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Plie is the first thing you learn and the last thing you master.
-Suzanne Farrell

ARE YOU READY FOR NUTCRACKER?

Our studio *Nutcracker* performance is right around the corner! This article will help you ensure that you have everything ready for your dancer's big day.

Performance Day

Thursday, December 1st
Mac Gray Auditorium
Dancers arrive by 5:15
Show begins at 6:00

Rehearsals

See article below for updated required rehearsal schedule.

Costume Pick-Up

Costumes will be available for pick-up as they become available, beginning on Monday, November 7th. Costumes may be picked up once the dancer's **studio balance is paid in full** and the **costume rental agreement is signed**.

Costume Return

Costumes must be returned to the studio no later than Thursday, December 15th. All costumes received after the 15th will incur a \$10 restocking fee plus \$5 per day late fee, as late costume returns cause us to incur higher rates for cleaning and longer restocking and inventory hours.

Studio Balance

Each dancer's studio balance must be paid in full in order for them to be eligible to participate in the performance.

Tickets

Tickets will be available on Monday, November 7th. During the first week of sales, each student is allowed to purchase 8 tickets. This will give every family the opportunity to get tickets. Beginning Monday, November 14th all remaining tickets will be sold. We will not keep track of families who have not purchased tickets,

so please do not miss your opportunity to see you dancer's performance. All audience members must have a ticket to ensure that there is enough seating and that we do not exceed fire code.

Backstage

Parents will drop their children off backstage before the performance, and must clear the backstage area by 5:15 so dancers can warm-up and focus on the performance. All dancers 200 level and up will remain backstage throughout the entire performance. Parents should remain in the audience the entire time.

Ballet 100

Mice will need to be backstage at 5:15 and should be picked up backstage during intermission.

Angels will need to be brought backstage during intermission and will be picked-up backstage after the show.

<h2>Nutcracker Required Rehearsal Schedule</h2>	<p><u>STUDIO REHEARSALS</u></p> <p>Friday, November 18th ACT I 4:00-5:30 ACT II 5:30-7:00 (No Apprentice Company Class)</p> <p>Monday, November 28th ACT I 5:00-6:30 ACT II 6:30-8:00 (No Regular Classes.)</p>	<p><u>STAGE REHEARSALS</u></p> <p>Tuesday, November 29th ACT II 4:30-7:30 (No Regular Classes at Studio)</p> <p>Wednesday, November 30th ACT I 4:30-7:30 (No Classes at Studio EXCEPT Hip Hop)</p>	<p>Regular Classes do not run on these rehearsal dates.</p> <p>All Jazz Classes make up on Monday, November 28th from 4:00-4:45.</p> <p>Hip Hop Classes will run as usual.</p> <p>All other classes will attend Nutcracker Rehearsals in lieu of regular class.</p>
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Attention: Managing Restroom Breaks

Especially for our younger dancers, managing restroom breaks can be a challenge. These steps can help your dancer avoid unneeded stress and classroom disruptions.

Insist that your dancer try to use the restroom immediately before entering class.

Talk with your dancer about how restroom breaks disrupt class and affect their lessons.

Praise your dancer for remembering to try to use the restroom before class and for making it through her entire class without leaving the classroom.

If your dancer is struggling, please talk to Natasha so we can discuss our approach on teaching this important classroom behavior.

It's A Boy!

While the votes may have favored a **ballerina**, All our princesses may now await **Prince Charming!** Mrs. Sara is having a boy!



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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Observation Week November 7th – 11th

Family and friends are invited to come and observe classes at the studio during this week. Please come out and support your favorite dancers!

Thanksgiving Holiday November 22nd-25th

The studio will be closed Tuesday through Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.



PUMPKIN FEST PERFORMANCE ORDER

Saturday, November 5th 12:00pm

Dancers should arrive by 12:00pm. We will set up the floor at 12:00 and performances should begin at 12:15.

The stage will be set up at the intersection of Broad Street and Meeting Street in front of Mitchell College.

Order of performances:

- 1-Belly Dance
- 2-Shim Sham Shimmy
- 3-Hip Hop 301
- 4-Hip Hop 302/303
- 5-Breakdance (Winn & Keelin)
- 6-Jazz 301
- 7-Musical Theater
- 8-Greased Lightnin'
- 9-Escape 700
- 10-Rolling in the Deep

Dancers should wear their studio logo t-shirts with black dance bottoms.

Please come out and support the studio as dancers or observers! This will be a fun performance, and we can all enjoy the festival after the show!

STAGE MOMS

Looking for backstage help for Nutcracker!



Please let us know if you are interested in being a **STAGE MOM** at the Nutcracker Performance this year. Stage moms will remain backstage with the dancers throughout the entire performance. They will only see their group of dancers perform from the side of the stage, but will not need a ticket and will receive a free DVD of the show. Responsibilities are to help keep the dancers calm, quiet, and organized as they wait and travel to and from the stage. Only Stage Moms are allowed backstage during the performance. Space is limited.