

# PENINSULA LIVELY ARTS

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**PENINSULA LIVELY ARTS PRESENTS**  
**THREE SPECTACULAR VERSIONS OF *NUTCRACKER* THIS SEASON:**  
***NUTCRACKER SWEET* FOR YOUNG FAMILIES, DEC. 7 & 8, STUDIO ONE**  
***CLASSIC NUTCRACKER*, DEC. 21 & 22, SAN MATEO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**  
***HIP-HOP NUTCRACKER*, DEC. 21 & 22, REDWOOD CITY FOX THEATRE**

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*Nutcracker Sweet*



*Classic Nutcracker*



*Hip-Hop Nutcracker*

**San Mateo, Calif. (October 15, 2024)** — Peninsula Lively Arts is thrilled to present three distinctive and captivating versions of the holiday classic *Nutcracker*, in three separate venues this December. Audiences will have the opportunity to enjoy both a traditional and a modern take on this timeless Christmas ballet, ensuring there is something for everyone.

The holiday ballet season will get underway with the company's popular ***Nutcracker Sweet***, an abridged, 50-minute version of the *Nutcracker*, appropriate for children ages 3 – 9 and their families. Performed by members of Peninsula Ballet Theatre, this fully costumed presentation will be given six performances December 7 and 8 at 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m., at Peninsula Lively Arts, Studio One, 1880 South Grant Street, San Mateo.

The second production is Peninsula Ballet Theatre's classical, full-length ballet, directed by **Artistic Director Gregory Amato**, which will enchant audiences with its timeless elegance and grandeur. Based on E.T.A. Hoffmann's classic Christmas story, Peninsula Ballet Theatre brings to life the charming tale of Clara and her magical journey through the Land of Sweets and its exotic locales. This ***Classic Nutcracker*** version will feature a cast of 85 dancers plus the return of the Snow Chorus singers from **Oakland's Skyline High School**, under the direction of **Adam Green**. With its breathtaking choreography, exquisite costumes and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's immortal music, ***Classic Nutcracker*** will be performed at the **San Mateo Performing Arts Center** on **December 21 and 22 at 2 p.m.**, offering two matinee shows ideal for families to celebrate the season.

Adding a fresh and contemporary twist to the holiday favorite is the company's third version of the *Nutcracker*, the acclaimed ***Hip-Hop Nutcracker***, choreographed by **Artistic Director Stuck Sanders**. This high-energy, full-length performance blends hip-hop choreography with E.T.A. Hoffmann's beloved Christmas story, bringing a unique and dynamic flair to the stage featuring virtuosic urban break dance styles and Tchaikovsky's popular music overlaid with original explosive industrial beats. The *Hip-Hop Nutcracker* will "bust-a-move" at the **Fox Theatre** in downtown Redwood City with two matinees on **December 21 and 22 at 2 p.m.**

All three productions presented by Peninsula Lively Arts promise to captivate audiences of all ages with dazzling choreography, beautiful costumes, and exceptional performances while celebrating the joy and magic of the Christmas season.

***Classic Nutcracker Sweet***

An abridged 50-minute version of the *Nutcracker* for children ages 3 – 9 and families.

Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

Sunday, December 8 at 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

**Peninsula Ballet Theatre's Studio One, 1880 South Grant Street, San Mateo**

Tickets are \$40 (general) and \$30 (children age 9 and below); purchase online at [www.peninsulalivelyarts.org](http://www.peninsulalivelyarts.org)

***Classic Nutcracker*** full-length production by Peninsula Ballet Theatre's Artistic Director **Gregory Amato**

Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 22 at 2 p.m.

**San Mateo Performing Arts Center, 600 North Delaware Street, San Mateo**

Tickets are: \$70 to \$35; purchase online at [www.peninsulalivelyarts.org](http://www.peninsulalivelyarts.org)

***Hip-Hop Nutcracker*** full-length production by Peninsula Hip-Hop Productions Artistic Director **Stuck Sanders**

Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 22 at 2 p.m.

**Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway, Redwood City**

Tickets are: \$70 to \$35; purchase online at [www.peninsulalivelyarts.org](http://www.peninsulalivelyarts.org)

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