

# In The Nutcracker Mood



Mountain Marionettes' holiday production brings you many of your favorite holiday songs such as Spike Jones' "All I want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth", and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" performed by beautifully crafted marionettes. The trick marionettes, always an integral part of Mountain Marionettes' productions, perform to a very special rendition of The Nutcracker by the incomparable Glenn Miller Orchestra.

## Music from the Nutcracker

- Santa Claus is Coming To Town by Frank Sinatra
- In The Nutcracker Mood - Overture by the Glenn Miller Orchestra
- Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer by the Poston Pops
- In The Nutcracker Mood - March by the Glenn Miller Orchestra
- All I want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth by Spike Jones
- In The Nutcracker Mood - Dance of the Fairy Dragee by The Glenn Miller Orchestra
- I Saw Mommy Kidding Santa Claus by Jimmy Boyd
- In The Nutcracker Mood - Russian Dance by The Glenn Miller Orchestra
- In The Nutcracker Mood - Chinese Dance by The Glenn Miller Orchestra
- In The Nutcracker Mood - Arabian Dance by The Glenn Miller Orchestra
- Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree by Brenda Lee
- In The Nutcracker Mood - Dance of the Mirlitons by The Glenn Miller Orchestra
- Santa Baby by Eartha Kitt
- In The Nutcracker Mood - Waltz of the Flowers by The Glenn Miller Orchestra

Tchaikovsky's third musical work for ballet, "The Nutcracker", was written late in the composer's creative life. Strangely enough, the premiere performance at the Marinski Theatre in St. Petersburg on December 18, 1892 was a failure. It is believed that Lev Ivanov's choreography was to blame. Tchaikovsky's music, however, was an immediate "hit".

"In the Nutcracker Mood" is a very special rendition of this classic holiday favorite performed by the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Although you will definitely recognize the melodies, this version really swings!

Around 1938, the Glenn Miller Orchestra enjoyed the height of its commercial success with its hits "In the Mood". In October 1942, as a patriotic gesture, Miller disbanded his group and joined the US Army Air Force in the rank of captain. He assembled a high-quality dance band to play for the troops, which in 1944 moved its base to England. On December 15, Miller set off by airplane in bad weather for Paris to arrange for his band's appearance there, but the airplane never arrived, and no trace of it was ever found. It's over a half century since the Immortal Glenn Miller disappeared just before Christmas 1944. His Orchestra, in the too-short run under his personal leadership, had officially recorded only one Christmas song ("Jingle Bells"). Many of the musicians that had performed in the original orchestra and dance band, were recruited to bring the "sound" and the "swing" of the Glenn Miller sound of the Forties to the songs and holiday joys of the Christmas season.