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# THE *Swinging* NUTCRACKER

*The timeless classic  
in a new swing time!*

1 X 60 minute Music & Dance Holiday Special

THE SWINGING NUTCRACKER is a magical music and dance television special that updates the classic delights of Tchaikovsky's timeless ballet "The Nutcracker" with the compelling, exciting rhythms of 1930s and 40s "swing" music.

Our story begins on Christmas Eve in 1941. Six-year-old Annie can't sleep. Her mother Sarah offers to tell her a story. Cuddled together in a chair in front of the fire and the glowing Christmas tree, Sarah tells Annie a magical story of bravery, hope and love. The story of Nutcracker and young Marie-Claire.

Imagine a succinct and energetic re-telling of a popular tradition, set to the brassy sound of the 30s and 40s. The ageless tale of Marie-Claire and the Nutcracker who steals her heart, the passion of their young love perfectly reflected in the pure joy of swing-land style. The choreography meshes the traditional ballet with the vibrant movements of jazz and swing to create a dynamic dance work that will delight young and old alike with an energetic new twist on a well-loved favourite.

THE SWINGING NUTCRACKER features a cast of some of Canada's top professional dancers, starring the renowned JEFF HYSLOP ("Phantom of the Opera," "Kiss of the Spider Woman"), who plays the romantic and athletic Nutcracker. The new adaptation of the original Tchaikovsky score, inspired by the music of Benny Goodman and Duke Ellington, is arranged and scored by award-winning musical director BILL SAMPLE and choreographed by internationally-acclaimed choreographer LISA STEVENS.





Director SHEL PIERCY is at the helm in the studio, using four cameras to capture the magic of this timeless story. The stunning art deco set is designed by LAWRENCE COLLETT. Costume design by KATE KING adapts funky 40s zoot suits and circle skirts, and lighting by AMIR MOHAMMED enhances the romantic dreaminess of art deco style. It all creates a dynamic rhythm of colour and motion to perfectly set the big band swing music that drives the show. The well-known classical melodies swing surprisingly well into a jazz beat, the story into the Jazz Age. Saxophones and muted horns replace violins and violas. The excitement and energy of swing and jazz refresh the standard balletic set-pieces. It's a timeless classic in a new swing time!

**THE SWINGING NUTCRACKER** - a perfect harmony of the new and the timeless, destined to become an international family classic

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AN INFINITY FILMS PRODUCTION — JEFF HYSLOP IS "THE SWINGING NUTCRACKER"

STARRING DEBBIE TIMUSS WITH MOIRA WALLEY AS SARAH AND JAMES HIBBARD AS MURRY THE MOUSE PRODUCTION DESIGNER LAWRENCE COLLETT LIGHTING DESIGNER AMIR MOHAMMED  
 DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY ROD PARKHURST EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS DAN CARRIERE SHEL PIERCY CO PRODUCERS NANCY COTTINGHAM POWELL ROSS POWELL  
 LINE PRODUCER CYNTHIA CHAPMAN PRODUCER PAT O'BRIEN BASED ON THE BALLET "THE NUTCRACKER" BY PETER TCHAIKOVSKY AN ORIGINAL STORY BY ROSS POWELL  
 MUSICAL DIRECTION AND ARRANGEMENTS BILL SAMPLE WRITTEN BY SHEL PIERCY CHOREOGRAPHER LISA STEVENS DIRECTED BY SHEL PIERCY

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