

## Hi there!

Don't forget to look at the RNZB website for events during *The Nutcracker* season happening near you: [www.nzballet.org.nz/community](http://www.nzballet.org.nz/community)

There will be a **Forum** in Wellington (Saturday 16 October, 1.30-2.30). There will be **Q & A** sessions in Wellington (Saturday 6 November), Christchurch (Saturday 20 November), and Auckland (Saturday 4 December). **Warm Up, Curtain Up** will take place in Palmerston North (Wednesday 24 November).

Also look out for the programme for sale at *The Nutcracker* – it has been designed with a young (and young at heart) audience in mind!

The RNZB is lifting the lid on what happens off-stage in a new television series on TV3 commencing 8pm Tuesday 31 August – ***The Secret Lives of Dancers***.

Narrated by Hilary Barry, the series goes behind the glitz and the glamour and into the dressing rooms, hotel rooms and even the dancers' homes to expose the grueling training schedules, the fierce competition for roles, and the devastation an injury can bring for a dancer.

See how a major production comes together, from the choreography and rehearsals, to the costuming and the sets, and the logistics of touring around the country.

## NUTCRACKER WORD SEARCH

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BED	NURSE
CHRISTMAS	CLARA
DOCTOR	FAIRY
FLOWERS	FRITZ
LADY	GAGA
JAERED	GLAVIN
HOSPITAL	MEDICINE
ICE	IMP
MATRON	MEDICINE
PRESENT	TROLLEY

## DANCER PROFILE

### Jaered Glavin



See over the page for a letter from Jaered

Go to [youtube.com/watch?v=22Zjnw22mdk&feature=search](http://youtube.com/watch?v=22Zjnw22mdk&feature=search)

to see dancers from the Royal New Zealand Ballet in Jaered's tribute to Lady Gaga.

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### Did you know .....

**A Nutcracker** is a wooden tool, often in the shape of a man, used to break the shells of nuts. Nuts in their shells would be inserted into the nutcracker's "mouth," then a lever on his "back" could be turned to bring his "jaws" together to break the shells so they could be removed. In the 1800s nutcrackers were painted bright colours and given to children to help them break the shells of the nuts they received in the Christmas stockings.

## Have a giggle

- Q. What did the nut say to the nutcracker?
- A. You crack me up!



## Hey there!

My name is Jaered and I'm 21. I have been with the company for 2 years and I am having the most amazing time here in New Zealand.

I am originally from West Sussex in the UK, where my ballet journey began at the very young age of 2. I was a very hyperactive child, always bouncing around the room driving my mum crazy, so when my oldest sister went to ballet she begged the teacher to take me as well - to tire me out.

I studied many styles of dance like Tap, Jazz, Contemporary as well as less common ones like Irish, Scottish and Spanish. I first went to Elmhurst ballet school when I was eleven where I studied full time and did a lot of singing and drama. Also it was a boarding school which most people might find scary at first but for me it was like one big sleepover with people that all love the same things as you do.

When I was 14 I decided I really wanted to focus on ballet so I went to the Royal Ballet School and stayed for 5 years there until I graduated.

After school I got a job with the Royal New Zealand Ballet which is pretty much as far away from home I could get - which was so exciting. I feel so lucky to travel the world doing something I really love. My highlights here with the RNZB would definitely be *Carmen* - where I played the Rock Star Escamillo and got to dance a solo to a rock version of the Toreador's music.

I also got to dye my hair white blonde to look like Billy Idol, which was cool as I love to change my hair and do often. (I have probably had about 10 different hairstyle and colours in the 2 years I have been here).

My other favourite moment would have to be choreographing my Lady Gaga ballet, which became a big hit on YouTube.

It was so cool as I got to go on live TV and do so many interviews. It was on the front page of the paper as well, so I felt a bit famous for a few days - which was fun. Choreography is also a passion of mine and I hope to do a lot more throughout my career.

When I am not dancing I love listening to music (lots of different styles) also shopping especially in vintage stores I always wear kind of crazy clothes always very colourful too.

Recently I danced in *Romeo and Juliet*, which we took to Australia. In that I play different roles but my favourite of them would have to be Harlequin, who is like a jester. It is really silly and I get to dance around with a huge hat with bells on.

After Australia we come back to Wellington and start to rehearse *The Nutcracker*. I am not sure what part I will be dancing in that but if you come to watch just look out for the tallest guy - at 6'2 I'm hard to miss! *The Nutcracker* is one of my favourite ballets because I love Christmas time (plus my birthday is in December) and it is filled with magic and mischief, with really beautiful music.

I wish you all the best with your dancing - just remember to work hard but most of all have fun!

## The Nutcracker story

Whirling ice fairies, snow imps and tangoing tea ladies join the fun in *The Nutcracker*.

The action begins on Christmas morning when Clara's rat-bag brother Fritz clouts her over the head with her beloved nutcracker doll. Rushed to hospital, she meets the fearsome matron who doses her with spoonfuls of medicine which make her sleepy and she dreams she is flying through the air in her bed.

In her dreams, the nutcracker comes to life as a soldier and helps Clara to get her own back on the naughty Fritz and his rumbustious friends.

She meets the tea lady with a trolley full of chocolates and sweets as well as mysterious Arabian princesses, Chinese dancers and a magical dragon.

Flower petals come to life in the waltz of the flowers, and the doctors and nurses appear as glamorous Hollywood stars.

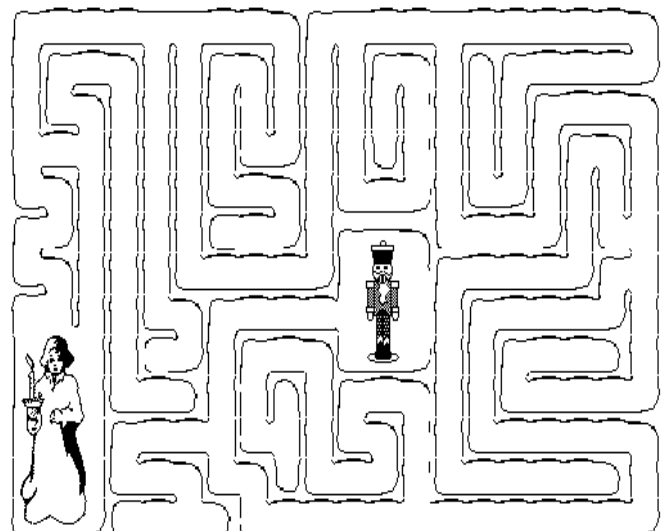
By Boxing Day, Clara is feeling much better and she is well enough to go home with her parents.



### Sir Jon Trimmer is our newest Partner a Dancer!

Sir Jon has been a mainstay of the Royal New Zealand Ballet for 52 of the company's 57 years. He has performed with Dame Margot Fonteyn, Rudolf Nureyev, Erik Bruhn and many of the world's top dancers.

Photo of Sir Jon as the Don in *Don Quixote*: Maarten Holl



Clara is looking for her Nutcracker

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