

Ballet Midwest Nutcracker 2023 Important Dates & Information

****A \$25 per dancer participation fee (maximum fee of \$50/family) is due at the mandatory parent meeting on SEPTEMBER 17 at 2:30pm. The fee helps to cover costuming and production costs and is mandatory for ALL dancers cast in the production. If you have questions or concerns regarding fee payment, please contact Melissa Butler at imagine0608@gmail.com or (785) 317-0061.**

CAST LIST will be emailed *sometime after 5pm* on **September 9**. ****Please add assistantdirector@balletmidwest.net to your contact list to ensure you receive the cast list, rehearsal schedule, and other important emails!!****

MANDATORY PARENTS MEETING will be September 17th at the Topeka Performing Arts Center at 2:30pm. This meeting is intended for parents, however dancers 10 and older are welcome to attend. **A PARENT FOR EACH DANCER** (or just the dancer if over the age of 16) **must be present for the full meeting, or it will be counted as an absence. Substitutions will not be allowed.**

****Reminder that all dancers (except party guests) must take ballet classes in addition to rehearsals. At the parent meeting, dancers not enrolled at Barbara's Conservatory of Dance will need to provide a teacher's signature from their home studio to show that they are taking ballet class this year.**

NUTCRACKER & BMI APPAREL ORDERS AND PAYMENT FOR THESE ORDERS are due by Sunday, September 17. Ordering information will be sent with the cast list. We will not be doing any reorders this year, so this will be your only chance to place an order.

INITIAL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE will be emailed out by the parent meeting. **REHEARSALS START September 23 or 24** for most roles. Auxiliary dancers can expect to rehearse once a week for 20-40 minutes through October. All rehearsals are held on Saturday or Sunday afternoons and evenings.

CAST ASSIGNMENT (A or B) AND FINAL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE will be emailed at the end of October or early November. Most roles are double cast, meaning dancers will perform their role for either Cast A **OR** Cast B performances (they will share their role with another dancer).

LARGE SCENE REHEARSALS may begin as early as November 11th. These rehearsals piece the dances together, and as a result they are longer and can run late depending on how the dancers respond. Please avoid scheduling anything immediately following rehearsals in case they run overtime. These rehearsals are crucial for good performances! Plan to rehearse November 11, 12, 18, 19, and December 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7.

DRESS REHEARSALS are Thursday evening, December 7 (Cast B) and Friday morning, December 8 (Cast A). **PERFORMANCES** for Cast A will be December 8 at 7:30pm and December 9 at 1:30pm; Cast B will be December 9 at 7:30pm and December 10 at 1:30pm. Please keep all dates reserved on your calendar.

Conflicts for the parent meeting should be reported to our Nutcracker Conflict Manager for this season, Sydney Frantz. Email or text conflicts to (785) 221-6055 or assistantdirector@balletmidwest.net by 5pm September 15th.