TeKolste, Kan.

HORN

Madelyn Atkinson, Mich.**
Sophie Choy, Hong Kong
Leland Evans, Texas*
Sydney Richardson, Texas
Max Robichaux, Texas*
Trista Schepp, Wis.**

TRUMPET

Antoni Krej, Poland*
Jonathan Taylor, Calif.*
Lily Clark, N.Y.**
Annie Walton, Mich.**

TROMBONE

Juan Beltran, Texas
Henry Price, Va.
Ava Siu, Ill.

TUBA

June Eickholt, Texas

PERCUSSION

Mitchell Beckmann, Mo.
Julian Jimenez-Pardo,
 Costa Rica
Reese Modesitt, Texas

HARP

Ella Brown, Mass.**
Dylan Gernert, Texas*

CELESTE

Helen Nguyen Hoang,
 Vietnam

Orchestra Roster Notes

Strings are listed in seating order.

The remaining musicians are listed alphabetically within their section.

Musicians are playing both acts unless denoted as follows:

* Denotes Act I ** Denotes Act II

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For Interlochen Arts Academy faculty bios, please visit
our website at interlochen.org/directory/faculty
or scan the QR code with your phone's camera.



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PRODUCTION CREDITS

Director of Dance	Joseph Morrissey
Dance Division Faculty	Katie Dorn, Rachel James, Jurijs Safonovs
Dance Division Music Coordinator	Steve Larson
Dance Division Music Intern	Jamie Pfauth
Dance Department Assistant	Amanda Hannah Woodruff
Director of Music	Eric Stomberg
Director of Theatre Arts	William Church
Director of Theatre Design and Production	Stephen John
Executive Director, Interlochen Presents	Brent Wrobel
Assistant Director, Interlochen Presents–Production	Jennifer Apple
Assistant Director, Interlochen Presents–Design and Production	Jeffery Block
Production Coordinator	Robert Cracknell
Assistant Technical Director	Sammy Kriesch
Stage Manager	Alexandra Herryman
Assistant Stage Manager	Diego Rocha-Morgan, Minn.
Recorded Audio Engineer	Michael Culler
Webcast Director/Projections Engineer	Savanna Stark
Camera Operator	Peter Jones
Qlab Operator	Jules Sohn, South Korea
Light Board Operator	Caewithe Miller, Wash.
Spotlight Operators	Reese Poole, Texas; Max Pearson, Mich.
Deck Managers	Joel Reedy, Christian Ward
Stage Crew	Mati Held, Colombia; Luna Lu, China; Emma Niu, Mass.
Costume Shop Supervisor	Amanda Lifvendahl
Costume Technicians	Eleanor Dobry, Caitlin Eldred, Cory John
Stitcher	Sarah Koontz
Costume Technician in Residence/Wardrobe Supervisor	Katie Glenn

WardrobeNettie James-Drost, Mich.; Cory John; Maureen Oleson
Costume Shop Student Volunteers....Cates Asleson, Ind.; Juniper Blythe, Mich.;
Kendall Buckley, Calif.; Henry Grooms, Minn.; Leah Hager, Calif.;
Jasmine Iacullo, Fla.; Ella Ingold, Ariz.; Luna Lu, China;
Jamie Marshall, Wis.; London McKenzie, Wis.; Nadine Waters, Mich.
Costume Shop Volunteers.....Karis Ayers, Christine Lewis, Bradley Roswell,
Anne Stull, Melanie Taylor
Assistant Director, Interlochen Presents–Patron Services Sonja Baker
House Managers.....Kim Elston, Noel Watson
Box Office Lee Elston, Antoinette Haddock
Director of Volunteer Services Jennifer Richards
Environmental Services Michael Shrum

Special thanks to William Church, Halyna Krasovska and the Le Soleil
Costume Shop, Olena Nalyvaiko and the Plainfield Dance Academy,
and our volunteer ushers.

Special thanks to the Foster Family for supporting this performance
through the Foster Family Costume and Set Production Fund.

**—NO VISITORS BACKSTAGE—
Please greet cast members in the lobby.**

**The usage of flash photography is strictly prohibited,
as it is hazardous to the dancers.**

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UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

INTERLOCHEN In Town Series

Nancy Stagnitta, flute with Ya-Ju Chuang, piano

Friday, Dec. 15 | The Alluvion, Traverse City

This performance features Interlochen Instructor of Flute Nancy Stagnitta and Collaborative Pianist Ya-Ju Chuang. Music by Hamilton Harty, Philip Gaubert, Cecille Chaminade, Frank Martin, Samuel Barber, Sigfrid Karg-Elert, Valerie Coleman, and Amanda Harberg.

Sounds of the Season

Saturday, Dec. 16 and Sunday, Dec. 17 | Corson Auditorium

Don your holiday apparel and join Interlochen Arts Academy for a program of festive, family friendly fun! Arrive early for carols in the lobby, then take your seats as the Academy's music, theatre, dance, and interdisciplinary arts students perform a fast-paced showcase of seasonal songs and stories featuring cameos by faculty members, a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and appearances by beloved holiday

characters including Santa, Frosty, and the Grinch. Will the Grinch steal the show? Or will the spirit of the season transform his heart?

The Sleeping Beauty

Friday, Feb. 9-Sunday, Feb. 11 | Corson Auditorium

Witness love's triumph over evil as the Interlochen Arts Academy Dance Division and the Traverse Symphony Orchestra come together to stage a ballet adaptation of the timeless fairy tale, *The Sleeping Beauty*. Cursed by the wicked fairy Carabosse, Princess Aurora falls into an enchanted slumber. A century later, Prince Florimund meets Aurora in a dream—and vows to rescue her from Carabosse's clutches. Don't miss a breathtaking production featuring exquisite costumes, stunning scenic design, Marius Petipa's 1890 choreography, and artistic direction by Director of Dance Joseph Morrissey. Acclaimed ballet conductor Kevin Rhodes leads the Traverse Symphony Orchestra as they perform Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's iconic score.

Edmonia

Friday, May 3-Sunday, May 5 | Corson Auditorium

Discover the extraordinary life and career of 19th century Black and Native American sculptor Edmonia Lewis in a new hybrid opera from award-winning composer Dr. Bill Banfield. The two-act opera chronicles Lewis' remarkable journey from her turbulent time at Oberlin College—including an accusation of attempted murder—to her recognition as an internationally celebrated artist, posthumous erasure, and rediscovery. Join the students, faculty, and guests of Interlochen Arts Academy for the world premiere of this groundbreaking multidisciplinary work and experience the incredible true story of a long-forgotten, barrier-breaking artist.

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