

# GREENSBORO BALLET'S

## THE NUTCRACKER 2023

### **RULES AND POLICIES FOR DANCERS PARTICIPATING IN THE NUTCRACKER**

#### **Nutcracker will be presented at the Carolina Theatre on the following dates:**

**Theatre rehearsals (Tech & Dress):** Tuesday, Dec.5 - Friday, Dec. 8

**Nutcracker School Shows (condensed, educational version for local children):** Friday, December 8 at 9:30am & Friday, December 15 at 9:30 am

**Performances:** Saturday, Dec. 9th & 16 at 2:00 and 7:00 pm, Sunday, Dec. 10 & 17 at 3:00pm

#### **WHAT IS REQUIRED OF DANCERS AND THEIR PARENTS?**

1. All participants must be at least 8 years old and have a minimum of 1 year previous dance training. For dancers who are currently enrolled in the School of Greensboro Ballet this means you must be enrolled in Level B or higher. Boys between the ages of 7 and 12 do not require previous dance experience.
2. Casting will be done by the Artistic Director (AD) of Greensboro Ballet (GB) and is final and non-negotiable. Please note that a dancer's worth or skill level is not defined by the number of roles he/she is given. Much consideration goes into deciding where each dancer's talents and skills fit best.
3. All dancers auditioning must accept whatever part(s), ***if any***, they are assigned. Please do not audition if you are going to make up your mind about participation **after** you see what part you get.
4. Rehearsals are very important, please make all possible efforts to attend all rehearsals. Absences are allowed when approved in advance by the AD. A *Conflict Request* form can be submitted no later than the 20th of the month to be considered for the following month. (Example: You must submit a conflict request by August 20th for consideration of conflicts in September.) If a *Conflict Request* form is not submitted, a dancer will not be excused from any rehearsal at any time unless they are very ill (a doctor's note may be required) or unless there is an extreme family emergency (such as a death in the family). In either of these instances, dancers are required to inform the Artistic Director before the rehearsal they are going to miss. A message can be left for the Director at [artisticdirector@greensboroballet.org](mailto:artisticdirector@greensboroballet.org) or at **984-312-9635**. Anyone not complying with this policy will be dismissed from the cast.

5. Any dancers accepted into Snow or Flowers will have an intense rehearsal period from 5:30 - 7:30 pm on August 28 - 30 & September 7-8, and September 9th from 1:30 - 4:30 pm
6. Participants must be available for rehearsals on any day between October 20th, 2023 and the final performance which takes place on Sunday, December 17, 2023. (Exceptions are made for any performer participating in a Greensboro Ballet sanctioned event.)
7. Dancers need to arrive for rehearsals 15 minutes before their scheduled rehearsal time, dressed and prepared as if for dance class. Hair must be pulled back and secure. Proper class attire and shoes are required. Any dancer **that is late to rehearsal more than once will be dismissed from the cast.**
8. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the online zoom Parent's Meeting. We will be reviewing and answering questions about the structure of how we will be proceeding. We ask that you do your part and attend or review/watch the parent meeting online so we can all be on the same page and avoid overworking the staff with questions and emails. The meeting will be held via Zoom on **Saturday, August 26, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.**
9. Costumes will be provided by, and remain with, the GB at all times. Each dancer will be fit by our professional seamstresses during rehearsal times and dancers are required to attend their fittings.
10. A \$85 Nutcracker Costume Fee will be required at the audition. (Need based scholarships are available for those who qualify.) This fee goes toward rental, cleaning, and maintenance of all costumes. Student Company and Youth Ballet dancers do not need to pay the Nutcracker Costume Fee.
11. All dancers must present a signed parent/dancer agreement to the artistic director at the beginning of his/her audition.
12. The cast list will be made available in the Greensboro Ballet's Virtual Bulletin Board no later than Saturday, September 9th. Do not call the office to obtain audition results.
13. **Please read through and sign the Code of Conduct form located in the Virtual Bulletin Board.** Every dancer and parent needs to sign this! GB does reserve the right to dismiss any dancer or parent who behaves inappropriately, disrespectfully, or negatively in rehearsals or performances.
14. Parents are not allowed to watch auditions or rehearsals.
15. We require all parents to participate in a volunteer capacity. If a parent/guardian is not available to volunteer, we will require a \$100 "substitution" fee to be submitted. Volunteer jobs include: dressing room monitors, marketing, helping with Tea with Clara events, distributing posters, boutique help, etc.