

NORTH COUNTY ACADEMY OF DANCE ASSOCIATION

The Nutcracker

Thank you for attending the auditions for "The Nutcracker." We know that you have many family commitments and we greatly appreciate you making our show one of them! *There are a lot of details that go into a production like this, so please make sure you read all of the information.*

OUR VISION

Is to present the highest quality production possible, while maintaining a fun and professional atmosphere. We are striving to produce a show that will be well received by our audience, and we hope to provide a unique performing opportunity for our dancers.

PERFORMANCE FEE:

\$200 Due when you register
for the first two children,
third child is free.

Baby mice performance fee (4year olds): \$110 Due when you register

The Performance fee includes a Nutcracker T-shirt, a keepsake program, costume rental, a recording of the show, and helps to cover rehearsal and production costs. There are no other mandatory fees or costs.

AUDITION/PERFORMANCE DETAILS

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE **BONSALL LOCATION**. Please check in at studio C for your number.

Friday September 6th,

ages 13+, advanced dancers. 5:30-9:30*

***There is a Mandatory Parent/Dancer Meeting 5:30-6:00**

Saturday September 7th

ages 5-6, 2:00-3:00*

ages 7-8, 3:00-4:30*

ages 9-10, 4:30-6:30*

ages 11-12, 6:30-9:00* (bring pointe shoes if you have them)

***There is a mandatory parent meeting during the first 30 minutes of each audition time.**

PERFORMANCE DATES:

Thursday, Dec 12 7pm, Friday, Dec 13 7pm, Saturday, Dec 14 11am, 3pm, 7pm, and Sunday, Dec 15 6pm at the Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts (Fallbrook High School). Dress rehearsals will be Monday, Dec 9th and Tuesday, Dec 10th. **Please keep the week of Dec 9th-15th completely open.**

"Super Saturday" is Saturday, December 7th where we will do a full run through of each cast at the studio. If your dancer misses this rehearsal they may be removed from the show.

If the performer drops out of the show for any reason after the date of September 20th, there will be no refunds, as the fee is retained for re-choreographing/re-casting costs. Remember that backing out of the show after auditions is difficult on us, forcing us to revamp everything from casting to choreography, so do your best to make the commitment stick.

CASTING/COMMITMENT

- Casting will be based upon improving the artistic value of the show. This is different from recital where each dancer performs with his/her class. Dancers may be cast in a role with other children their own age/level or with children who are older or younger than they are.
- Each role is equally important! Sometimes dancers will get the same part as last year- This does not mean that they have not improved, but rather that we only have so many parts. Dancers in repeat parts are expected to perfect the role.
- Most roles will be double or triple-cast (meaning 2-3 dancers will share the part with each dancer performing in 2 shows)
- Some dancers may receive more than one role, which *may mean performing 1 role in green cast and 1 role in red or gold cast*. Please be aware that the cast grows every year, which means some dancers who received two roles last year may only get one this year.

- You will be notified of your role and of your exact rehearsal time by email. *If you do not receive your email by Wednesday evening, September 18th please call the studio. All dancers will be cast in a roll. If casting comes out and you don't see your dancer's name, please email us.*
- **Dancers in NCAD's "The Nutcracker" are expected to be enrolled in at least 1 ballet class a week at a reputable dance studio. Pointe dancers need to be enrolled in a minimum of 3 ballet technique classes per week.** Please do not drop out of dance classes because your child is in the Nutcracker. Rehearsals are not dance classes! We do not train dancers or improve technique during rehearsals. Not attending classes is equivalent to being on a sports team and never attending a practice, and then showing up at a game and expecting to play.
- **All families are expected to provide an adult volunteer for a minimum of one show.** Volunteer roles include backstage parents, concessions, lobby sales, stage hands: spotlights, helping move props off and on stage, and more.
- Lastly, NCAD cannot guarantee any kind of casting accommodation such as putting friends in the same parts or even in the same cast, putting members of carpools together, or only dancing on a certain day. Remember that disappointment can be a factor in any audition for any type of performing art...but it is not appropriate to contact any of the instructors personally or otherwise to discuss roles cast. *Roles are solely at the discretion of the judging panel.*

COSTUMING

- Costumes belong to North County Academy of Dance and will need to be turned back in after each performance.
- We are in need of seamstresses who can alter/adjust/repair costumes, please indicate on your volunteer form if you can help us out!
- Each dancer will need their own ballet slippers and tights. SoDanca canvas ballet slipper style# SD16
- Dancers may be asked to provide their own nude colored leotard and/or white briefs to wear under their costume (with nude straps- not clear).

REHEARSALS

All rehearsals will be at the Bonsall Location

- **Rehearsals begin Saturday September 21st.** Some younger roles will start October 5th (as well as the performing roll of party adults-please indicate on your online registration if you are interested in being a party adult).
- Most rehearsals will be Saturdays between 2:00pm and 7:00pm, depending on the role cast. The email that informs you of your role will also inform you of your exact rehearsal times. Corps de Ballet and Variations will rehearse on Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons.
- **All rehearsals are mandatory**, as we have only 10 Saturdays until the show! Dancers who miss more than 1 rehearsal *for any reason* run the risk of being removed from the production. Private lessons cannot make up for rehearsals missed.
- **There will be no rehearsals Monday, November 25-Saturday, November 30th (Happy Thanksgiving!!). However, this means the Saturday of Veterans Day weekend and of November 23rd are crucial final rehearsals before theater week, please do not miss!**

THEATER DRESS REHEARSALS:

Monday, December 9th & Tuesday, December 10th
Theater rehearsal times are TBA, leave the whole week open!

TICKETS

Tickets will be sold by a third party online. They will go on sale for VOLUNTEERS ONLY at the end of September (allowing them to pick the best seats, so fill out the online volunteer form as soon as you receive it!) and they will go on sale to the general public in October. Pre-sale prices will end Sunday, September 8th (meaning ticket prices will go up slightly after this date). **There can be no exchanges or refunds of tickets.**

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- Consider sponsoring the show! We are a non-profit organization, and can use any donation to help with orchestra costs, sets, backdrops, props etc. - and you get a tax deduction! Please share the donation letter with friends.
- Share our posts about the show and help spread the word on social media and around the community.
- See if you have any extended family who may like to help with costume repair (light sewing/cleaning), volunteer backstage or help with load in/load out- we often end up short volunteers so extra help is greatly appreciated! Our non-profit status means we can sign off on volunteer hours for high-school students.
- Buy your tickets early. If your dancer is in one cast, consider taking them to see the show when they aren't performing so that they can experience the magic as an audience member too!
- Donate some Christmas baked goods for our concessions!

Register for auditions online through your customer portal, under "Events"
www.northcountyacademyofdance.com

September 2024

Dear Friends,

North County Academy of Dance Association is a non-profit organization, tax id 45-5474018, that is dedicated to educating the community through dance and to providing performing opportunities for local youth here in the North County area. One of our missions is to serve our community by putting on the highest-quality productions, complete with professional lighting/set design, backdrops, flooring, professional and pre-professional dancers, and live accompaniment.

This year we will be staging our full length production of “the Nutcracker” at the Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts in Fallbrook on the second weekend of December. We will be featuring local youth, International guest artists, and the very talented San Diego Civic Youth Orchestra, conducted by Robert Gilson. Each dancer must go through an audition process to place them in an appropriate role, and in the end they see their hours of rehearsal time and practice come to a beautiful finish. The chance to perform with a live 55 piece orchestra is a once in a lifetime experience that none of them will forget.

In order for the NCAD Association to make the “Nutcracker” a reality for our local families, we need local sponsors who are willing to come along side us and help us to build a tradition for this beautiful community. Every year we seek to improve the show through new costumes, sets, props and backdrops. This year we have an extra need as our theater rental rates have increased, but we are trying to keep the costs reasonable for our dancers and keep the arts accessible for our community. We are hoping to find a boost for our show, and anything helps! Our dancers are dedicated to creating something wonderful that speaks to the soul of our community and their Christmas spirit. We want to thank you in advance for considering a donation towards our production!

Thank you so much,

Pablo Infante,



Cassandra Infante,



Directors, North County Academy of Dance Association



Nutcracker Program Ads and Shout-Outs

One of the ways you can help us defray costs is by purchasing an ad to go into our keepsake program. This could be an advertisement for your business or a message for your child or another family, teacher, etc.

****Program will be in full color!!****

Full page size = 8 1/2" by 11"

Please email your business ad/pic or special message by:

Sunday, October 6th

We can charge your account, or you can drop off payment at the front desk.

COST	SIZE
\$187	Full Page, 8 1/2" wide x 11" high
\$107	1/2 Page, 8 1/2" wide x 5.5" high
\$77	1/4 Page, 4.25" wide x 5.5" high
\$47	1/8 page with picture! 4.25 wide x 2.75 high

Please email all files to: sarahmbond@mac.com

Accepted formats: pdf, jpeg *must be a high quality picture

Shout-outs do not have to be "laid-out." Please send us your message in the body of the email with the picture attached (make sure the picture is of high quality). Don't forget to say in the email what size you would like to purchase! We can debit your account (please inform us in the email if you would like to do so), or you can send cash/check made out to NCAD by November 7th. Thank you for your help and support!