



Dance for Joy's Nutcracker for Kids!

Parent Information 2017

Please make sure to read all of the following before auditioning for Nutcracker for Kids!

Dress Rehearsals and Performances December 13-17, 2017 **Yorktown Stage, Yorktown**

- **General Information**

- All DFJ students in ballet classes BippityBop2 through Advanced Ballet may audition. No BippityBop1 students are included.
- All dancers auditioning will receive a part.
- If you cannot make the audition, the form must be filled out and the fee received BEFORE the audition date; those who do not audition will be given parts remaining after casting is done for those attending the audition.
- NO dancers will be added to the cast after the audition!
- There is a strict drop off policy for the audition. No parents or family members may stay in the studio during the auditions.
- Parents are required to volunteer their help in some capacity. Volunteer opportunities include program ad sales, ticket distribution, publicity, costume preparation, repair, or laundering, technical support (load in and out of theater, laying floor, hanging backdrops), dressing room assistance, and lobby help.
- There is a strict 'no miss' policy for rehearsals. Anyone missing a rehearsal will not be allowed to perform. There are no exceptions. **Do not audition if you cannot commit to all rehearsals.**

- **Auditions**

- Wear normal ballet class attire.
- Girls must have hair in a bun.
- Auditions start on time and dancers must be present for the entire audition.
- NO parents will be allowed to stay during the audition; parents of BippityBop2 through Int1 Ballet students must take the dancer's shoes, coats, etc. with them.
- General Auditions: Sunday, October 15
 - BippityBop2 and Beginner 1&2 Ballet Students:
 - 12:30-1:00 Registration
 - 1:00-2:00 Audition
 - Beginner 3&4, 10+, Teen and Int1 Ballet Students:
 - 1:30-2:00 Registration
 - 2:00-3:00 Audition
 - Int2-4 and IA Ballet Students (bring pointe shoes – I/A may audition Sat. or Sun.):
 - 2:30-3:00 Registration (dancers must warm themselves up)
 - 3:00-4:00 Audition
- Company, I/A and Advanced Auditions (bring pointe shoes): Saturday, October 14
 - 3:45-4:15 Registration
 - 4:15-5:30 Audition
- Casting will be posted on danceforjoy.net and at the studio by Friday, October 20

- **Fees and commitment**

- **Audition and Participation Fee of \$150 must be received with the audition form.**
- This fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE**, so please make sure you have read and understood the requirements before auditioning.
- Auditioning means you are committing to all requirements.
- Dancers must commit to all rehearsals; **there are no misses allowed except November 18 and then only if personally approved by the director.** Only upper level parts are scheduled for November 18. Most of the younger dancers will not be called for this rehearsal date.
- Dancers missing a scheduled rehearsal **will not perform.**
- Please understand that casting is a difficult process. Roles depend largely on age and costume sizes. Dancers must accept the role they are given, even if it is the same as last year. Any dancer refusing a role, or deciding not to participate after being given a role, will not be allowed to audition next year.
- The number of rehearsals depends on the role. All rehearsals will be Saturdays, with some major roles rehearsing Friday evenings.
- Please be aware that we will be calling some parts for rehearsal the weekend after the auditions. If you cannot make it, please let us know as soon as possible.

- **Roles and rehearsal information**

(NOTE: These are guidelines and parts may be changed according to the number of dancers auditioning)

- Roles for BippityBop2 and Beginner 1&2
 - Mini-dolls, Reindeer
 - 2 studio rehearsals: 12/2, 12/9 plus rehearsal at Yorktown Stage on 12/14 and/or 12/15 and possibly a 12/13 picture day.
 - No missed rehearsals allowed
 - Polichinelles, Mini-Candy Canes, Mini-Flowers, (sometimes Lambs)
 - 4 studio rehearsals: 11/4, 11/11, 12/2, 12/9 plus rehearsal at Yorktown Stage on 12/14 and/or 12/15 and possibly a 12/13 picture day.
 - No missed rehearsals allowed
- Roles for Beginner 3&4, 10 +, Teen, Int1, Int2-4
 - Clara, Party Girls, Fritz, Party Boy, Soldiers, Lead Soldiers, Mini-Snowflakes, Horn Angels, Roses, Back Arabian, Lambs
 - All roles have 5 studio rehearsals: 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9 plus rehearsal at Yorktown Stage on 12/13 and/or 12/14 and/or 12/15.
 - No missed rehearsals allowed except on 11/18 and then **only for reason personally approved by director. Request to miss must be in writing.**
 - Clara, Fritz and Party Boy will have additional rehearsals on Friday evenings.
- Roles for some of Int2-4 as well as IA1, IA2, Adv1, Adv2 include all other roles
 - Most roles will have 8 studio rehearsals: 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9 plus rehearsal at Yorktown Stage on 12/13, 12/14 and 12/15.
 - Party Parents, Maid and other Principal roles will also be called for some Friday rehearsals and all roles in finale will have a finale rehearsal on Friday 12/8.
 - No missed rehearsals allowed except on 11/18 and then **only for reason personally approved by director. Request to miss must be in writing.**