



# Nutcracker 2021

## *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 its annual production of *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm (Red Cast), Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am (Green Cast) & Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm (Blue Cast) at the Exeter High School Auditorium.

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*. Dancers performing in the first act only may be picked up backstage during intermission and are welcome to stay and watch the remainder of the performance. Participating dancers do not need to purchase a ticket. A detailed cast list is attached separately.

### **Foundation:**

\*Tuesday Foundation (Red Cast) will be performing in the Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> performance at 5:00 pm.

\*Thursday Foundation (Green Cast) will be performing in the Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> performance 10:00 am.

\* Friday Foundation & Saturday Foundation (Blue Cast) will perform in the Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> performance at 3:00 pm.

All Foundation classes will be performing as the "Dancing Dolls" and will be in the first act only. They can be picked up backstage during 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 5<sup>th</sup> in either the 10:00 am show or the 3:00 pm performance.

#### **10:00 am Performance (Green Cast)**

- Pre-Ballet I Tuesday AM
- Pre-Ballet II/Tap Tuesday AM
- Pre-Ballet I Tuesday PM
- Pre-Ballet II/Tap Tuesday PM
- Pre-Ballet I Thursday PM
- Pre-Ballet II/Tap Thursday PM

#### **3:00 pm Performance (Blue Cast)**

- Pre-Ballet I Friday AM
- Pre-Ballet II/Tap/Hip Hop Friday AM
- Pre-Ballet I Friday PM
- Pre-Ballet II/Hip Hop Friday PM
- Pre-Ballet I Saturday
- Pre-Ballet II/Tap Saturday
- Pre-Ballet II/Hip Hop Saturday

Pre-Ballet students will be finished performing after Act I and will be dismissed during 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.

***As a reminder all fall semester classes will continue through until January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. The school will be closed for the Holiday Break from Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> and will resume classes Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.***

**Program:** A draft of our program will be emailed to you in Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. *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 8<sup>th</sup> and can be purchased at the office. The auditorium is general admission seating. Tickets are \$20. Children ages 3 and under will not need to purchase a ticket. (There is no senior citizen or military discount) We often sell out performances of The 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, 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 accept cash and check only.**

**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.

**Downloads of each performance are available for purchase at the office or at the theater the day of the show. To pre-order your Nutcracker Download, please fill out the order form on the last page of this packet and turn it into the office or at the ticket booth by December 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**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. Cash only is accepted during the three performances.

**Volunteers-** We need volunteers to stay with the students backstage, ushers for the auditorium and men to work back stage with tech. A sign-up form will be sent out through email using the program "sign-up genius" on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. 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. When the children are done, we need help hanging costumes back up and making sure the dressing rooms are completely picked up.

**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.

**Makeup** is optional for all of the Pre-Ballet and Foundation students. We will not be putting any additional makeup on students, only what is needed for their costume (i.e. 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.

**Masks** will be required for all dancers, volunteers and audience members in the building. Dancers will wear a mask while backstage and in their dressing rooms. Dancers with parents' consent will be permitted to remove their mask while on stage performing. All dancers will immediately reapply their mask backstage once their routine has completed. We will have a sanitation area for all dancers to safely store their masks while on stage. Again, dancers only with a parent's consent will be permitted to remove their mask while on stage. If you wish to have your child perform in a mask, please purchase a nude or skin colored mask.

# *Performance Attire*

**Listed below is what each class is required to wear with their costume to perform.**  
***Dancers will not be permitted on stage if they do not have the correct attire.***

**Dancers performing in masks will need a nude or skin colored mask. (No writing or designs may be on the mask)**

**Pre-Ballet I & II, Baby Mice** – Girls wear a **plain pink long sleeve leotard 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, hair in a bun, and pink ballet slippers. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

**Ballet I/II Thursday & Friday, 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 & Ballet III/IV/V Saturday, Snowflakes** – 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 III 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 belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

**Ballet III Friday, Spanish** – Wear their pink tights and pink ballet slippers only. We ask that all students please wear a black 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 Tuesday, Arabian** – Wear their pink tights and pink ballet slippers. We ask that they wear a skin colored camisole leotard with their costume. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

**Ballet I/II Wednesday, Demi 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. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

**Pre-Pointe III Friday, Big Mice**- Wear their pink tights and pink ballet slippers only. We ask that all students please wear a black 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.**

**Company IV Soldiers**- Wear a skin colored camisole leotard, pink ballet tights and pink ballet slippers. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

**Ballet IV Thursday, Russian** - Wear a skin colored camisole leotard, pink ballet tights and pink ballet slippers. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

**Levels V, VI & VII Snow, Flowers and additional roles**- Wear a skin colored camisole leotard, pink ballet tights and pointe shoes. **The costumes belong to the school and the students will wear them to perform in only.**

## Important Dates and Rehearsal Information

### Friday, December 3rd

A full run through of the **Red Cast** will begin at 4:00pm and end at 9:00pm for all dancers in levels I – VII at the Exeter high Auditorium. **No Pre-Ballet or Foundation dancers are called to the Friday night dress rehearsal.**

*Please note we will be running all dress rehearsals in the order of the show. We understand these are late nights for our younger dancers and want to make sure that these times are given in advance. Please make sure these times work for you and your dancer before making the decision to participate.*

### All dancers in levels I - VII must attend.

4:00 - 5:00 Opening & Party Scene

5:00 - 6:00 Battle Scene

6:00 - 7:00 Snow Scene

7:00 - 9:00 Act II

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### Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

*\*There will be NO classes will be held at PSB on Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>.*

On Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> we will have 2 full dress rehearsals at the theater for both the green and blue cast of The Nutcracker.

**NO Pre-Ballet, Foundation or Ballet I/II dancers will need to arrive to the theater until call at 4:00pm!**

Call to theater for Green Cast 8:15am

**Full Run Through of Green Cast from 8:30am - 11:30am**

Lunch break 11:30am - 12:00pm

**Full Run Through of Blue Cast from 12:00pm - 3:00pm**

*We are expecting to end earlier! Dancers may leave and come back for call or stay at the theater.*

### Nutcracker Red Cast - Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm Performance

**Call for Red Cast 4:00**

**4:15- Foundation Dolls Rehearse behind curtains onstage**

**Doors open at 4:15**

**Performance at 5:00pm**

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### Nutcracker Green Cast - Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Performance

**Call for Green Cast is 8:15**

**Warm up onstage at 8:30am- Ms. Emily for all Ballet III, IV, V, VI, VII dancers**

**9:15- Foundation Dolls Rehearse behind curtains onstage**

**Doors Open at 9:15**

**Performance at 10:00am**

Foundation Dolls and Little Snowflake dancers (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.

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**Nutcracker Blue Cast - Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm Performance**

**Call for Blue Cast is 1:45pm**

**Warm up onstage at 1:30pm- Ms. Emily for all Ballet III, IV, V, VI, VII dancers**

**2:15- Foundation Dolls Rehearse behind curtains onstage**

**Doors Open at 2:15pm**

**Performance at 3:00pm**

Foundation Dolls and Little Snowflake dancers (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.

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# Nutcracker Registration Form 2021

For Levels I through VII there will be a \$120.00 participation fee.  
For all Pre-Ballet I, II and Foundation there will be a \$60.00 participation fee.  
**Registration Fees are nonrefundable.**

As production costs have greatly increased this year, your payment will help offset the set rental fees and production costs that include: stage manager, lighting director, audio, tech crew, theater rental charge, security, rehearsal fees, programs etc. all of which ensure a quality production and an amazing opportunity for your child.

All dancers who register for The Nutcracker will receive a Free Cast T-Shirt!

**All registration forms and fees will be due Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Dancers that have not turned in a form will not be eligible to participate in our performances.**

**Dancer's Name**

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**Dancer's Class**

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**Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Email**

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*I give my child permission to remove their mask while performing on stage during their performance(s) of The Nutcracker with the Portsmouth School of Ballet.*

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Parent's Signature

## Circle Preferred T-Shirt Size

**Youth Small      Youth Medium      Youth Large**

**Adult Small      Youth Medium      Adult Large**



## Nutcracker Download Order Form

Downloads are \$30 each. If interested in purchasing a download of the performance, please return this form with payment before or by Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> to the school's office or at the ticket window at Exeter High.

Download orders will not be accepted without payment.

Downloads will be available and sent out in March.

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

\_\_\_ Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm (Red Cast)

\_\_\_ Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am (Green Cast)

\_\_\_ Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm (Blue Cast)

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Name of Parent

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Method of Payment & Total