



Closer and Closer!



Details

Nutcracker is well under way! Dances are being learned, costumes are being worked out, and the volunteer list is circulating! 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 had a chance to volunteer yet, 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! We break All Casts down by act. Act I will start at 12:15pm, and Act II will begin at 2:30pm. In case you are confused, here is what is in each act: Act I - Modern II and III, Party Parents, Party Boys and Girls, Dolls, Baby Dolls, Mice, Baby Mice, Soldiers, & Snow Flakes. Act II - Angels, Baby Angels, Mini Sugar Plum Fairies, and Mini Cavaliers, Spanish, Arabian,

Hungarian, Russian, Chinese, Candy Canes, 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 3rd. Please also check the board for parking info for the All Casts as well.

Disabled Parking Spot

In the ABA parking lot there is a marked disabled parking spot. We do have some families at ABA with the need to use this parking place, and it has been brought to our attention that it is sometimes being used without a permit. Please, respect this parking

place. If you do not have a parking permit to use this designated spot on display in your car, then please refrain from parking here. It causes a great deal of difficulty for families that need easy access to the studio. Thank you for your consideration!

ABA Sweatshirt Orders

We are going to be making new ABA Sweat shirts! Orders will be due sometime near the end of the month, in

order to get them before the holidays. Watch for the specific dates and other information!

Shows and Acts

Dancers Ballet I and up, all Boys classes, and all Jazz/Modern classes, perform in both shows, and should be at both All Casts. Pre-Ballet II performs in one show only, but needs to be at both all casts. Creative Movement & Pre-Ballet I only perform in one show, and need only attend one all cast. Sat. show performers attend November 19th All Cast, Sun. performers attend Dec. 3rd All Cast. Here is the list of who is in which show & Act again:
Mon. CM - Sat., Act II,
Tues. CM - Sun., Act II,
Wed. CM - Sun., Act II,
Sat. CM - Sat., Act II,
Mon. PBI - Sat., Act I,
Both Tues PBI - Sun, Act I
Wed. PBI - Sun., Act I,
Sat. PBI - Sat., Act I,
Mon. PBII - Sun., Act II,
Tues. PBII - Sun., Act II,
Thurs. PBII - Sat., Act II,
Sat. PBII - Sat., Act II,
Tues. BI - Act I,
Wed. BI - Act II,
Thurs. BI - Act II,
Sat BI - Act I,
Mon. BII - Act I,
Tues. BII - Act I,
Wed. BII - Act II,
Sat. BII - Act II,
Afternoon BIII - Act II,
Evening BIII - Act I,
BIV - Act I,
BV Group - Act II,
Boys I - Act I,
Boys II - Act II,
Boys III - Act II,
Modern 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 feel free to email the office!

Spacing rehearsal is on Friday, December 9th, 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 10th, 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 5:45pm on Saturday, and 1:15pm on Sunday.

Willamette Dance Concert

This month! November 10-13, and November 17-19. 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 19th, 2016

Mandatory All Cast Rehearsal at ABA.
Act I 12:15pm; Act II 2:30pm

November 24th, 2016

No class today. Happy Thanksgiving!

December 3rd, 2016

Mandatory All Cast Rehearsal at ABA.
Act I 12:15pm; Act II 2:30pm

December 9th, 2016

Spacing Rehearsals after school Pre-Ballet II & up only. At The Elsinore Theatre.

December 10th, 2016

Nutcracker Dress Rehearsal. 10AM.
At The Elsinore Theatre.

December 10th 2016

The Children's Nutcracker! 7pm.
At The Elsinore Theatre.

December 11th, 2016

The Children's Nutcracker! 2:30pm.
At the Elsinore Theatre.

December 19th, 2016-January 1st, 2017

Holiday Break!

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Saturday 10:15-11:45am

By appointment