

Nutcracker

Cast

2018

Handbook

Information for Performers and Parents

**STUDIO FOR THE LIVING ARTS
DANCE COMPLEX**

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Presents

THE NUTCRACKER 2018

Dear Parents and Performers,

In this booklet, you will find information about all aspects of the production: auditions, casting, rehearsals, performances, volunteering, and more. Please read over this booklet carefully, as it contains the answers to many questions that you might have. We thank you for making this production happen and hope that you have a fantastic time as part of our Nutcracker family tradition.

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to another wonderful holiday performing season together!

Sincerely,

Susan Cloutier, Owner/ Director

Studio for the Living Arts Dance Complex

(207) 657-3006

**Dancers from any studio are welcome to participate in The Nutcracker
with faculty Elizabeth Avantaggio and Kate Smedal**

DETAILS: Each year Studio for the Living Arts performs a full production of the Christmas classic, The Nutcracker Ballet. Our Ballet students will bring the magical tale of the Nutcracker to life on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center. Studio for the Living Arts (SLA) Ballet students in all levels Beginner Level and Levels 1-6 may perform. (Our youngest Tap/Ballet Combo classes and six week mini session Ballet classes do not participate) and ballet dancers from any studio in the community age 7+ may audition as well.

Two Performances will be held on the same day at 11am and 4pm. Each performance is approximately 1.5 hrs. in length with one intermission. Nutcracker Holiday Performance Ticket costs are \$18 reserved seating. Families who wish to attend both performances will be offered a discounted rate of 2 half price tickets for the second performance (4pm show).

All dancers will appear in both performances and some dancers will be double cast. Roles and Cast are assigned by the Artistic Directors: Elizabeth Avantaggio, Katrina Smedal, and Rehearsal Directors.

NUTCRACKER REHEARSALS or our ballet students in Levels 1a, 1b, and 2, their Nutcracker roles are taught at the end of each weekly ballet class during the first semester in a short choreography segment. There are no rehearsals held outside of regular class time with the exception of one or two rehearsals at our studio with the full cast when we get closer to the show.

If you are not available to participate in our Holiday Nutcracker production, Ballet program dancers in levels Beginner, 1 and 2 will still learn Nutcracker Ballet choreography in classes as part of their dance education. If you are an SLA student Level 1a, 1b or level 2, and you are unable to participate in the performance, please submit this easy online submission "Non Participation" form by October 1

Non-Participation Form Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/slادancecomplex/non-participation-form-for->

NUTCRACKER COSTUMES POLICIES: There are no costume purchase fees as all costumes are owned by Studio for the Living Arts and they are loaned to the cast members. Tights and leotard or leggings (if applicable) to be worn under costumes, are the responsibility of the student to purchase. Please note that all tights are purchased at SLA to ensure they are the same brand/color. Un-seamed Tights cost: \$12 children/adult levels 1+2 and Back Seamed Tights for levels 3-6 cost: \$21 adults sizes \$18 child sizes:

NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS are open to SLA DANCERS Levels 3-6, and we also welcome dancers from all schools ages 7+.

AUDITION DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 HELD AT SLA DANCE COMPLEX

AUDITION TIMES: 10:00am-11:00am ages 7-11 11:00am-12:00pm ages 12+

* Levels 1a, 1b and Level 2 do not need to attend Nutcracker auditions unless they are age 7+ and wish to audition for extra specialty roles that are in addition to their class role they will learn. Specialty roles do require attendance at the Sat. rehearsal slots and the \$45 participation Fee.

*Levels 3-6 ballet students attend auditions if they wish to participate in the performance.

* **ADULT ROLES: PARTY SCENE**

Adults do not need to attend auditions but should complete a registration form to prior the audition date with your intent to participate. We may need adults who would be available for some of the Saturday rehearsals to be in the party scene.

- Each dancer attending auditions will need to fill out an Audition Form (included in this handout). Forms will also be available at the studio. It will save time if the audition form is completed before arriving at the audition.

NUTCRACKER REHEARSAL FEES There is a \$45 Production Rehearsal fee that offsets costs for the cast members who will be attending the full calendar of Saturday rehearsals to learn the choreography for their role(s). There is no Production Rehearsal fee for Level 1a, 1b and Level 2 dancers who learn their roles in weekly classes. The production fee will be billed to the applicable dancers following casting.

- Headpieces and any other small accessories are placed in a zip lock bag . Please return the accessory in the bag which loops over the hanger.
- Communication: Look for our Nutcracker News e-mail which will be sent to the cast. Performers and their families are responsible for staying informed about all aspects of the production. Please be sure to read all communications and respond as needed. If your dancer has an email account please be sure to add that online so they can stay updated as well.
- Rehearsals: Performers and their families are responsible for attending scheduled Saturday rehearsals. They are responsible for staying informed about the rehearsal schedules and informing us immediately about any rehearsal conflicts. Any dancer who misses more than two rehearsals may need to be dropped from the performance. If you are going to miss a rehearsal due to an illness or other emergency situation, we expect to be informed BEFORE the rehearsal begins. Call the studio at (207) 657-3006 .
- Volunteering: In order to keep costs down, we rely on parents to help with various aspects of the productions. There are lots of different opportunities, depending on your interests and availability. Sign up information will be sent in October.

On occasions SLA may be asked to perform excerpts from the show at area schools. In that event, SLA students/Nutcracker Guest Cast members are allowed to dance any role they possess for that current Nutcracker season. Understudies may perform an understudy role via approval by the artistic director(s) . Any excerpts from the Nutcracker performances outside of Studio for the Living Arts must be approved by SLA Director: Susan Cloutier. Please inquire.

Nutcracker FAQ's

What should I expect at Auditions? Dancers should complete their audition form and turn the form in at the registration desk. After dancers check in on Audition Day they take a short/simple ballet class. Casting takes approximately one week and you will be notified via email once casting is complete. There is no audition fee.

What should I wear to the Auditions? Girls should wear black leotards and pink tights , ballet slippers, pointe shoes if applicable. No skirts or sweatshirts. Hair should be secured away from the face in a classical ballet bun. Boys should wear shorts or any pants that are easy to move in, t-shirt, socks and ballet shoes or jazz shoes.

How long are the shows?

Each performance will run approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes

When can we purchase tickets to the performances? Tickets will be on sale beginning October 20,2018 online. All seating is reserved: \$18 per ticket which includes a \$2 per ticket fee imposed by the Westbrook Performing Arts Center. Students do not need to purchase a ticket as they remain backstage unless they only appearing in ACT 1. Discounted tickets for families that wish to attend both performances will be offered.

NUTCRACKER 2018 Sample Schedule

NUTCRACKER REHEARSALS HELD AT SLADC: REHEARSALS ARE HELD BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:30AM-1 PM Most dancers are only scheduled to be at rehearsals for 1-2 hours. We try to keep time commitments to a minimum, therefore it is important to attend all dates. Performers are only required to be at rehearsal during the allotted time slot for their role. When we get closer to the performance date dancers will rehearse for longer periods when we conduct a full run of ACTS 1 +2. **A detailed final schedule is set and emailed after casting.**

NUTCRACKER CALENDAR/SAMPLE SCHEDULE

AUDITIONS : Saturday , September 15, 2018 at 10am

IN STUDIO REHEARSALS: Saturday, September 22, 2018

IN STUDIO REHEARSALS: Saturday, September 29, 2018

NUTCRACKER TICKETS GO ON SALE ONLINE: October 13, 2018

IN STUDIO REHEARSALS: Saturday, October 13, 2018

COSTUME FITTINGS LEVELS: Beginner, 1+2 October 15-20, 2018 in class

IN STUDIO REHEARSALS: Saturday, October 20, 2018

IN STUDIO REHEARSALS: Saturday, October 27, 2018

IN STUDIO REHEARSALS: Saturday, November 3, 2018

IN STUDIO REHEARSALS: Saturday, November 10, 2018

IN STUDIO REHEARSALS: Saturday, November 17, 2018 FULL CAST

IN STUDIO REHEARSALS: Sunday Afternoon, November 25, 2018 FULL CAST

DRESS REHEARSAL @ WESTBROOK PAC 5-8PM, Fri. November 30,2018

NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCES @ WESTBROOK PAC 11am and 4pm

DECEMBER 1, 2018

- If a student is sick on a rehearsal day please send us an email and call the front desk at (207)657-3006.

STUDIO FOR THE LIVING ARTS DANCE COMPLEX 2018 NUTCRACKER AUDITION FORM
(Application is not needed for Level 1a, 1b or Level 2 unless auditioning for extra roles age 7+)

Parent Name: _____

Student Name _____ **Age** _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CURRENT DANCE STUDIO: _____

YEARS OF BALLET: _____ **YEARS ON POINTE:** _____

IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE LIST ANY PEVIOUS NUTCRACKER ROLES YOU HAVE HAD IN THE PAST :

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▪ I understand that the \$45 production fee will be due prior to the first September rehearsal for applicable students. Production fees cover all rehearsals from September through December . **Studio for the Living Arts, Inc. is not responsible for any personal injuries or loss or damage to personal property, resulting from participation in dance classes and/or "off-site" performances. (Please inform your instructor of any physical limitations which may prevent full participation in class).** I give Studio for the Living Arts, Inc. permission to use photos/videos taken of the above registered student for any advertising and/or promotions.

Parent Signature (required) _____ **Date:** _____

NUTCRACKER TICKET INFORMATION

TICKET SALES BEGIN Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 10am and we will be using a special online Dance Recital Ticketing agency “TutuTix “ for all tickets sales. Through TutuTix you will be able to pick your seats & print your tickets from the convenience of your home. No waiting in lines at the studio! Tickets are only available for purchase either online or at the door. Online ticket sales end November 29 at 5pm. After that time Tickets will only be available at the door. Advance Ticket cost is \$18 and “at the door” cost \$24. *(These prices include a \$2 per ticket fee imposed by the Westbrook Performing Arts Center).*

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION Two Nutcracker performances will be held at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center on Sat., December 1, 2018. There will be an 11am performance and a 4pm performance. Each show is approx. 1.5hr. in length which includes intermission. All of the cast members do perform in both shows.

SNOW DATE In the event of a storm cancellation on December 1, 2018 we will hold the performances on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at the same times 11am and 4pm. If the event is rescheduled for 12/2/18 (or a later date if necessary), all tickets are valid for the rescheduled date. Refunds are not issued.

VOLUNTEER CHAPERONES All cast members appear in both shows. Cast members do not need a seat in the theater as they are backstage for the entire show. Please let Susan know via e-mail studiofortheivingarts@yahoo.com if you can volunteer backstage as a chaperone for one of the performances.

LAP CHILDREN are “non-walking” toddlers and they do not need a ticket to attend the performance. Due to fire codes, any walking child requires a seat / ticket.

HANDICAPPED WHEELCHAIR NEEDS? On the seating chart, wheelchair seating is located at C26, L15, L17. Please call me if these sell out as there is additional wheelchair seating at the upper level by the technicians booth.

HANDICAPPED PARTIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SEATS: Seats L13 and L29 have arm rests that lift up for easy assistance.

HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

- Online via your computer, tablet or smartphone. There will be a link on our website www.tututix.com/StudioForTheLivingArts
- You can also order over the phone . Call 855-222-2TIX (2849) / select option 5 to buy tickets.

DISCOUNT PROMOCODE

You will see a PROMOCODE box when you land on the TutuTix website. Every cast member has a PROMOCODE which will give them access to buy up to 2 half price tickets if they wish to attend both shows. Your PROMOCODE is the account email address on your studio dance account.

After selecting your seats to the first show and placing the ticket(s) in your cart, your PROMOCODE grants you up to 2 half price tickets to the second show.

- *Please be sure to verify your dance account email address that you have stored online. This is the email address you use to log on to your account vs. a second parent email address or a student email address.*

DELIVERY OF TICKETS

EMAIL: You can have your tickets emailed to you to print at home and bring to the show. The barcode scanner at the theater will enable you to gain one entry per printout and will register your ticket as used once you hand it to the usher.

KEEPSAKE TICKET VIA MAIL: You can choose to have TutuTix mail your foil-embossed keepsake tickets, for an additional fee, with your dancer's name printed directly on the ticket (great for scrapbookers). \$3 per order plus \$0.50 per ticket



NUTCRACKER DVD ORDER FORM 2018

Cobb Productions will be filming the 4pm Nutcracker show if you wish to purchase a DVD. Westbrook PAC has excellent lighting so we always expect a good quality result. Please complete your order prior to December 1, to take advantage of the preorder cost and drop it by the studio.

Produced by Cobb Production Company

<http://www.cobbproductions.com>

Parent Name _____

Phone Number _____

Student's Name _____

Videographer: Cobb Production DVD=\$25.00 for pre-order before December 1, 2018. (\$30 after December 1, 2018)

Dvd's may be purchased via Separate Check (checks payable to SLA Dance Complex) or cash. For credit card please complete below.

VISA/MASTERCARD  

____ / ____ / ____

Exp.Date ____ / ____ 3 Digit Security Code ____

Amount to Charge \$ _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

NUTCRACKER T-SHIRT ORDER FORM



ORDER DEADLINE OCTOBER 20, 2018. PRE-ORDERS ONLY WE DO NOT ORDER EXTRAS. Tee is Hanes 50/50 midweight, and it features the casts names on the back.

STUDENT NAME: _____

TOTAL TEE: ____ x \$21 = **TOTAL \$** _____

CHILD: SM SIZE 6-8 ____ **MED SIZE 10-12** ____ **LG SIZE 14-16** ____

ADULTS: SM ____ **MED.** ____ **LARGE** ____ **X-LARGE** ____

Checks payable to "Studio for the Living Arts" or VISA/MASTERCARD



Authorized Amount To Charge on Card \$ _____

____ / ____ / ____

Expiration Date: ____ / ____ **Security Code #** _____

Signature: _____