

The Nutcracker Ballet

Music Composed by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky in 1891; Commissioned by Marius Petipa

Originally choreographed by Marius Petipa; Not well received by critics nor audiences

Based on "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" by E.T.A. Hoffman

Revived in 1954 by renowned choreographer George Balanchine

German girl dreams of Nutcracker Prince who battles a Rat King with seven heads

Revised by well known French author Alexander Dumas in 1845
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Petipa used this revision as the source for his choreography