



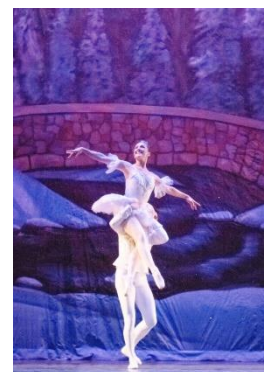
“Nutcracker: Snow Scene”  
Gouache on Illustration Board  
Image Size: 18” x 28”  
Framed: 30.5” x 40.5”

The original story of the “Nutcracker” was written by E.T.A. Hoffman in early 19<sup>th</sup> century Germany. Hoffman lived part of his life in Bamberg, Germany and I had the good fortune to live in the same town for several years. When I was asked by Manassas Ballet Theatre to design sets for the “Nutcracker”, I tried to draw on some of my experiences from living in Bamberg.

This painting is based on my design for the “Snow” scene. In the ballet, the main character, Clara, falls into a dream state and the set is transported to an enormous fantasy world beneath the Christmas tree. The Nutcracker comes to life and a battle between nutcracker soldiers and mice ensues.

The nutcrackers are victorious and Clara and her beloved Nutcracker travel to the land of the Sugar Plum Fairy. They ride on an elegant sleigh through gentle flurries into a snow-covered forest. Along their journey, they meet the Snow Queen and the Snow King, who treat them to the dance of the Snowflakes.

The actual backdrop for this scene is 30’ tall and 60’ wide.



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