

The Nutcracker of Lincoln County 2022

Backstage Performing Arts is proud to present "The Nutcracker of Lincoln County" this year on Dec. 10th.

This is our 7th performance of the Nutcracker and will be performed every other year. Our goal is to start a holiday tradition that will offer your child the opportunity to perform in a production you will be proud to share with family and friends. **This performance is optional.** All students enrolled in ballet at BPA (either ballet combo or full ballet classes) are eligible to participate (this does not include creative movement).

- * **COMBO 1 - LITTLE ANGELS** (Your class will only be in 1 show)
Mon. 3:45-4:45 Ballet/Tap, Wednesday 4:30-5:30 Ballet/Jazz, Wednesday 5:45-6:45 Ballet/Jazz
- * **COMBO 2 - LITTLE ARABIANS** (Your class will only be in 1 show)
Tues. 3:45-5:15 Tap/Ballet/Jazz, Wednesday 4:15-5:45 Jazz/Ballet/Tap
- * **COMBO 3 - BON BONS** (Your class will BOTH shows)
Tuesday 6:30-8:00 Tap/Ballet/Jazz
- * **COMBO 4 - BIG ANGELS**
Tuesday 6:00-7:30 Ballet/Jazz/Tap
- * **COMBO 4 - SOLDIERS**
Thursday 6:15-7:45
- * **BALLET- CANDY CANES**
Monday 3:45-4:45
- * **BALLET- CHINESE & MICE**
Monday 5:15-6:30
- * **BALLET- BIG ARABIANS, SPANISH COFFEE, FLOWERS** (see Mrs. Melvie for specific character)
Monday 6:30-7:45
- * **POINTE - SNOW** (Adv dancing on pointe/Beg dancing flat)
Monday 7:45 & 4:45

1. **REHEARSALS:** Rehearsals for some dances will take place the last 10 minutes of class time and on extra practices as per the enclosed schedule. **All dancers will be expected to be at ALL rehearsals.** If there is a scheduling conflict, please let me know as soon as you receive this packet. All dancers appear on stage in the finale and this is "set" at the theatre only during dress rehearsal.
2. **NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE DONATION:** We ask every dancer in "The Nutcracker" to make a \$30.00 performance donation. This helps offset the cost of costume construction, cleaning, repairs, storage, etc. The costumes remain the property of Backstage Performing Arts. The costumes will be taken to the theatre and your dancer will put them on and take them off and leave them at the theatre. You will need to provide proper tights, shoes and undergarments for your dancer. Please send your Nutcracker performance donation by **SEPT 15th**. You will receive (1) ticket to one performance (per performance donation). Anyone taking up a seat in the Auditorium will need to purchase a ticket.
3. **TICKETS:** Tickets will be sold for the performance. Prices are \$10 for adults and children 3 years and over. Children under 3 years of age are free but must sit on an adult's lap.
4. **NUTCRACKER SHIRTS:** Our 2022 Nutcracker design will be available on long sleeve and short sleeve t-shirts. Price will be given as soon as possible.
5. **VOLUNTEERS:** We need every family to volunteer in some way. Please get the dressing room Mom slots filled as quickly as possible. **Any classes who do not have dressing room help will not be able to perform!**

**Sign--up at the front desk when the volunteer book becomes available!
These areas need volunteers:**

- ❖ Backstage dressing room mom
- ❖ Backstage crew - moving scenery and props during the show. (A "Dad job"!)
- ❖ Fitting costumes (help by putting names on costumes, hanging them up, etc.)
- ❖ Hand sewing (hemming, repairing tears, etc.)
- ❖ Sewing Costumes (more advanced sewing)
- ❖ Poster distribution, publicity
- ❖ Usher (Dads can do this!)
- ❖ Moving in & out of theatre (Need a few strong men, 3 or 4 pick-up trucks & lots of helping hands)
- ❖ Clean-up (tidy up the theatre & dressing rooms after each show)
- ❖ Building and painting props
- ❖ Building and painting scenery
- ❖ Selling of boutique items
- ❖ Ticket sales
- ❖ Small program (typesetting and printing)

----- return this form by September 15 !! -----

NUTCRACKER 2022 COMMITMENT FORM

Dancer's name: _____

Class level, day & time _____

Dancer's name(if more than 1 child participation): _____

Class level, day & time _____

Yes, I want my dancer(s) to participate in NUTCRACKER 2022. I have read the information and agree to help and have my dancer(s) at the necessary rehearsals. I have included a \$30 check per dancer made payable to "BPA" for my performance donation. ***I will be able to volunteer in some capacity.***

No, my dancer is unable to participate to participate in NUTCRACKER 2022

PARENTS: _____

PHONE: _____

Please return by September 15

We are hopeful that this schedule will give us ample rehearsal time. If we see that more time is needed, we will have to schedule more practice times! Keep an eye open for revisions! All dancers are expected at all rehearsals. You MUST let Mrs. Melvie know if you have a conflict with any scheduled practice time.

SATURDAY, Sept. 17 & 24

9:00-11:00am	Snow
9:00-10:00am	Bon Bons
10:00am-11:00am	Big Angles
11:00-11:45am	Mice
11:15-1:15pm	Flowers
11:45-12:45pm	Soldiers
12:45-1:30pm	Candy Canes
1:30-2:30pm	Spanish/Big Arabians

SATURDAY, Oct. 15 & 22 (22nd includes costume fitting)

9:00-9:45am	Big Arabians/Spanish
9:45-10:30am	Candy Canes
9:45-11:00am	Flowers
10:30-11:00am	Chinese
11:00-12:15pm	Soldiers & Mice
11:15-12:15pm	Snow
12:15-1:15pm	Bon Bons/Big Angels

SATURDAY, Oct. 29

9:30-10:15am	Little & Big Angels (Little Angels costume fitting)
10:30am-11:15am	Bon Bons
11:15-12:30pm	Little & Big Arabians (Little Arabians costume fitting)
12:30-1:30pm	Soldiers & Mice/Candy Canes/Chinese
1:30-3:00pm	Flowers/Snow/Spanish

SATURDAY, Nov. 12

9:00-10:00am	Little & Big Angels/2 Lead Angels/Bon Bons
10:00-11:00am	Candy Canes/Chinese/Little & Big Arabians
11:00-12:30pm	Spanish/Snow/Flowers
12:30-1:30pm	Soldiers & Mice

SATURDAY, Nov. 19 & Dec. 3

9:00-10:30am	Act I (Mom, Dad, Clara, Fritz)/Soldiers, Mice, Nutcracker
10:30-11:30am	Snow, Little & Big Angels, Lead Angels
11:30-12:30pm	Spanish, Little & Big Arabians
12:30-1:30pm	Chinese, Candy Canes, Bon Bons & Flowers

Friday, Dec. 9

4:00-5:00pm	Rehearsal at Lincoln County Academy (ALL PARTICIPANTS in cast A)
5:00-6:00pm	Rehearsal at Lincoln County Academy (ALL PARTICIPANTS in cast B)

Saturday, Dec. 10

2:00pm	Performance at Lincoln County Academy (ALL PARTICIPANTS in cast A)
6:30pm	Performance at Lincoln County Academy (ALL PARTICIPANTS in cast B)

****Little Arabians, Little Angels will only be in one performance. I will let you know which cast you are as soon as possible.***

Nutcracker Costume Information

This information will be given out soon. ALL dancers, except Little Angels, will have to wear a nude leotard under their costumes. These are \$15-\$20 and may be purchased in the boutique.

ALL DANCERS AGE 9 AND OVER, MUST WEAR DEODORANT!!

Make-up Use foundation blended into hairline and neck, blush from the cheekbone out, earth tones of eye shadow (light on the lid, darker in the crease), mascara (false eyelashes on Level 3), eyeliner extended out at the corners a bit, lipstick, eyebrow pencil if the eyebrows are very fair and lipstick. Apply loose powder over all to help "set" the make-up.

****STAGE MAKE-UP IS NECESSARY SO THE DANCERS DON'T LOOK WASHED OUT UNDER THE BRIGHT THEATRICAL LIGHTS & SO THEIR FEATURES STAND OUT FROM FAR AWAY!!**

ATTENTION OLDER DANCERS: Full, proper stage make-up is part of your costume and is not an option. All make-up is by approval of Mrs. Melvie. Any dancer not in proper make-up will not go on!

Nutcracker Dances in Show Order!!!

ACT I VARIATION

SOLDIERS & MICE

SNOW

BIG & LITTLE ANGELS

SPANISH

ARABIAN COFFEE (big) & ARABIAN MAIDENS (little)

CHINESE TEA

CANDY CANES

MOTHER GINGER & BON BONS

FLOWERS

SUGAR PLUM FAIRY & CAVALIER

FINALE

NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY & NO VIDEOTAPING ALLOWED AT THE PERFORMANCES!

THEATRE RULES for DANCERS

1. No dancers are ever allowed in the audience or lobby during a performance. You should not be seen in your costume before your entrance on stage.
2. Pink ballet shoes need to be clean and have elastic sewn on, no strings showing -- tuck them in.
3. Pink ballet tights for those who wear them (ballet pink or classical pink - no shimmery tights) need to be clean with no holes. NO UNDERWEAR UNDER YOUR TIGHTS!
4. Hair should be slicked back into a classical bun. Bangs need to be slicked back off the face. No wispies. Use hair gel, hair spray, and/or put the hair up slightly wet. No shiny clips, glitter or barrettes - just lots of bobby pins! Use a fine hair net the color of your own hair to keep your bun tidy. You can find those at the drugstore.
5. NO EATING OR DRINKING IN COSTUME! Only water. No food or drink backstage!
6. NO JEWELRY, NAIL POLISH, WATCHES, RINGS OR EARRINGS. A uniform, clean look is our goal!
7. Dancers need to be quiet backstage & listen to dressing room Moms. Bad behavior will NOT be tolerated.
8. Young dancers could bring a book, quiet toy, game or something to do while they wait backstage.
9. NO COSTUMES ARE ALLOWED ON THE FLOOR! Please hang them on YOUR hanger when you take them off. Be sure to return all parts and props to their places, i.e. swords, harps, arm bands, etc.
10. QUIET BACKSTAGE, PLEASE!!!
11. Smile & enjoy presenting your talents and love of dance to the audience!!

THEATRE ETIQUETTE for AUDIENCE MEMBERS

1. No videotaping or flash photography permitted during a performance.
2. Do not "break curtain" (come through the curtain to the backstage) or exit using the left side door at the end of the show. Please exit through the rear doors of the theatre to retrieve your dancer.
3. Please remain seated throughout the performance however, if your baby or small child is noisy please exit the theatre with them.
4. No eating or drinking in the theatre.
5. Turn all cell phones and pagers off or on silent or vibrate during the performance.
6. Be a warm audience and show your enthusiasm with lots of applause for our young dancers!