



# HAVE A GAY CHRISTMAS

Nobody throws a party like us LGTBQ folks! Were it not for countless gays working tirelessly behind the scenes, the Christmas festivities would be far less sparkly and half the fun. Any self-respecting Elf will tell you that the secret to a harmonious holiday is pre-planning. With that in mind, here's our guide to celebrating the Yuletide with a twist!



## George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*

Oregon Ballet Theatre  
December 8th – 23rd

What could be more romantic than that gently-shaken-snow-globe of a ballet known as *The Nutcracker*? It is composer *Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's* holiday gift to the world. The first act features a party bursting with holiday good cheer, adorable yet deadly mice and gorgeous synchronized snowflakes.

All of that is a set up for the second act in the *Land of Sweets*. Tchaikovsky provides a travelogue of music and dance with influences from Russia, China and Spain. Lovely, yes, but the sustained “ahhh” of audience enchantment comes with the appearance of Mother Ginger, a giantess with huge hoop skirts filled with adorable young dancers. This year's Ma Ginger will be cast from the gorgeous Drag Queens of our fair city... Q Center will help in the casting process. Join in the fun at Q Center (4115 N Mississippi) November 11 at 6 pm [Obt.org](http://Obt.org)