

“The Nutcracker”

Shannon’s All About Dance

Mid-November 2009

Christmas Recital ‘09

Our Christmas show is fast approaching, although we still have a lot to do to make it a success. Below is a list of some important details that will help make this possible. Let’s take a look.

Costumes

Each class will need to have a party dress to wear in the first part of the show with the exception of the Tuesday 4:30 Teens and the Thursday 5:00 Midget class – they will dance at the party. Also, some of the Senior dancers will need to dress in a suit to be some of the fathers at the party. (I will let each of them know who they are.)

I have a complete list of things each class will need to get on their own. I have just about all the costumes we need, except for a few things. Also, all will need to have pink ballet shoes.

Extra Rehearsals

As we get closer to December, we will need to schedule a few extra rehearsals. I will talk to the Seniors who have extra parts one-on-one. As for all dancers, we will learn and run through the big number on Saturday, December 5th. All should plan to be at the studio at least two hours between 12:30-4:30 so we can run these numbers. The older dancers plan on being at the studio 3-4 hours. On the back of this newsletter is a schedule as to when the dancers are expected to be at the studio. This rehearsal will be important for all. If you have a conflict, please let Shannon know right away.

So mark your calendar now for Saturday, December 5th between 12:30-4:30. (Parents: This could be a great time to get some shopping done.)

Tickets

The tickets for “The Nutcracker” will not be sold on a particular day. They will be purchased via order form. This will be an open seating event, which means first come - first serve. There will be 500 or so tickets available for the 2:00 show, divided by 56 families – a guaranteed 8 tickets per family. Money and order forms are due back ASAP so I will be able to get them back to you quickly. Those who get them in before December 5th will be able to pick up your tickets during our scheduled extra rehearsal on Saturday, December 5th between 12:30-4:30. With this being an open seating event, on the ticket will only be the show information with no seat number. There really is not a bad seat in the Scott Auditorium. The cost is \$6.00 per ticket and ages 2 and under are free with a lap ticket. If they will be sitting in their own seat, you will need to purchase a ticket for them.

Saturday, December 5th Rehearsal Schedule

The Dance Number	Time	Classes Needed
The Christmas Party	12:30-2:30	Wed. Sr. II/Tue. 4:30 Teen-Sr. Tue. 6:30 Sr. I / Mon. 4:30-Jr. Thur. 5:00 / Thur. 6:15 *Sat. 10:00 / *Sat. 11:00 / Miss Amy / Logan *The Saturday kids will be done at 1:30
The Battle Scene	2:30 – 3:30	Thur. 7:30 Urban Jazz Miss Courtney / Christopher All of Wed. Senior II Class
The Solos and Duos	3:30 – 4:30	Sugar Plum Fairy Clara & Nutcracker Snow Queen

When coming to the studio on December 5th, only bring your ballet shoes, not your whole dance bag. We have a limited amount of space in the studio, so leave all your extra bags, purses, games and anything else that you usually bring with you. Also, no snacks (each lunch before the rehearsal). We will be working the entire time. You may bring a water bottle with you to have on breaks. All must be in a leotard and tights and ballet shoes. If you are still in need of ballet shoes, please see Shannon so we can get them ordered ASAP.

This will be an exciting day as we prepare for our 1st Christmas Recital.

Class Costume List

Monday 4:30-6:30 Jr. III		Party dress & last year's purple recital dress
Tuesday 4:30-6:30 Teen Sr.		Studio Blue Dress and accessories
Tuesday 6:30-9:00 Senior I		Party dress or suit & studio rose dress and accessories
Wednesday Seniors II		Party dress or suit, Lt Blue leotard Cost \$15, Studio White romantic tutu and accessories
Wednesday Pointé		Purple leotard, Studio pink and white skirt and accessories
Thursday 5:00-6:15		Studio white leotard, your own white undershirt to wear Under the leotards – they are not lined, studio silver skirt And studio white poncho wrap
Thursday 6:15-7:30		Party dress, Studio Chinese dress
Thursday Urban Jazz		Mice: Black T-shirt, black shorts, studio vest Soldiers: White t-shirt, white shorts, studio vest
Saturday 10:00-11:00		Party dress & studio white leotard, your own white Undershirt – leotards are not lined, Studio green and white Skirt, head band and wand
Saturday 11:00-12:30		Party dress & your own black leotard, studio purple pants And accessories
All who are not listed, I will get with you as to what you will need to wear. I still have most of these costumes myself, you will only need some other accessories that most of you will have at home or can borrow.		
If there is any one who would like to help with making simple costumes or scenery, please let Miss Shannon know. Thank You.		