

Dance Dialogue

It's Time Already - Nutcracker News!



It's already October. Where does time go? Whereas most people are thinking about pumpkins and costumes, it is already time for us to start the students' most favorite thing - Nutcracker! Hopefully you wrote things down from the last newsletter. Here is a quick breakdown again:

October 13-18: Parent meetings and Costume sizing. These are during regular class times for levels Ballet II/Jazz II and under. Ballet II: your meetings will be on Wednesday or Saturday. No meeting for Ballet IB's.

November 22 and December 6: All-cast rehearsal! These are at the studio, and are the only times the dancers actually get to dance with everyone else on stage before the

show. They are very helpful, and very important!

December 12: Spacing rehearsal, at the Elsinore. This rehearsal is after school.

December 13: Dress rehearsal, starting around 10am so everyone will get a good break before show time.

December 13 at 7 and December 14 at 2:30: Performance!

If you miss costume fittings please come to be sized during store hours by October 25th so I have enough time to order everything. If I don't have your size I will guess, which I am good at, but prefer to not. As always, costumes will be practical and reasonable.



MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

PARTY PARENTS: I will be looking for both Moms and Dads to participate in the Party Scene for our Nutcracker performances. There will be 2 rehearsals: November 1 and November 15, both at 4:30, in addition to all-cast rehearsals, spacing rehearsal and dress rehearsal. This is a fun opportunity; I hope to see you there!

CASTING: In the coming classes students will be learning their parts for the show. Casting is really hard - for younger and older students



alike - and undoubtedly there will be disappointment. Please try to be upbeat about whatever your child is cast as; your attitude influence their perception.

PARKING LOT: Please make sure you use the parking lot if there are spots available! On-street parking is fine, but we don't want to intrude on our neighbors' space. Let's make everyone happy that we are here!

Eugene Ballet Nutcracker Auditions

In the chance that one Nutcracker is not enough for your student and family, here is another. This is a great opportunity for students to dance with professional dancers. All practices and performances are held in Salem. The time commitment isn't too intensive; practices are on Sundays (except the weekend of our performance, when they are on Monday and Tuesday). The shows are Dec 17 & 18. Here is the info for auditions:

Waltz: 1:00-2:00 (3 yrs pointe)

Party Children: 2-3:30 (ages 11-15)

Bon Bons: 3:30-4:30 (ages 9-11)

Dragons: 4:30-5 (ages 10-13)

Angels: 5:00-5:30 (ages 7-9)

Baby Mice: 5:30-6 (ages 5-7).

Audition fee is \$10; please bring a check made out to Eugene Ballet Company. Auditions and practices are at ABA! Hope to see you there!



Opportunities to Help

Nutcracker is a big undertaking, and there are lots of things you can do to help make sure the production is a success, and a positive experience for your child. First and foremost: bring them to class. This will give them the best chance of being prepared for their part, allowing them to feel confident on stage. If your child misses too many classes, or is just having a difficult time keeping up, you may be asked to bring them in for a private. Know that I won't request this if necessary, but I find that it is the best way to help a student catch up with the rest of the class without slowing everyone else down. Please refer to ABA's Handbook for more information regarding the Performance Attendance Policy.

Second, there are many volunteer opportunities that come with the show. Volunteer sheets will be passed around at the parent meetings. I know that not everyone has tons of time to dedicate to the performance.



Every little thing helps. One of the most important jobs is Class Coordinator. These parents stay with the class throughout the weekend, keeping students organized and happy. If you have any sewing skills this is something that can be done before the show, and is also extremely helpful.

If you or someone you knows owns a business you can also support the production by buying advertising space. As most of you know, our performances are

benefits for local non-profits. Anything that helps reduce the cost of the show helps us give more to the community. Costs are as follows:

- 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
- I thank all you of in advance for finding a way to help make our show successful!

Calendar

October 12

See earlier post!

October 13-18

Nutcracker performance meetings and costume sizing

October 31, 2014

Halloween! No class!

November 22, 2014

All cast rehearsal, afternoon, at ABA

November 27, 2014

Thanksgiving, no class!

December 6, 2014

All cast rehearsal, afternoon, at ABA

December 12, 2014

Spacing rehearsal, at The Elsinore

December 13, 2014

Dress rehearsal, at The Elsinore

December 13 & 14, 2014

A Children's Nutcracker, at the Elsinore

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By appointment

Willamette Dance Concert

Some of you know that I am teach a class at Willamette, along with choreographing a piece for their Fall Dance Concert. Though probably not appropriate for the youngest dancers, this is a wonderful opportunity to come see more than just ballet, from an array of different dancers and choreographers for most students and parents at ABA. 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