



Closer and Closer!



Details

Nutcracker is well under way! Dances are being learned, costumes are being worked out, the volunteer list is circulating, and the air is thick with the music of Tchaikovsky! We so greatly appreciate everyone who has stepped up to help us out in one way or another so far. We can't make this happen without all of your help!

If you have not yet had the opportunity to be involved in the magic of Nutcracker season, never fear! There are still many open spots on the volunteer sheet that we need

filled, and many opportunities to help make this show a great one. Please take a look at the volunteer list and see if there is a position you could take on.

We still have many holes where we need Class Coordinators, in particular! As we have said before, this position is vital, since we obviously cannot leave dancers back stage unattended. If you have been considering being a Class Coordinator, and just haven't gotten around to signing up, now would be a great time to put your name down! Thank you all, again, for your support and dedication.

All Casts and Costumes

All cast rehearsals are coming up fast! There was a mistake on the Parent meeting Agenda that I want to correct. Creative Movement and Pre-Ballet I dancers only need to attend one all cast rehearsal. If your class is performing in the Saturday show, please come to the November 21st All Cast. If your class is performing in the Sunday show, please come to the December 5th All Cast. Even though Pre-Ballet II only does one show, they are needed for both All Casts. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

We break All Casts down by act. Act I will start at 1:00pm, and Act II will

begin at 3:15pm. In case you are confused, here is what is in each act: Act I – Opening Contemporary Dancers, Party Parents, Party Boys and Girls, Dolls, Baby Dolls, Mice, Baby Mice, Soldiers, Snow Flakes, and Snow Balls. Act II – Angels, Spanish, Arabian, Hungarian, Russian, Chinese, Bon Bons, Flowers, and Gum Drops.



Costumes are coming along nicely! Costume prices and info will be listed on the bulletin board downstairs at least by the middle of the month. Annie does her best to keep costume prices reasonable. The average costume price is \$30. Costume fees are due by December 5th. Please also check the board for parking info for the All Casts as well!

Shows and Acts

Dancers Ballet I and up, all Boys classes, and all Jazz/Contemporary classes, perform in both shows, and should be at both All Casts. Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet I, and Pre-Ballet II perform in one show only. Creative Movement and Pre I Sat, show dancers attend the Nov. 21st All Cast, & the Sunday show dancers attend the Dec. 5th All Cast. Pre II dancers come to both All Casts. Here is the list of who is in which show & Act again: **Mon. CM** – Sun. show, Act II, **Tues. CM** – Sat. show, Act II, **Thurs. CM** – Sun. show, Act II, **Sat. CM** – Sat. show, Act II, **Mon. PBI** – Sun. show, Act I, **Tues 10:00 PBI** – Sun. show, Act I, **Tues. 3:15 PBI** – Sun. show, Act I, **Wed. PBI** – Sat. show, Act I, **Sat. PBI** – Sat. show, Act I, **Mon. PBII** – Sun. show, Act I, **Tues. PBII** – Sat. show, Act II, **Wed. PBII** – Sun. show, Act II, **Sat. PBII** – Sat. show, Act I, **Tues. BI** – Act II, **Wed. BI** – Act II, **Thurs. BI** – Act I, **Sat BI** – Act I, **Mon. BII** – Act II, **Tues. BII** – Act II, **Wed. BII** – Act I, **Sat. BII** – Act I, **Mon/Thurs. BIII** – Act I, **Tues/Thurs. BIII** – Act I, **BIV** – Act I, **BV Group** – Act II, **Boys I** – Act I, **Boys II** – Act II, **Boys III** – Act II, **Contemp. II/III** – Act I, **Jazz I** – Act I.

Advertising and Fundraising

As many of you know, each of our performances is a fundraiser for a local, deserving charity. This year's Nutcracker performances will be in support of the Marion Polk Food Share.

As we said in our last newsletter, you can not only help us raise money by attending the show, you can also advertise in our program! Here is a repeat breakdown of pricing: 199.00 and under gets you a listing, 200-399 gets a ¼ page ad, 400-749 gets a ½ page ad and special recognition at the beginning of the show, and 750+ gets a full page ad, and special recognition at the beginning of the show. Please email or call us for more information.



This is also a good time to bring up rose sales and the bake sale! Each All Cast rehearsal we have a bake sale down stairs, and let me tell you, we have some amazing bakers in our ABA family! We also sell roses at the shows for you to buy to give to your dancer. The money from both of these items go to scholarships for ABA dancers. We love teaching anyone and everyone possible here at ABA, and these scholarships help us reach out to families who may need a little help. Thank you so much for supporting the dancers here at ABA, and this community in whatever way possible!

Performance Weekend

Performance weekend is a busy, exciting, and for new families, sometimes confusing time. We try our best to answer any and all questions through meetings, newsletters, and postings on the bulletin board. However, questions invariably pop up. Don't be afraid to ask some of our Nutcracker "veteran" parent's questions! Of course, if they can't help you out then you can always ask Miss Dana, Miss Andee, or Miss Annie.

Spacing rehearsal is on Friday, December 11th, at the Elsinore Theatre. **Please note that Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet I, and Boys I do not attend spacing rehearsals.** Call times are as follows:
 Ballet IV & Ballet V – 3:30pm
 Boys II, Contemporary II, & Contemporary III – 4:30pm
 Ballet I, Ballet II, Ballet III, and Jazz I – 4:45
 Pre-Ballet II – 6:00pm.
 For spacing dancers do not wear costumes, and do not need make up.

Please just come in your usual class attire, with hair in a bun. The Dress Rehearsals will take place on Saturday, December 12th, beginning at 10:00am, at the Elsinore Theatre. Unlike spacing, dancers should be in full costume and full make up, just like they will be for the show. We will be starting at 10:00, so we suggest you arrive at least 30 minutes early. We will run two dress rehearsals. The first one should finish by 1:00pm at which time the Creative movement and Pre-Ballet I students will be dismissed. All other dancers will be dismissed as they finish the second run. We hope to finish the second run by 3:00pm, so that everyone gets a good break. Call times for the shows are 6:00pm on Saturday, and 1:30pm on Sunday.

Willamette Dance Concert

This month! November 12-15, and November 19-21. Tickets are \$12.00 for regular admission. To purchase tickets, or for more information, call 503.370.6221. Also see the October Newsletter!

Calendar

November 21st, 2015

Mandatory All Cast Rehearsal at ABA. 1:00 for Act I, and 3:15 for Act II. **There is regular class in the morning!**

November 26th, 2015

No class today. Happy Thanksgiving! **There is class the rest of the week, including Fri. the 27th, & Sat. the 28th!**

December 5th, 2015

Mandatory All Cast Rehearsal at ABA. 1:00 for Act I, and 3:15 for Act II. **There is regular class in the morning!**

December 11th, 2015

Spacing Rehearsals after school at the Elsinore Theatre. (Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet I, & Boys I do not attend). **No Friday classes!**

December 12th, 2015

Dress Rehearsal at The Elsinore Theatre. Start time 10:00am. **No Saturday classes.**

December 12th & 13th, 2015

The Children's Nutcracker!

December 21st-January 3rd, 2015-2016

Holiday Break! No classes!

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Saturday 10:15-11:45am

By appointment