



HELLO DANCE THEATRE NORTHWEST FAMILIES

As summer comes to a close and our dancers prepare to head back to school and their regularly scheduled dance classes, we have some news to share. Dance Theatre Northwest is thrilled to offer an amazing performance opportunity for our Ballet students!

Join us this December as we perform Act 2 of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker!

What is the Nutcracker Performance?

The Nutcracker is a beloved ballet performance that has become a holiday tradition for many families, not just dancers. Our version of the Nutcracker this year will take us to the "Land of Sweets", featuring dances by the likes of Candy Canes, Bon Bons, Waltz of the Flowers, and the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Here at DTNW, we believe that performing on stage is one of the best ways for our students to grow, and what better way than dancing to this timeless classic. The experience helps build self-esteem and confidence in dancers. Participating in performances also helps dancers develop retention skills, teamwork, and adaptability.

With your help and support, we hope to grow this into a full show to be performed year after year. Start a new Christmas Tradition, Dance Theatre Northwest's Nutcracker! Your attendance and applause at the end of each piece is the reward dancers receive for months of effort, and the dancers walk off the stage feeling satisfied about a job well done.

Travel to
the Land
of Sweets



**"I can't wait to see our beautiful ballerinas dance in this holiday tradition. Thanks for helping us make this holiday season even sweeter!"
-Ms. Andrea**

Who can perform in DTNW's Nutcracker?
All students enrolled in a ballet class at DTNW will be able to perform in the Nutcracker (Ages 3+ Ballet Only Classes and Ballet Level 1-10). Tap & Ballet classes are NOT included.

Dancers will learn choreography in class. Any dancer not wishing to participate may opt out but will still learn choreography.

What if my dancer will not be performing with DTNW's Nutcracker this season?
We understand the holidays are a busy time! If your dancer will not be performing, simply fill out the [Performance Opt-Out Form](#) by September 21.



When is the Nutcracker Performance?

The Nutcracker performance will be held *Saturday, December 21 at 3pm at Schuler Auditorium on the beautiful NIC Campus..*

Other Important Dates to Note

Nutcracker Performance Opt-Out Forms Due: *Saturday, September 21st*
Choreography Rehearsal For Ballet Levels 5+: *Saturday, October 26th 1-4pm*
Choreography Rehearsal For Ballet Levels 5+: *Saturday, November 16th 1-4pm*
Performance Fees and Media Processed: *Tuesday, October 15th*
In-Studio Dress Rehearsal & Photos: *Saturday, December 7th*
Technical Rehearsal (No Costumes; All cast members): *Friday, December 20th*

PERFORMANCE INVESTMENTS

What is my financial investment?

Each dancer performing in the Nutcracker will pay a \$65 Performance and Media Fee.

What is a Performance Fee and Media Fee?

The **Performance Fee** covers the extra expenses of staff during recital, stage lighting and props, costume alterations and cleaning, sound and light technicians and all of the extra costs that are associated with an amazing performance. The **Media Fee** provides each family access to download all photography that is taken during our live performance by our professional photographer Charlotte Gardunia. **Performance Fees and Media Fees** will be automatically debited to your account on file on **October 15 in the amount of \$65**. Once performance charges have been processed they are non-refundable.

What is included with my Performance Fee?

Everything that your dancer needs, except for shoes and a nude leotard, are included with this performance fee. Rentals for all accessories, props, costumes, and a pair of tights (yours to keep!) are included in your performance fee. Shoe requirements are the same as their weekly class shoes. Your Performance Fee also helps to cover necessary insurance costs associated with a professional production.

What is a Media Fee?

Our amazing photographer, Charlotte Gardunia, will be taking photos, before, during and after the performance. Following the performance she will send each family an email with the gallery and parents can download anything you want!

Nutcracker Tickets

All studios sell tickets to their performances to cover the cost of the venue and other expenses that come with producing a top-notch experience for children and their families. Tickets will be available through a ticketing service and range from 18-24 dollars. In order to be admitted to the recital, a ticket must be purchased. Everyone must have a ticket who is attending the show, the only exception are infants.

Start a new holiday tradition! #dtnwnutcracker

DTNW Nutcracker Merchandise

Plan for a gift!
Performance gifts are a strong tradition in dance. Memory packages, flowers, teddy bears, and merchandise help them to remember their time on stage for a long time to come.



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