

## American Academy of Ballet Nutcracker 2023

Dear Parents,

We are very pleased that your child has been accepted into the Academy's Nutcracker 2023 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 \$35.00, \$30.00 or \$25.00 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 a 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. 2nd at 1:00 & 6:00 in the Mainstage Theater. Red Cast performs Saturday@1:00, Green Cast performs Saturday@ 6:00.

**2. THE NUTCRACKER PRODUCTION FEE** is \$100.00. This **NON REFUNDABLE FEE** is due at your first rehearsal or by the parent meeting on September 26th. Please make checks payable to *American Academy Nutcracker*. There is a family rate of \$60.00 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.

**3. DONATIONS.** We encourage each family to try to donate to the Silent or Chinese Auctions. 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 Chinese Auction 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 back stage 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, November 26th. Please mark your calendars now for these important dates. These rehearsals are **mandatory, no exceptions.**

**2. DRESS REHEARSAL** is scheduled for Friday, December 1st 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 \$125.00. 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 and it's so wonderful to see them so happy in these difficult times.

Thank you all so much,  
Maris