

NUTCRACKER 2017 CASTING INFORMATION

Dance Theatre of Jacksonville is thrilled to announce that we will be putting on our seventh annual production of The Nutcracker. We are excited to once again participate in this holiday tradition that so many people enjoy around the world every year. We hope that your son or daughter can join us in this production and create memories that will last a lifetime. Please refer to this newsletter in answering all of your questions regarding the upcoming casting.

CASTING:

We are holding a casting session to determine the best role(s) for each performer in the production.

PARENT MEETING: There will be an informational meeting for new parents at Dance Theatre of Jacksonville on Tuesday, May 30th at 6:00 pm to discuss any questions you may have.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students are eligible to be a part of the production if by the fall of 2017 they are enrolled in a class at Dance Theatre of Jacksonville and going into the second grade.

HOW DOES THE CASTING PROCESS WORK?

Dancers will be required to attend a two hour class where they will learn pieces of choreography from the ballet and will audition the choreography for the directors.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE CASTING TAKE PLACE?

Dance Theatre of Jacksonville.

June 5

5:30-7:30- Group A (those currently in Junior Ballet, Intermediate Ballet, Ballet III, Ballet II, Ballet Arts 1, and any other student who will be going into the second grade by the fall of 2017 or who is not currently enrolled in a ballet class).

June 6

5:30-7:30- Group B (those currently in Ballet Technique I, Ballet Technique II or Ballet Technique III).

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO THE CASTING?

Female dancers should wear pink tights, solid colored leotard, ballet skirt (optional), ballet slippers and pointe shoes (if currently enrolled in a pointe technique class). Hair should be in a bun and no jewelry (small earrings are acceptable).

Male dancers should wear black sweatpants or shorts, a white t-shirt and black ballet slippers.

IS THERE A CASTING FEE?

There is a \$15.00 fee that will be collected the day of casting.

NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE FEE:

Each company member will pay a \$300.00 performance fee. This fee covers all rehearsal times and contributes to the cost of costume, scenery, props, lighting, and venue rentals. \$150.00 is due by June 15th and the remaining balance of \$150.00 is due by August 15th.

MANDATORY NUTCRACKER INTENSIVE WEEKS:

The entire ballet will be set July 10 – 21. The dancer must be able to attend the rehearsals listed below to learn and clean their role. If you cannot commit to at least one full week of these rehearsals, we are unable to put you in the show. Rehearsals will start at 9:00am and end around 5:00pm BUT dancers will not be required to be there the entire time. A more detailed schedule will be sent out once casting is set.

WEEK 1: July 10 – July 14

WEEK 2: July 17 – July 21