



Nutcracker 2017

Informational Packet

This packet has all of the information pertaining to our Nutcracker Performances. Please read the material carefully so that all of your questions can be answered.

The Portsmouth School of Ballet will be performing *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, December 2nd at 5:00 pm (Red Cast) and Sunday, December 3rd at 10:00 am (Green Cast) & Sunday, December 3rd at 3:00 pm (Blue Cast) at the Exeter High School Auditorium.

For Levels I through VII there will be a \$60 participation fee along with a \$40 costume fee. All Pre-Ballet I Pre-Ballet II and Foundation classes will have a \$30 participation fee along with a \$20 costume fee. All registration forms and fees will be due Saturday, October 7th.

The casting for the Portsmouth School of Ballet's students is as follows:

Ballet I – VII:

Students in Ballet I – VII will be performing in all three performances of *The Nutcracker*. Saturday Ballet I/II students performing as Snow Flakes and Saturday Ballet III/IV students are done performing at intermission and can be picked up backstage. We encourage them to stay and watch the remainder of the performance; the participating dancers do not need to purchase a ticket. All other parts will remain backstage for the duration of the performance and will be picked up after the show.

Foundation:

*Tuesday Foundation (Red cast) will be performing in the Saturday, December 2nd performance at 5:00 pm.

*Friday Foundation (Green cast) will be performing in the Sunday, December 3rd performance 10:00 am.

* Saturday Foundation (Blue cast) will perform in the Sunday, December 3rd performance at 3:00 pm.

All Foundation classes will be performing as Dolls and will be performing in the first act only. They can be picked up backstage at intermission. We encourage Foundation students to stay and watch the remainder of the performance; they do not need to purchase a ticket.

Pre-Ballet I and II:

All Pre-Ballet I and II students will perform on Sunday December 3rd in either the 10:00 am show or the 3:00 pm show.

***ALL** Tuesday, Thursday Pre Ballet I and Pre Ballet II classes and **ONLY** the Friday Morning Pre-Ballet I and Pre-Ballet II classes will perform in the 10:00am show (Green cast).

*Friday AFTERNOON and Saturday Pre-Ballet I and Pre-Ballet II classes will perform in the 3:00pm show (Blue Cast).

Pre-Ballet students will be finished performing at intermission and will be dismissed at intermission from the front of the stage into the theatre. We encourage all Pre-Ballet students to stay and watch the remainder of the performance; they do not need to purchase a ticket.

****A reminder that fall semester classes will continue through January 20th, 2018. The school will be closed for a holiday break from Saturday, December 23rd – Sunday, January 7th and then resume classes Monday, January 8th -Saturday, January 20th. We will begin our Winter/Spring Semester on Monday, January 29th 2018.****

Program A list of student names will be displayed in the Portsmouth School of Ballet lobby from October 13th-October 23rd. Please check the spelling of your child's name. We will not be responsible for any mistakes that have not been corrected.

Tickets will go on sale at the Portsmouth School of Ballet on Monday, November 13th and can be purchased in the office or over the phone. The auditorium is general admission seating. Tickets are \$20 for Adults & \$15 for Children ages 12 – under. We often sell out performances of the school's Nutcracker, so we ask that you please purchase your tickets in advance. We cannot guarantee that tickets will be available for purchase at the door the day of the performance. **All ticket sales are final.** The school cannot exchange or refund money for the purchase of tickets, so please make sure you know exactly how many tickets you need to purchase in

advance. There is no limit on the number of tickets available for purchase. **We only accept Cash and Check for tickets sold at the Theater.**

Directions Take I-95 South to Rt – 101 Exit 2 toward Exeter/Hampton. Merge onto NH-101 W towards Manchester/Concord. Continue on 101 to Exit 9. Turn right at the end of the exit onto NH-27 Epping Rd. Follow for 1.7 miles to Exeter High School Auditorium. Exeter High School is located at 315 Epping Rd, Exeter NH 03833.

Seating The theater is general admission; there is no advanced seating for the auditorium. The theater holds approximately one thousand people and all seats in the auditorium have excellent viewing. We ask that you do not save seats, so please arrive with your entire party and then be seated. Please remain seated during the performance. If you have to leave the auditorium, please do so during a pause in the program. Baby carriages and car seats are not permitted in the auditorium. No one is allowed to sit, stand or place any items in the aisles as aisles must remain clear.

Cameras & Video Cameras are NOT permitted during the performances for the safety of your children and the dancers. Flashes can be blinding onstage and the use of cameras is distracting to other audience members. Pictures can be taken before or after the performances only.

****DVD's of each performance are available for purchase in the office or at the theater the day of the show. To pre-order your Nutcracker DVD please fill out the order form on the last page of this packet and turn into the office or at the ticket booth by December 4th****

****NEW this year, we will be offering pictures for purchase of the performance you can order online a couple of weeks after the show. ****

Flowers are available for purchase at all three performances. Flowers will be available until the end of intermission. Flowers are priced per stem and start at \$1.50. There is no minimum and loose bouquets can be done in any price range. **Cash or Check is all that can be accepted the day of the performance.**

Gifts and refreshments are offered at the performances by the Portsmouth School of Ballet Student Company. Please make sure to stop by and help out these hard working dancers and their families. Proceeds go towards their Competition fees. They only accept Cash at the performances.

Volunteers We need volunteers to stay with the students backstage, ushers for the auditorium and men to work back stage with tech. If you are interested in volunteering, we ask that you please sign up to Volunteer on the sign up sheet in the lobby from November 6th - November 25th. This sign up process is on a first come first served basis. We mostly need parent volunteers to be backstage with the students from every group. You will be there to help take bathroom breaks and keep the students entertained while they are waiting backstage to dance. If you are volunteering, you must wait with the students of the group you are volunteering with until all students have been picked up by a parent at the end of the show. Volunteers may bring some quiet activities to entertain the dancers while waiting for their turn to perform. Snacks are also allowed however NO peanuts or peanut products. Food may not be eaten in costume. We also need Ushers at the front of the theater to take tickets.

Hair must be worn in a bun for girls and slicked neatly back with gel for boys. We ask that all bangs and wispy hair strands are slicked back with gel and hair spray. Please use bobby pins and hair pins with a hair net that matches their hair color to make a bun. *Small bun kits are available for purchase in the office for \$5.* If a student arrives to the performance without their hair in a bun we cannot allow them to perform.

Makeup is optional for all of the Pre-Ballet students. We will not be putting any additional makeup on students, only what is needed for their costume (i.e. red felt cheeks on soldier's faces, whiskers on baby mice). We will not put blush, eyeliners, eye shadows, mascaras or any other type of makeup on a student. If a parent would like to put makeup on their child we ask that you please apply the makeup before the student arrives and please use earth tones such as browns and whites. Please no pink, it loses its tone under stage lights.

Performance Attire

Listed below is what each class is required to wear with their costume to perform.

Pre-Ballet I & II, Baby Mice – Girls wear a plain pink leotard (long sleeve is recommended) with **no skirts or tutus**, pink ballet tights and pink ballet slippers. Boys wear their black pants, white t-shirts, black socks and black ballet slippers. They will receive their costumes when they arrive to perform and leave with the costumes.

Foundation, Dolls – Girls wear the pink leotards they wear to class, pink ballet tights, ballet buns, and pink ballet slippers. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

Ballet I Wednesday & Thursday, Polichinelles - Wear what they wear to class each week, burgundy leotard, pink tights and pink ballet slippers. Please have your child's hair in a high bun at the crown of their head so we can pin their hats on. Boys will wear their regular class attire. Please bring bobby pins for the hats. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

Ballet I/II Saturday and III/IV Saturday, Snow Flakes – Girls will wear a skin colored camisole leotard, pink tights and pink ballet slippers. Please have your child's hair in a bun. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

Ballet II Wednesday, Chinese – A black camisole leotard, pink tights and pink ballet slippers. Do not wear a long sleeved leotard, it will be seen under the costume. **The costumes belongs to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

Ballet II Thursday, Spanish – Wear their pink tights and pink ballet slippers only. We ask that all students please wear a skin colored camisole leotard under their costume. If you have questions about this please call the office. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

Ballet III Wednesday, Arabian – Wear their pink tights and pink ballet slippers. We ask that they wear a skin colored camisole leotard with their costume. If you have questions about this please call the office. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

Ballet III/IV Thursday, Angels - Wear their pink tights and pink ballet slippers only. We ask that all students please wear a skin colored camisole leotard under their costume because they are white costumes. If you have questions about this please call the office. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

Ballet III/IV Saturday, Snowflakes - Wear their pink tights and pink ballet slippers only. We ask that all students please wear a skin colored camisole leotard under their costume because they are white costumes. If you have questions about this please call the office. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

Ballet IV Wednesday, Candy Cane/Ribbon Candy – Wear their pink tights and pink ballet slippers. We ask that they wear a skin colored camisole leotard with their costume. If you have questions about this please call the office. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

Ballet V Tuesday/ Saturday, Big Mice/Soldiers/Russian/Flowers- Wear a skin colored camisole leotard for Soldiers, and a black camisole leotard for Big Mice AND Russian, pink ballet meshed seamed tights (Capezio Classic Pink #9) and pink ballet slippers. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

Ballet VI, Angels and Flowers - Wear a skin colored camisole leotard, pink ballet meshed seamed tights and pointe shoes. Please purchase (Capezio Classic Pink #9) tights to perform in. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

Ballet VII, Flowers/Snow and any additional roles- Wear a skin colored camisole leotard, pink ballet meshed seamed tights and pointe shoes. Please purchase (Capezio Classic Pink #9) tights to perform in. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

All Boys please speak with Emily and Ilya about your costume requirements.

Important Dates and Rehearsal Information

Wednesday, November 22nd-Sunday, 26th - No Classes or Rehearsals- Happy Thanksgiving!

Monday, November 27th- Regular Classes- Run Through of Nutcracker in Classes at PSB

Tuesday, November 28th Classes Held- Rehearsals for Nutcracker at PSB

3:45-5:00- All Dancers (Big Mice, All Soldiers, Clara, Nutcracker, Mouse Queen)- Battle Scene

5:00-5:45- Ballet VI/VII Warm-Up

5:45-9:00- Run through of Act II/Set Coda and Bows- All Classes Ballet II-VII- Students will be released as they finish rehearsing. Regular Classes Held in Studio II

Wednesday, November 29th Regular Classes- Run Through of Nutcracker in Classes at PSB

Thursday, November 30th Regular Classes Held- Rehearsals for Nutcracker at PSB

4:45-6:00- Lead Angels, Angels (Ballet III/IV and VI) (Take notice of this rehearsal time, and if you will need to arrive earlier than your regular classes or stay later.)

Regular Classes Held- There Will Be No Change in The Class Schedule For the Evening.

Friday, December 1st - Morning Classes will be held as scheduled and all afternoon classes will be cancelled at PSB due to the Nutcracker dress rehearsal. Dancers should arrive at least an hour before their scheduled rehearsal time. Dancers are dismissed after they have attended all of their rehearsals.

Rehearsals for Nutcracker at Exeter HS Auditorium

5:00-6:00- All Party Scene

6:00-7:15- All Battle Scene

7:15-8:00- All Snow Scene

8:00-9:00- All Act II

Nutcracker Red Cast - Saturday, December 2nd 5:00pm Performance at Exeter HS Auditorium

All Saturday Classes at PSB are cancelled due to our performances

8:30-9:45am- Party Scene Red Cast, Columbine, Harlequin and Jester and Red Foundation Dolls (Green and Blue Cast must be present to observe blocking)

9:45-10:15am- Party Scene Green Cast, Columbine, Harlequin and Jester and Green Foundation Dolls (Red and Blue Cast must be present to observe blocking)

10:15-10:45- Party Scene Blue Cast, Columbine, Harlequin and Jester and Blue Foundation Dolls (Red and Green Cast must be present to observe blocking)

10:45-12:00 Battle Scene (Big Mice, Soldiers, Nutcracker, Mouse Queen) All Casts (Red, Green, and Blue)

12:00- 1:00- Angels, Lead Angel, Little Angels, - All Casts

1:00 -3:15pm Act II All Casts (Blocking on stage) – Come ready to perform (make-up/hair/etc.)

Warm Up Ballet V – VI Dancers 3:15– 3:45 pm

Call time for Red Cast is 3:45

4:15pm- Foundation Dolls Rehearse behind curtains onstage

Doors Open at 4:15

Performance at 5:00pm

Foundation Dolls, Reindeer and Little Snowflake students (If not in second act) are done at intermission and can be picked up backstage during intermission.

The performance with intermission is approximately 2 hours long.

Nutcracker Green Cast - Sunday, December 3rd 10:00am Performance at Exeter HS Auditorium

Warm up onstage at 8:30am- Ms. Susan for any Ballet V, VI, VII student

Call for Green Cast is 8:30

9:15- Foundation dolls Rehearse behind curtains onstage

Doors Open at 9:15u6

Performance at 10:00am

Foundation Dolls, Reindeer and Little Snowflake students (If not in second act) are done at intermission and can be picked up backstage during intermission.

Pre-Ballet I & II students will be let off the front of the stage into the auditorium during intermission.

The performance with intermission is approximately 2 hours long.

Nutcracker Blue Cast - Sunday, December 3rd 3:00pm Performance at Exeter HS Auditorium

Warm up onstage at 1:30pm

Call for Blue Cast is 1:45pm

2:15- Foundation dolls Rehearse behind curtains onstage

Doors Open at 2:15pm

Performance at 3:00pm

Foundation Dolls, Reindeer and Little Snowflake students (If not in second act) are done at intermission and can be picked up backstage during intermission.

Pre-Ballet I & II students will be let off the front of the stage into the auditorium during intermission.

The performance with intermission is approximately 2 hours long.

Nutcracker DVD Order Form

Video Creations creates professional DVDs of each performance that come in a movie case with a main menu and other added features. This is a wonderful memento that will last for years to come. DVDs are \$30 each. If interested in purchasing a DVD, please return this form with payment by Sunday, December 4th to the schools office or at the ticket window at the Nutcracker performances. DVD orders will not be accepted without payment. *DVD's will be available for pick up at The Portsmouth School of Ballet after March 1st 2017.*

Please check which performances you wish to purchase, please indicated the number of copies if purchasing more than one:

___ Saturday, December 3rd at 5:00 pm (Red Cast)

___ Sunday, December 4th at 10:00 am (Green Cast)

___ Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 pm (Blue Cast)

(Name of Parent & Student)

(Office Use Only - Total/Amount Pd.)

(If mailing – please list address and add an additional \$8 for Shipping)