



# Dance Dialogue



## Details

Things are well on their way for our show! Kids are working hard (and seem very excited), choreography is coming along, costumes are being ordered and trouble-shot. Volunteer sheets are still circling. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help. If you think you can help, and haven't yet put down your name, it's not too late! We will especially be looking at any holes for Class Coordinator, who play an integral roll at show time. If you have questions about specific volunteer positions please don't hesitate to ask me about them.

There was a lot of information given out at the Parent Meetings last month. Here is a re-cop on some of the important details.

All cast rehearsals are on November 22 and December 6, and start at 1:00 for Act I and 3:30 for Act II. Act I includes Party Scene (parents, party girls and boys, dolls, baby dolls), Mouse Scene (Soldiers and Mice), and Snow Scene (Snow Flakes and Snow Balls). Act II includes Angels,

Spanish, Chinese, Hungarian, Arabian, Russian, Candy Canes, Flowers, Bon Bons, and Gum Drops.

All dancers should be at both all-cast rehearsals except Creative Movement and Pre-Ballet I. Creative Movement and Pre-Ballet I: If you perform the 13 you come to All-cast on November 22; if you perform the 14 you should plan to come December 6.

Costume information will be posted by the middle of the month. It will be on the bulletin board downstairs. I try to keep costumes and costs practical and reasonable. Some costumes are only a \$5 cleaning fee. It adds up quickly if you need both shoes and leos. The average cost is about \$30. Costume fees are due by December 6.



## WAYS TO GIVE

In case you or someone you know wishes to help our Nutcracker production, and get some advertising in the process (we pull in about 1000 audience members per show), here is some info on advertising. Remember, all profits from our performance are donated to the Pediatric Ward of the Salem Hospital!



Donations up to \$199: listing

Donations \$200-\$399: 1/4 pg ad

Donations \$400-\$749: 1/2 pg ad and special recognition at the beginning of the show

Donation \$750+: Full pg ad and a special recognition at the beginning of the show

Also, just a quick plug for the bake sale and rose sale. This money goes to help fund scholarships at ABA. I love teaching students to dance. I want to reach as many kids as possible! Thanks for your support.

### Show Casting (and rehearsal calling)

Ballet and Jazz I and up (and both boys classes) perform both shows, and should plan to attend both all-cast rehearsals. Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet I and Pre-Ballet II only perform one show. Pre-Ballet II come to both rehearsals. For Creative Movement and Pre-Ballet I: Those that perform Saturday come to all-cast rehearsal on November 22; Sunday performers come to all-cast rehearsal on December 6. In case you missed it, here is the breakdown:

Saturday, December 13 (and November 22 rehearsal): Monday 5:15 Creative Movement, Thursday 2:45 Creative Movement, Monday 5:45 Pre-Ballet I, Saturday 10:15 Pre-Ballet I, Tuesday 4:00 Pre-Ballet II, Thursday 5:45 Pre-Ballet II.

Sunday, December 14 (and December 6 rehearsal): Tuesday 9:30 Creative Movement, Saturday 11:00 Creative Movement, Tuesday 10:00 Pre-Ballet I, Tuesday 3:15 Pre-Ballet I, Wednesday 2:45 Pre-Ballet I, Wednesday 3:30 Pre-Ballet II, Saturday 9:30 Pre-Ballet II.



### Performance Weekend

Performance weekend will be packed - probably with both excitement and confusion, especially for newer ABA families. I do my best to lay things out as clear as possible in advance, but every year presents something new and exciting. I ask for your patience as we navigate this weekend with around 250 performers! I promise, in the end the organized chaos does lead to a successful show.



If you encounter a problem or question that you don't know the answer to, please ask a couple other more veteran parents for help... and then if you still don't know the answer, of course come and find me, Miss Dana, or Miss Andee.

The afternoon/evening of December 12 is spacing rehearsal. Spacing is for Pre-Ballet II and up, all jazz, and Boys II. Call times are as follows:

**3:45: Ballet IV, V, and Jazz III, and Clara**

**5:00: Ballet II, Jazz I & II, Boys II**

### 6:00: Ballet I, Ballet III Pre-Ballet II, and Party Parents

Spacing rehearsal is not done in costume. Student should wear their regular classroom attire including leos, tights, shoes, and hair should be secured in buns. Similarly, no stage make-up is necessary for all-cast rehearsal.

Dress rehearsal, starting at 10:00 on December 13, is a different matter. Dancers should be prepared as if they were doing the

performance. Know that 10:00 is the start time, and you should give yourself ample time to find your class and costumes, change, and get to the auditorium by 10:00. My recommendation is to be there at least 30 minutes early, maybe even a little more.

We should be done with the first run of dress rehearsal by 1:00, when the Creative Movement and Pre-Ballet I students will be dismissed. All other dancers will be dismissed as they finish their last dance of the 2nd run-through. I hope to be done with both run-throughs by 3pm, giving everyone sufficient time for a dinner break. Dancers need to be back to the theatre by 6pm for the Saturday

### Calendar

#### November 22, 2014

All cast rehearsal, afternoon, at ABA  
THERE IS REGULAR CLASS IN THE MORNING!

#### November 27, 2014

Thanksgiving, no class! THERE IS CLASS THE REST OF THE WEEKEND!

#### December 6, 2014

All cast rehearsal, afternoon, at ABA  
THERE IS REGULAR CLASS IN THE MORNING!

#### December 12, 2014

Spacing rehearsal, at The Elsinore (no Friday classes)

#### December 13, 2014

Dress rehearsal, at The Elsinore, 10am (no Saturday classes)

#### December 13 & 14, 2014

A Children's Nutcracker, at the Elsinore

#### December 22, 2014 - January 3, 2015

Holiday break! Merry Christmas, see you in the new year!!!

#### January 5, 2015

Classes resume!

### CONTACT

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact us at any of the following:

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Tuesday 4:45-5:45pm

Saturday 10:15-11:45am

By appointment

### Willamette Dance Concert

One more plug for the Willamette Dance Concert. Come see a quality show with more than just ballet, from an array of talented dancers and creative choreographers. Everything from lighting to music receives full attention, making this production stand out. There are a total of 8 shows! Dates are November 13-16 and 20-22, and tickets \$8-12. The performances will be held in the Pelton Playhouse. Please call 503.370.6221 for more info!