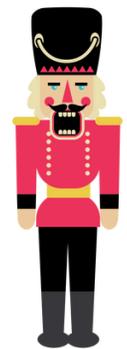
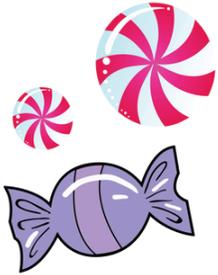


# Nutcracker



## 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 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 26.



### When is the Nutcracker Performance?

The Nutcracker performance will be held *Saturday, December 13 at 2pm and 5pm at Schuler Auditorium on the beautiful NIC Campus*

### Other Important Dates to Note

Nutcracker Auditions for Featured Roles: Lvl 3 & 4; 1-1:30pm. Lvl 5; 1:30-2pm, Saturday, September 13th

Nutcracker Performance Opt-Out Forms Due: Friday, September 26th

Choreography Rehearsal For Featured Roles and Ballet Levels 4 & 5: Saturday, September 20th 1-4pm

Choreography Rehearsal For Featured Roles and Ballet Levels 4 & 5: Saturday, October 11th 1-4pm

Choreography Rehearsal For Ballet Level 2, Rats, Clara, Nutcracker & Rat Queen: Saturday, November 15th 1-4pm

Performance Fees and Media Processed: Wednesday, October 15th

In-Studio Dress Rehearsal & Photos: Saturday, December 6th

Technical Rehearsal (No Costumes; All cast members): Friday, December 12th

## **NEW!** SUGARPLUM PERFORMANCE PACKAGE

### What is my financial investment?

Each dancer performing in the Nutcracker will purchase a \$100 Sugarplum Performance Package:

- Performance Photos (\$25)
- Costume Rental, Alterations and Cleaning (\$50)
- Tights (\$13)
- Extra Rehearsals- If Needed (Priceless)
- Ticket Discounts (10% off initial purchase)
- Nutcracker Cast T-shirt (\$25)
- Performance Fee (\$35)

### What is a Performance Fee and Media Fee?

The **Performance Fee** covers the extra expenses of staff during recital, stage lighting and props, sound and light technicians and all of the extra costs that are associated with an amazing performance. The **Performance Photos** provide each family access to download all photography that is taken during our live performance by our professional photographer Charlotte Gardunia.

The **Sugarplum Performance Package** will be automatically debited to your account on file on **October 15 in the amount of \$100**. Once charges have been processed they are non-refundable.

### 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 21-27 dollars. In order to be admitted to the performance, 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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