



Four Tri-City dancers in The Nutcracker for Goh Ballet

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Tri-City residents Kyra Soo (Snowflake), Brittany Bishop (Arabian), Jasmine Potter (Dragonfly) and Mira Hissen (party boy) are in Goh Ballet's The Nutcracker, running Dec. 15 to 20 at The Centre in Vancouver.

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It's Potter's third time in the production for Goh Ballet, a Vancouver company she trains with three times a week that will present its eighth annual Christmas show from Dec. 15 to 20.

Last year, the Port Moody girl portrayed a party girl and, in 2014, the Grade 5 student at Queen of All Saints school was cast as a little lamb. Next month, the 10-year-old girl will be fluttering around as a dragonfly — a character in which “you have to have a lot of style. You have to make big and bolder actions and it's a lot of fun,” she said.

Coquitlam's Bishop is in her fourth year with The Nutcracker, taking on three roles including Arabian — a part she has portrayed twice in the past. "It's a lot of work but I really like doing this," she said of multitasking.

Bishop, a Grade 12 EBUS Academy student, trains full-time at Goh six days a week and, after graduation next June, plans to continue dancing professionally.

The 17-year-old teen said she and her fellow dancers — including Tri-City residents Kyra Soo and Mira Hissen — look forward to the end-of-fall ballet and performing alongside Jurgita Dronina and Guillaume Cote, principal dancers with the National Ballet of Canada who will take on roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Cavalier Prince.

Bishop said Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker "is kind of like a family tradition. It's fun for the audience and for us, too."

Added Potter, "It reminds people that Christmas is coming and it's really magical."

- Tickets for The Nutcracker are available through gohnutcracker.com. The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts is located at 777 Homer St.

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