



For many, the holiday season would not be complete without enjoying a performance of the Nutcracker Suite.

This popular ballet has come to be synonymous with Christmas, due to its holiday setting and beauti-ful music. Based on a story by E.T.A. Hoffmann, the ballet is probably Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's most beloved work. Each holiday season finds ballet groups, both amateur and professional, presenting it anew for the delight of youngsters and adults alike.

The story is a simple, yet fanciful one; a little girl is presented with a nutcracker at Christmas time. She dreams that the nutcracker comes to life in the person of a handsome prince who leads the toys to battle against an army of mice.

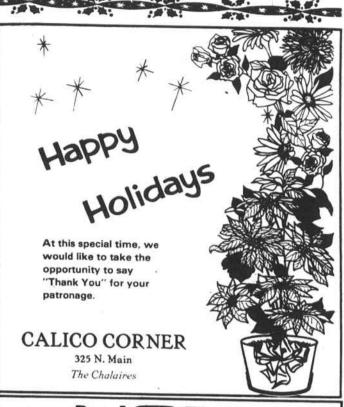
He then takes the girl off to Arabia, where she is entertained with dances by the Sugarplum Fairy and a delightful assortment of characters.

There are exotic Ara-bian dancers, quaint Chi-nese performers, and exciting Russian dancers among others, all in colorful attire.

Finally, there is a spectacular dance by lovely flowers, known as the "Waltz of the Flowers." As the flowers dance to the familiar, lilting music for the entranced young heroine and her handsome prince, it is easy to see that this ballet has truly captured the wonder and fancy of childhood for all to enjoy, regardless of age.

The Nutcracker Suite was first performed in 1892, and it has been delighting generations of ballet-lovers, young and old, ever since.

Tchaikovsky wrote many symphonies, concertos and overtures, but probably no single work of his is as popular as this Christmas classic.





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