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Brass instruments are a vital part of the festive fabric of Christmas, and Tchaikovsky's iconic ballet *The Nutcracker* is made even more joyful with the brassy brilliance of Septura. Narrated by pre-eminent actor Derek Jacobi, *The Nutcracker* is set on Christmas Eve, with music both rapturous and fantastical. It tells the story of how young Clara's favourite present, a nutcracker shaped like a little man, turns into a handsome prince at midnight. Septura has been acclaimed by *Brass Band World* for its 'stylistic perfection' and 'beautifully portrayed artistry' (Music for Brass Septet • 2, Naxos 8.573386).

Pyotr Il'yich
TCHAIKOVSKY
 (1840–1893)

1–47 The Nutcracker (1892) 65:24

arr. Matthew Knight and Simon Cox (2017/19)

Text: Matthew Knight, based on Alexandre Dumas' adaptation
 of E.T.A Hoffmann's *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*

Derek Jacobi, Narrator

Septura

Huw Morgan, Trumpet in E flat

Alan Thomas, Simon Cox, Trumpets in B flat

Matthew Gee, Matthew Knight, Trombones

Daniel West, Bass Trombone • Peter Smith, Tuba

Scott Lumsdaine, Percussion

A detailed track list can be found inside the booklet. The narrated texts are included in the booklet and may also be accessed at www.naxos.com/libretti/574157.htm

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