

## American Academy of Ballet Nutcracker 2024

Dear Parents,

We are very pleased that your child has been accepted into the Academy's Nutcracker 2024 production. However, before you make this commitment we want you to be aware of the costs and obligations involved with this production. We are asking you to read this letter and sign and return the 2<sup>nd</sup> page with your production fee.

### **COSTS:**

**1. TICKETS** are \$37.00, \$32.00 or \$27.00 which includes a \$4.00 Facility Fee added to the price of each ticket by UB. We would like to encourage each family to try to sell 10 tickets if possible. You may purchase tickets at the UB Box Office or on their website [www.ubcfa.org](http://www.ubcfa.org). Performances are Saturday, Dec. 7th at 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM in the Mainstage Theater.

**2. THE NUTCRACKER PRODUCTION FEE** is \$110.00. This **NON REFUNDABLE FEE** is due at your first rehearsal or by the parent meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please make checks payable to *American Academy Nutcracker*. There is a family rate of \$65.00 for each additional child. This fee covers the costumes & cleaning, all rehearsals at the Academy and the Center for the Arts, as well as all UB Production fees, etc.

**3. DONATIONS.** We encourage each family to try to donate to the Silent Auction or Basket Raffle. Donations from you or from businesses such as hair & nail salons, restaurants, health clubs and larger value items would be greatly appreciated for the Silent Auction. Ornaments, nutcrackers and ballet items would also be appreciated for both the Basket Raffle and the Victorian Village or if you like you can make a cash donation to be used to purchase an item for a basket.

**4. PROGRAM ADS.** You may wish to take out a personal or business ad or you may know someone who would be interested in taking out a business ad or sponsorship. Ad prices start at \$25.00 for 1/4 of a page, \$50.00 for 1/2 page and \$90.00 for a full page. The students get so excited backstage looking for their ads! They really are adorable. The deadline for all ads is Saturday, November 18th.

**5. COSTUMES.** Costumes are provided, however depending on your child's role you may be responsible for buying dance shoes or tights. In a few cases tights may need to be dyed by AAB to match costumes.

### **OBLIGATIONS:**

**1. REHEARSALS** will be held **EITHER** on Friday evenings, Saturday afternoon or Sundays and are **MANDATORY**. For most children this involves only one day each weekend. Rehearsals normally last 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Attendance is critical to putting together this professional production in such a short period of time. We will not be able to make exceptions regarding attendance at rehearsals. Unfortunately, we will have to replace anyone who misses rehearsals. Schedules will be posted in advance at the studio and will also be emailed to you. Rehearsals **WILL** be held over the Columbus weekend, either on Saturday or Sunday. Also, a full production run-thru will take place at the studio on Sunday, December 1st. Please mark your calendars now for these important dates. These rehearsals are **mandatory, no exceptions.**

**2. DRESS REHEARSAL** is scheduled for Friday, December 6th at UB Center for the Arts in the Main Stage Theatre. The schedule and exact times for those rehearsals will be announced closer to those dates.

**3. VOLUNTEER TIME. WE ASK** each family to **VOLUNTEER 5 HOURS** of their time to the Nutcracker production. This could be done by working backstage, fundraising, loading in & out of UB or helping with costumes or props, etc. We really would prefer your help, but just like many sports activities if you do not wish to volunteer you may "BUY OUT". The "BUY OUT" fee is \$150.00. Anyone who does not sign up for their volunteer obligation will be assigned a part as of Nov. 15th.

It's a lot of hard work but your children are a joy to work with!

Thank you all so much,  
Miss Maris  
Miss Donatella

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE OFFICE

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**I AGREE TO HAVE MY CHILD PARTICIPATE IN THE NUTCRACKER. I UNDERSTAND THE COSTS AND OBLIGATIONS INVOLVED AND THAT MY CHILD CANNOT MISS REHEARSALS.**

Parents Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Days) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Nights) \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is the \$110.00 Production Fee. A \$65.00 fee is due for each additional child.

**Checks should be made payable to American Academy Nutcracker.**

PRODUCTION FEE: CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_

**I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING: (MINIMUM 5 HOURS)**

Please click to [register to volunteer](#) or use the QR code below:



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**SILENT/BASKET AUCTION DONATION** \_\_\_\_\_

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**I WILL NOT HAVE TIME TO VOLUNTEER. ENCLOSED IS MY \$150.00 "BUY OUT" FEE**

"BUY OUT" FEE: CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for all you do to help make our Nutcracker production happen. You are truly appreciated and I know you will be happy when you see your child on stage perform.