

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC  
DISCALCED, INC./ MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP

and  
HOSPITAL AUDIENCES, INC.

*present in the*  
BAM Opera House  
December 13, 1993 at 7:00 pm

# THE HARD NUT

based on *NUTCRACKER AND MOUSEKING* by E.T.A. Hoffmann  
music: Piotr Ilyitch Tchaikovsky (*NUTCRACKER* op. 71)

<i>Choreography</i>	MARK MORRIS
<i>Conductor</i>	DONALD YORK
<i>Set Design</i>	ADRIANNE LOBEL
<i>Costume Design</i>	MARTIN PAKLEDINAZ
<i>Lighting Design</i>	JAMES F. INGALLS

*Production based on the work of* CHARLES BURNS

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BROOKLYN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

BROOKLYN YOUTH CHORUS

# MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP

FRANCKY ARRAS KATHARINA BADER ROB BESSERER  
ALYCE BOCHETTE JOE BOWIE JULIET BURROWS  
DEREK CLIFFORD RUTH DAVIDSON TINA FEHLANDT  
CATHY HAZELTINE PETER WING HEALEY JOHN HEGINBOTHAM  
DAN JOYCE NATHANIEL LEE SAM LOUWYCK VICTORIA LUNDELL  
CLARICE MARSHALL MARIANNE MOORE RACHEL MURRAY  
MARK NIMKOFF DENIZ OKTAY JUNE OMURA KRAIG PATTERSON  
MIREILLE RADWAN-DANA GUILLERMO RESTO KEITH SABADO  
VERNON SCOTT UTA FUMI TAKEMURA JORDANA TOBACK  
WILLIAM WAGNER MEGAN WILLIAMS

*Artistic Director*  
**MARK MORRIS**

*General Director*  
**BARRY ALTERMAN**

*Managing Director*  
**NANCY UMANOFF**

## **MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP STAFF**

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*Director of Company Services, Tom Geyer*  
*Office Administrator, Eva Nichols*  
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*Lighting Supervisor, Michael Chybowski*  
*Musical Director, Linda Dowdell*  
*Assistant to the Costume Designer, Susan Ruddie*  
*Assistants to the Technical Director, Dirk Loomans*  
*Legal Counsel, Mark Selinger*  
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*Orthopaedist, David S. Weiss, M.D.*  
*Physical Therapist, Marshall Hagins*  
*Accountant, Kathryn Lundquist, CPA*

## Synopsis

### ACT I

Dr. and Mrs. Stahlbaum's annual Christmas Eve Party. Their children Fritz, Marie and Louise wait in the den. Party dances: polka, hokey-pokey, hesitation, stroll, bump, waltz. Friend of the family Drosselmeier brings animated toys that he's made. He gives a Nutcracker to the children. Fritz breaks it. The children fight. Dr. Stahlbaum changes the subject. The guests go home. The family goes to bed. The housekeeper cleans up.

Marie can't sleep and comes downstairs to see if the Nutcracker is resting comfortably. At midnight she is frightened by rats. Everything in the room grows to giant size. G.I. Joes led by the Nutcracker battle rats led by their mutant King. Marie kills the King with her slipper. She falls, unconscious. The Nutcracker is transformed into a young man. Marie is tucked in. A worried Drosselmeier makes his way through the blizzard.

- curtain -

### ACT II

Marie is in a fever. Drosselmeier comes to see if Marie is resting comfortably and tells her one of his stories:

#### THE HARD NUT

Once upon a time a King and a Queen had a beautiful baby girl named Pirlipat. The Queen's old enemy the Rat Queen threatened to ruin little Pirlipat. The nurse and the cat were left to guard the baby at night. While the nurse and cat slept, the Rat Queen destroyed Princess Pirlipat's face. The Royal Family was horrified by the sight of their formerly beautiful daughter. The Rat Queen explained that the Princess would regain her beauty only after a young man cracked the hard nut, Krakatuk, with his teeth and stepped backwards seven times. The King commanded Drosselmeier to find the hard nut or face decapitation. Drosselmeier set off in search of the hard nut. He travelled the world for fifteen years before finding it back at home.

The ugly teenage Pirlipat watched as one young man after another attempted to crack the hard nut. The last one to try was Drosselmeier's own nephew. He succeeded. On his seventh step backward he stepped on the Rat Queen, killing her. Pirlipat became beautiful and rejected the young Drosselmeier as he started to become ugly - like a nutcracker...

At this point Marie interrupts the story and offers her love to young Drosselmeier. Mrs. Stahlbaum acknowledges her daughter's new maturity with a flower dance. Everyone in the world joins Marie and young Drosselmeier in celebrating their love. The two go away together forever.

### EPILOGUE

Louise and Fritz are sent to bed.

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# CAST

<i>Marie</i>	Clarice Marshall	<i>Snow</i>	June Omura
<i>Fritz</i>	Marianne Moore	<i>(cont'd.)</i>	Kraig Patterson
<i>Louise/Princess Pirlipat</i>	Tina Fehlandt		Mireille Radwan-Dana
<i>Dr. Stahlbaum/King</i>	Barry Alterman		Guillermo Resto
<i>Mrs Stahlbaum/Queen</i>	Peter Healey		Keith Sabado
<i>Housekeeper/Nurse</i>	Kraig Patterson		Vernon Scott
<i>Drosselmeier</i>	Rob Besserer		Utafumi Takemura
<i>Nutcracker/</i>	William Wagner		Megan Williams
<i>Young Drosselmeier</i>		<i>Suitors</i>	Derek Clifford
<i>Barbie Doll</i>	Ruth Davidson		Mark Nimkoff
<i>Robot</i>	Derek Clifford	<i>Dentist</i>	Nathaniel Lee
<i>Party Guests</i>	Alyce Bochette	<i>Rat Queen</i>	Rachel Murray
	Joe Bowie	<i>Spanish</i>	Mireille Radwan-Dana
	Mark Morris		Guillermo Resto
	Rachel Murray	<i>Arabian</i>	Derek Clifford
	Mireille Radwan-Dana		Dan Joyce
	Guillermo Resto		Nathaniel Lee
	Keith Sabado		Mark Morris
	William Wagner		Mark Nimkoff
	Megan Williams	<i>Chinese</i>	June Omura
<i>Rat King</i>	June Omura		Keith Sabado
<i>Rat Soldiers</i>	Katharina Bader		Utafumi Takemura
	Alyce Bochette	<i>Russian</i>	Katharina Bader
	Victoria Lundell		Juliet Burrows
	Deniz Oktay		Ruth Davidson
	Utafumi Takemura		Marianne Moore
	Jordana Toback		Deniz Oktay
<i>G.I. Joe Soldiers</i>	Derek Clifford		Jordana Toback
	Dan Joyce	<i>French</i>	Alyce Bochette
	Nathaniel Lee		Joe Bowie
	Mark Nimkoff		Vernon Scott
	Vernon Scott		Megan Williams
<i>Changers</i>	Francky Arras	<i>Flowers</i>	Katharina Bader
	Sam Louwyck		Alyce Bochette
<i>Snow</i>	Katharina Bader		Joe Bowie
	Alyce Bochette		Juliet Burrows
	Joe Bowie		Ruth Davidson
	Juliet Burrows		Dan Joyce
	Derek Clifford		Victoria Lundell
	Ruth Davidson		Deniz Oktay
	Tina Fehlandt		June Omura
	Dan Joyce		Mireille Radwan-Dana
	Nathaniel Lee		Guillermo Resto
	Victoria Lundell		Keith Sabado
	Marianne Moore		Jordana Toback
	Rachel Murray		Megan Williams
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