

## Hartford City Ballet's The Nutcracker

The annual performances of the Nutcracker, are all around us once again, but the one with the closest connection to Asylum Hill is still the Hartford City Ballet's sixth annual performance. Dartanion Reed and Keiko Nakamura, the husband -wife team who founded Hartford City Ballet are residents of Asylum Hill, and until recently, HCB was located here.



Finding rental space with the right combination of size, access, parking and affordability is never easy, so at least for now they are rehearsing in Bloomfield.

This year's performance will be at Kingswood Oxford School, and the students have been practicing for weeks. Many of the girls from last year will be returning this year including



Sydney Alleyne as Clara. Serena Van Der Hulst will play the Nutcracker as well as Fritz, and Neriad Barrett will be Clara's father as well as the Snow Queen. Lorena Rodriguez will be Sugarplum. There will of course be many new dancers some moving up from the School of Hartford City Ballet as well as current students of the school.

New this year will be participation by students from Miss Porter's School in Farmington who will be dancing the snow and flowers.

For more photos of the rehearsal go to

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/RUpHhxi9Ky4usFHc2>

For photos from last year's performance go to <https://goo.gl/photos/uTBPbizZCkkHd7UY6>

For more information on this year's performance and tickets go to

<http://www.hartfordcityballet.org/eventscalendar/the-nutcracker/>