

Sugar Plum Season

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A sure sign that the holiday season is upon us is the performing of Tchaikovsky's classic ballet, *The Nutcracker*. This year, Tulane will be represented in Ballet Hysell's production of the iconic piece by first-year dance major Claire Escher as the Sugar Plum Fairy and professor of practice Diogo DeLima as the Prince.

"I've been doing *Nutcracker* since I was seven," Escher says. "It is Christmas."

Escher and DeLima have been rehearsing every day since September for the performances, which will be this Saturday (Dec. 12) at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday (Dec. 13) at 2 p.m. at Roussel Hall on the Loyola University campus uptown.

Watch the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Prince rehearse for their magical moments on stage in *The Nutcracker* in this video produced by Ryan Rivet.