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## December 2019

*Ballet Theatre of Washington presents*

# The Nutcracker



**December 6, 7 & 13  
at 7pm**

**December 7 & 14 at  
2pm**

**December 12 at 6pm  
(Dec. 12th will be a  
special abridged,  
narrated version for  
young audiences)**

**Historic Liberty Theatre  
413 North Tower, Centralia**

**Tickets: \$ 20 for adults; \$15 for children and  
seniors**

**Available at Centralia Ballet Academy  
Info: 360-623-9010**

[www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

Join Clara on a special dream-like journey from a Christmas eve party to a fierce battle between toy soldiers and giant mice, through the beautiful land of snow to the magical land of sweets. Our traditional production of this holiday favorite includes beautiful sets and costumes. Seating is reserved so purchase your tickets soon!

## Flowers for Nutcracker Dancers

Ballet Theatre of Washington will be selling flowers at Nutcracker performances. Plan on purchasing flowers for your dancer at the theatre to help support BTW! Flowers are \$5 for single rose bouquets or \$10 for 3 rose bouquets.

## Inclement Weather Policy

As we move into December, please remember our policy for bad weather:

Regarding afternoon classes: when Centralia schools are closed for the whole day or close early due to bad weather, Centralia Ballet Academy will close as well. If the schools have delayed openings, we will have class as normal. If you have any doubt as to whether or not class will be held, call the studio phone. A message will be recorded by 1pm if classes are canceled.

Regarding morning classes: a decision will be made by 7am. A message will be recorded on the school phone and will appear on the school facebook page.

There are no tuition credits given for bad conditions closures; any classes missed due to bad conditions may be made up with another class just like any other absence.

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
Tuition Due	Dec 9-14
Winter Break	Dec 23-Jan 4

## Recital Costumes

Believe it or not, it will soon be time to start making or ordering recital costumes. We will work hard to keep cost down with a maximum cost of \$35. Exact amounts for each class will be given out in January. Payment will be due by February 2nd.

### **This year's recital will be May 30.**

Participation in the recital is not required but is highly encouraged. Please note that Moving Together does not participate in the recital.

## CBA Policy Reminder

As a general reminder to CBA policy: Bethel Church (our landlord) prohibits us from allowing parents into the church lobby area or beyond. With the safety of all of our young dancers in mind, it is our policy that parents are only allowed upstairs during Studio A observation week. Only our main entrance should be used for entering or exiting the building. If you need to reach your child, please ask Camellia our receptionist for assistance. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

## Books for Your Winter Break

Some recommended picture books for our young dancers to fill those two weeks without dance class!

*Tullulah's Tutu* and *Tullulah's Nutcracker* by Marilyn Singer

*Bea in Ballet* and *Bea in the Nutcracker* by Rachel Isadora (for slightly older dancers, the same author has written *Lili at Ballet* and *Lili on Stage*).

*Ballet Bunnies* by Joan Elizabeth Goodman

*Ella Bella Ballerina* and *The Nutcracker* by James Mayhew

Boys might particularly enjoy:

*Max* by Rachel Isadora

*Ballerino Nate* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

## Christmas Gift Ideas

Looking for a Christmas gift idea for your dancer? There are a couple of great options created by studio owner Mickey Gunter. Heroes Wear Tights has great shirts, hoodies, and tank tops that combines ballet with superheroes for both boys and girls! These include the "Clara, the Mouse Slayer" shirts. To order, go to <https://teespring.com/stores/heroes-wear-tights>.

Mickey's book, *Fritz the Rat King* is also available. Get yours before supplies run out! You can purchase a personally signed copy at the front desk, or during *Nutcracker*.

## Ballet Term of the Month:

**Épaulement [ay-pohl-MAHN]** . *Shouldering*. The placing of the shoulders. A term used to indicate a movement of the torso from the waist upward, bringing one shoulder forward and the other back with the head turned or inclined over the forward shoulder. The two fundamental positions of épaulement are *croisé* and *effacé*. When épaulement is used the position of the head depends upon the position of the shoulders and the shoulder position depends upon the position of the legs. Épaulement gives the finishing artistic touch to every movement

## Did You Know?

- \* *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* was written by ETA Haffman. But it was a retelling by Alexandre Dumas that became the basis of the ballet.
- \* When *The Nutcracker* premiered at the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg on December 18, 1892, it was performed along with Tchaikovsky's one-act opera *Iolanta*.
- \* in 1944, The San Francisco Ballet became the first American Ballet to perform a full-length *Nutcracker*. Today, it is a holiday tradition, performed by hundreds of companies across the country.

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## Schedule Changes

We are entering a busy time of year with holidays and Ballet Theatre of Washington's production of "The Nutcracker." As such, we are making some schedule adjustments. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. Please check the following schedule and let us know if you have questions. Not all classes have been affected. Some classes have been moved or combined. Some have been cancelled - these can be made up by taking other classes at the same or a lower level in December or January.

### The Week of December 2-7:

All Monday classes will be held as normal.

#### **Tuesday, December 3rd**

- Mr. Carman's Ballet 3/4, Ballet 5 and Men's/Partnering classes are all cancelled
- Jazz 1 and 2 will be combined and meet at our Allen Creek location 7:15-8:15pm
- Ballet 1b (Allen Creek) is cancelled - please talk to Samantha about the best make-up option for your child.
- All other classes will be held as normal

#### **Wednesday, December 4th**

- Ballet 2b is cancelled
- Explore Dance 4/5 and Explore Dance 5/6 at our Allen Creek location will be combined 3:45-4:30
- Musical Theatre Jazz at our Allen Creek location is cancelled. We encourage dancers to come take Musical Theatre at our Centralia location on Tuesday 6:45-7:45 to make up for this.
- All other classes will be held as normal.

#### **Thursday, December 5th**

- At our Centralia location: Ballet 2a, Ballet 3, Pointe I and Ballet 4/5 are all cancelled. Dancers are encouraged to attend Ballet 2a at Allen Creek location or the Open Intermediate class there (for dancers levels 3+)
- Lyrical 1 and 2 will be combined 6-6:45pm
- All other classes will be held as normal

#### **Friday, December 6th**

- PrePointe and Jazz 1 cancelled (Jazz 1 students, please try to make the combined level jazz class at Allen Creek on Tuesday 12/3 at 7:15pm).
- No boys classes
- All other classes held as normal.

#### **Saturday, December 7th**

- no boys classes
- all other classes held as normal

### Week of December 9th

**Monday, 12/9 through Wednesday 12/11**, all classes held as normal

#### **Thursday, December 12th**

- At our Centralia location: Ballet 2a, Ballet 3, Pointe I and Ballet 4/5 are all cancelled. Dancers are encouraged to attend Ballet 2a at Allen Creek location or the Open Intermediate class there (for dancers levels 3+)
- Centralia's Ballet 1b is also cancelled on this day only
- At Allen Creek: Lyrical 1 and 2 will be combined 6-6:45pm
- All other classes will be held as normal

#### **Friday, December 13th**

- PrePointe and Jazz 1 cancelled (Jazz 1 students, please try to make the combined level jazz class in Centralia on Tuesday 12/10 at 7:45pm).
- No boys classes
- All other classes held as normal.

#### Saturday, December 14th

- Older Boys Ballet (11:15 class) cancelled
- all other classes held as normal
- We will be back to our normal schedule the week of December 16th.

If you need help finding appropriate make-up classes for your child or if any of this confuses or concerns you, please contact us. Again, thank you for your patience and understanding during this busy time.