



Nutcracker 2018



In our sunny, sizzling summer months, Christmas and *Nutcracker* may seem far away, but we are already well into planning...This year will bring our 7th annual Christmas production blending the traditional plot and music with our own creative story and design, inspired by the historical *American Girl* stories. We are making several new and exciting changes throughout the production.

Along with wonderful dancing opportunities for our students, there are many opportunities for parents and siblings to be involved behind the scenes. This is a unique *A Time To Dance* family production and time to celebrate the holidays together with the rewards of hard work infused with laughter and fun.

We require all parents of performing students to attend an informational meeting to better communicate about important topics pertinent to making the production successful and safe for everyone. A parent must attend the meeting for their dancer to be eligible to audition. The meeting will be held on Saturday, August 11 from 10-10:30. Please mark your calendars.

Below are important dates and information. Please read carefully.

- Students **must be enrolled and attending classes by the week of August 6th**, and **age 6** to be eligible to audition.
- Auditions: Saturday, August 18 (see audition schedule below)
- Performance: Sunday, December 9 or 16 @ 2:00pm, depending on theatre availability
- Students **may not miss more than 1 rehearsal** during the entire rehearsal period. **Sleepover Girls may not miss any rehearsals other than due to illness.** Also note that from **November 17th**, **all rehearsals are mandatory for everyone. Please check your schedules in advance and only audition if you are able to meet the scheduling requirements.** (see detailed rehearsal schedule below)
- Approval for any excused absence must be submitted in writing or by email. Forms are available in the office.
- There is a separate performance fee of \$35, due by October 1st for all students cast as *Sweet Dream Pixies* or *Orphans*.
- All students who receive roles other than *Pixies* and *Orphans* in the *Nutcracker* will automatically be considered part of *Encore Dance Project* (EDP), the school's performance group, for the first semester. EDP members pay \$40 per month for the months of September – December.

Auditions: Saturday, August 18

2:00 - 2:45	<i>Diamond and Emerald A Level Students (age 6 & up)</i>	<i>Sweet Dream Pixies, Junior Orphans</i>
2:45 - 4:15	<i>Emerald B, Petipa Level Students</i>	<i>Orphans, Jesters, Mill Workers, Nellie and Sleepover Girls</i>
4:15 – 5:45	<i>Ashton A Level Students</i>	<i>Molly, Felicity and Kirsten's New Dreams, Masquerade Ball, and Sleepover Girls</i>
1:15 – 2:00	<i>Ashton B, Balanchine Level Students</i>	<i>Masquerade Ball, Suffragists, Dolls</i>

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your audition time to sign in.

**Required Informational Meeting for Parents:
*Saturday, August 11, 10:00-10:30am***

Rehearsal Schedule:

Dolls, Suffragists

Saturdays beginning in September, between 1:15 – 6:15pm
Plus, All Performers Mandatory Dates (see below)

Sleepover Girls, Nellie, Elsa, Nutcracker

Saturdays, beginning in September, between 1:15 - 6:15pm
(Elsa, and Nutcracker to join in October)

Sleepover Girls will have more than 1 rehearsal each Saturday. Plan on full Saturdays.
Plus, All Performers Mandatory Dates (see below)

Masquerade Ball

Saturdays, beginning in September, between 1:15 – 6:15pm
Plus, All Performers Mandatory Dates (see below)

Molly, Felicity and Kirsten's Dreams

Saturdays, beginning in September, between 1:15 – 6:15pm
Plus, All Performers Mandatory Dates (see below)

Mill Workers

Saturdays, beginning in September, between 1:15 – 6:15pm
Plus, All Performers Mandatory Dates (see below)

Jesters

Saturdays, beginning in September, between 1:15 – 6:15pm
Plus, All Performers Mandatory Dates (see below)

Orphans, Nellie, Orphanage Matron

Saturdays, beginning in September, between 1:00 – 3:00
(Orphanage Matron to join in November)
Plus, All Performers Mandatory Dates (see below)

Sweet Dream Pixies

Saturdays, beginning in September, between noon and 2:00, November 3 and 10 between 4:00-6:00
Plus, All Performers Mandatory Dates (see below)

All Performers – Mandatory Dates

In-Studio Saturday Rehearsals, Saturday Theatre Dress Rehearsal, Performance Day

November 17, December 1, 8, (15 if performance on the 16th) and Performance Day – December 9 or 16

Thanksgiving Break

There will be no rehearsals the week of November 18 –25

A rehearsal schedule will be posted at the studio and on the family Facebook page 2-3 weeks in advance. It is each performers responsibility to check the schedule on a regular basis. Rehearsal times may be different from week to week.

Changes to the schedule may occur due to unforeseeable circumstances such as weather, illness, or injury