

Chester Valley Dance Academy's 2017 Nutcracker



The staff and faculty of the Chester Valley Dance Academy are excited to present the 2017 performance of *The Nutcracker Ballet*. We eagerly extend the opportunity to audition for this holiday tradition to our ballet students. ***The following information consists of audition requirements and many new rules for this year's performance. Please be advised that these rules will be enforced with greater care this year. Please make sure you are able to commit before auditioning!!!***



NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS

Please arrive 1/2 hour prior to your audition time to sign-up and be measured.

Parents must accompany the students to the audition.

Audition and Rehearsal Uniform: Black leotard, pink tights, ballet shoes, pointe shoes and hair in a bun.

AUDITION INFORMATION - **NEW THIS YEAR!**



Saturday, August 12, 2017

10:00-11:00 Grade 2 & 3

11:15-12:30 Grade 4 & 5

12:45-2:00 Grade 6,7, 8

2:15-3:00 Grade 6, 7, 8 Pointe

2:00-3:00 Boys



Sunday, August 13, 2017

1:00-2:30 Grade 9-12

2:30-3:15 Grade 9-12 Pointe

Call Backs on Monday, Aug. 21st - Time To Be Announced

Nutcracker Performances at PHOENIXVILLE AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mandatory Dress Rehearsals at Phoenixville Area Middle School: Wed. ???, Thurs. ??? and Fri. ????

AND Mandatory Dress Rehearsals on Sat.??? & Sun.??? and Sun. ??? at CVDA

*****Shows: Friday, December ??? at 7 PM, and Saturday, December ??? at 1PM & 5PM***

In order to be eligible to audition for the 2017 Nutcracker students must have the following requirements:

- Take ballet in the summer of 2017. (*Attendance in our summer program will be taken into consideration when we cast for Nutcracker parts.*)
- All students auditioning must have taken ballet in the 2017 school year and must be 7 years of age or older and have completed a full year of Combo III, or PB I (with previous Combo III experience) level experience or higher.
- A parent **MUST** accompany students to the audition to sign a permission slip. Students will not be allowed to audition without a signed permission slip. *There will be a 1/2 hour meeting for all parents at the beginning of each audition.* Every performer must have an adult representative present or they will not be cast. Parents will have the opportunity to volunteer as helpers in various areas at this meeting.



BRINGING THE "NUTCRACKER BALLET" TO LIFE

We feel it is vitally important that students studying the art of dance have the opportunity to perform in a professional program that is internationally recognized as a hallmark of ballet. The Nutcracker Ballet also gives students the opportunity to share their talent and it is a stepping-stone in enhancing dance technique and appreciation. At all times, we have tried to keep the expense to the students and their parents at a minimum while maintaining a high degree of quality. In support of this philosophy, we have instituted the following requirements for all students wishing to participate in The Nutcracker Ballet.

- In order to perform in the Nutcracker all accounts must be paid in full through December tuition. The student's tuition must be **paid prior to dress rehearsal** or the child will not be permitted to perform

There will be a \$295 non-refundable flat fee charged. Fee must be paid on the day of the audition or the student will not be cast in a part.

- \$295 divided by at least 30 hours of rehearsal starting in September through mid December = \$9.83 an hour which is less than the regular class tuition. This fee will go toward covering the cost of the following:

1. Choreographers Fees
2. Costumes fittings & seamstress
3. Costume dry cleaning
4. New costumes purchased
5. Rental of Costumes
6. Facility Fees
7. Lighting
8. Floor tape, music, flashlights, batteries, etc.
9. Backdrop rentals
10. Professional Dancer fees
11. Rental of the truck for transportation of props
12. Rental of follow spots, fog machine, etc.
13. Preparing and fixing props



ABSENTEE POLICY:

- The performer may have *two* excused absences from September 9th to November 11th.
- If a **third** rehearsal is missed during this time she will be replaced with the understudy and in turn your child becomes the understudy for the dance.
- Each part in the Nutcracker will have at least 1 understudy. (Understudies must come to every rehearsal as though they were in the dance).
- **On and after** Saturday, November 18th, you may not miss any rehearsals. **There will be Dress Rehearsals at CVDA on Nov. 18th, Nov. 29th and Nov. 26th.**
- If you miss a rehearsal **on and after November 18th** until the show, you will be replaced with the understudy.
- If you leave early or arrive late to a rehearsal, you may be considered as absent and be replaced by the understudy. (This at the choreographer's discretion.)

The choreographers and I sat down and discussed the above policies. It is with their help that this policy has come into effect. We feel it will help to ensure our rehearsals will be used to their fullest capacity.

*We are asking you to take the responsibility and have your children commit to the Nutcracker **or not participate** if other commitments will conflict. Remember there will be no exceptions to the above rule. This will be a good learning experience for your child. It will give them the understanding that they must make choices throughout their lives.*

- **Rehearsals will be on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons from September 9th until November 11th. On and after Saturday, November 18th rehearsals will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as needed.**

DRESS REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Please check the bulletin boards and internet at www.chestervalleydanceacademy.com for your rehearsal times EVERY WEEK. The schedule is subject to change, so please keep a close eye on the times. YOU are responsible for keeping up to date on your rehearsal times. Please do not call the office!

- ◆ **All Nutcracker Cast members must attend both the stage and the Dress Rehearsals.** You must arrive ½ hour prior to stage rehearsal with the correct color leotard, tights and shoes. You must also arrive ½ hour prior to dress rehearsal with hair done and make-up on. All performers must arrive 1 hour before the show with hair and make-up done.
- ◆ Please understand that all dancers must remain in their dressing room until the end of the show. Performers are **not permitted to leave the stage, dressing room or designated areas in costume.** **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** Costumes must be checked in with your classroom mom before you can leave.
- ◆ Only **CLASSROOM MOMS** are permitted in the dressing rooms once dancers are ready. Again, No Exceptions!
- ◆ **NO FOOD OR DRINK** is allowed in the dressing rooms or auditorium at any time. All food and drink must be consumed in the designated areas.
- ◆ Please understand that you will be responsible for the cost of replacing any props and/or costumes destroyed or lost by the performer.

A FINAL NOTE

We are looking forward to this year's performance. All of the above information is important and will be strictly followed. Remember participation in the Nutcracker is always voluntary. We hope there will be a good turnout for the audition. As always, Mrs. Cathy is available for questions on regulations that cause confusion.

Thank you,

Cathy Moran