

Caston's Ballet Academie

THE NUTCRACKER FOR CHILDREN

This is the 5 year Anniversary of *Caston's The Nutcracker for Children!* There are 2 weekends of 2pm performances, with different casts of dancers, December 13, 14 & 20, 21! All of our students have the opportunity to perform in our Nutcracker, and our Pre-Ballet I dancers ages 7 and up may also elect to take the special *Nutcracker Workshop* – these young dancers have the option to perform in more performances and dance in the 2nd act with the Caston Chamber Ballet Company!

All Caston's Ballet Academie students (all ages!) have the option to participate

Requirements: Student of Caston's Ballet Academie - no later than September 30, 2008

1-NO AUDITION REQUIRED: Mr. and Mrs. Caston will cast all roles in the production.

2-Caston's Ballet Academie will provide all costumes (*alteration help is appreciated*)

3-Students are required to wear class uniform (for under costume)-leotard, slippers, tights (clean & no holes)

--- (*snowfairies and up need a tan camisole*)

4-Students may have a **maximum of no more than 3 non-made up classes**

between October 1st – December 11th 2008 (based on 1 class per week student)

(6 for 2 class per week /9 for 3 class per week, etc....)

5-Performers tuition must be current

6-Nutcracker Payment paid by October 1st

7-Performers must be able to: *** (*Little Angels must make all rehearsals*)***

- attend all rehearsals (*1 excused absence*)

-attend their Mandatory Dress Rehearsal and their Scheduled Performances

Rehearsals- Fridays November 9,16, 30, Dec rehearsals are at the Caston's Ballet Academie,

Mandatory Dress Rehearsal and Performances which are at the Theater of Their Performance.

Dec 12, 13, 14 at TBA

Dec 19, 20, 21 at CBC High school - Gundaker Theater

8- Indicate on Nutcracker Form

ANY PERFORMANCE DATES (DEC 13,14,20,21) DANCER CANNOT ATTEND **any conflict will affect casting**

Siblings will be kept together, although some may get multiple days

Please be aware that the schedule may be updated and changed at any time, due to unforeseen difficulties that may arise and that your patience is appreciated. If you desire you may make video/audio tapes on Aug 28 and/or Nov 21 for students to practice with at home. Future details and letters will be provided after all the spots have been cast October 19th. We have tried to make rehearsal times as efficient as possible, therefore all rehearsal meeting times are required – it is important for all dancers to practice with each other and work together- **if a performer is absent from more than one rehearsal, the mandatory Dress Rehearsal, or does not meet the requirements listed above they will not be allowed to perform onstage and money will not be refunded.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

Rehearsals on Fridays in Nov 7,14, 21 (not Thanksgiving) , Dec 5 at Caston's Ballet Academie

(*may have only one excused rehearsal from above line*)

Fri. Dec. 12: Mandatory Dress Rehearsal/Performance for Dec. 13 & 14 Performances at TBA

Fri. Dec. 19: Mandatory Dress Rehearsal/ Performance for Dec. 20 & 21 Performances at CBC

ALL CALL – dress rehearsal & performance please arrive 30 minutes early to get in costume

(Pre-Pointe and up please arrive 1 1/2 hour early to warm-up & dress and (come with make-up & bun already done))

****UNLESS YOU ARE A "BACKSTAGE VOLUNTEER" PLEASE REMEMBER PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED BACKSTAGE**

(not all performers will dance all 4 days....)

Cast A = Sat Dec 15

Cast B = Sun Dec 16

Cast C = Sat Dec 22

Cast D = Sun Dec 23

--Casts will be Announced October 19th--

BASIC OUTLINE OF DANCERS & Their ROLES ACT I NOV 7 - DEC 14/21 Rehearsals Only:

Creative, Pre-Dance, Dance I = Little Sister Angels (only Nov 21, Dec 5, & dress rehearsal)

Dancers ages 6 and up = Big Sister Angels

Dance I/II & II, Pre-Ballet I & II, Ballet I & II = Robber Mice

Trainees & Adults = Maids/ Mouse King

Adults & Company = Parents Waltz

NUTCRACKER WORKSHOP & NOV/DEC ACT I & II -- August 18-21 & 25-28 & NOV 7 - DEC 14/21

Rehearsals in August (Monday-Thursday 5:00-7:00) can miss maximum of 2 days (out of 8 total)

(Company 6:00-8:00/ soloists till 8:30)

Rehearsals Fridays in Nov 7, 14, 21, Dec 5, (Fridays 5:30-7:30pm) (can miss max of 1 day)

Rehearsals for Act II (Bo-Peep) in Nov/Dec Tuesdays 6:30-7:00 and/or your choice Sat 11:30-12:00

**** Heavily Recommended - Act II Sat Dec 6 1:30-3:00pm at Caston's Ballet Academie***

****Mandatory Dress Rehearsal Dec 12 & Performance Dec 13, 14 at***

****Mandatory Dress Rehearsal Dec 19 & Performance Dec 20, 21 at CBC Highschool***

Boys = Party Boys- Party Scene

Pre-Ballet I & II, Ballet I & II, = Children's March- Party Scene, Mice Battle/Soldiers, Sheep/Clowns/Wolf

Ballet II-Ballet IV = Children's March/Cousins- Party Scene, Mice Battle/ Soldiers, Sheep/Clowns/Wolf

Junior Associates= Children's March/Cousins – Party Scene, Snowfairies/Snowflurries, - Sheep/Clowns/Wolf

Junior Company, Trainees, = Cousins –Party Scene, Maids/Mouse King, Snowflurries, Russian,

Bo Peep/ Sheep/ Clowns/Wolf,

Chamber Ballet Company, Apprentice, Trainees = Flowers, Marzipan, Chinese, Spanish, Kissing/Soldier Doll, SnowFlakes

WORKSHOP DANCERS: Plan on at least one entire weekend Sat & Sunday performance, perhaps both weekends!

(if performer will only be dancing one performance day-- just do the Nov/Dec rehearsals= robber mice, or angels)

let us know if we have to avoid certain dates by August 18th therefore we can announce casting by Aug 25-----

NUTCRACKER REHEARSALS:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Class</u>
<i>Tue Nov 4,11,18,25 Dec 2,9,16</i>	<i>6:30-7:00pm</i>	<i>Little Bo Peep, Russian, Snow,</i>	<i>Jr Co & Up</i>
<i>and/or</i>			
<i>Sat Nov 4,11,18,25 Dec 2,9,16</i>	<i>6:30-7:00pm</i>	<i>Little Bo Peep, Russian, Snow,</i>	<i>Jr Co & Up</i>
<i>Sat Dec 6</i>	<i>1:30-3:00 pm</i>	<i>ALL ACT II DANCERS & SNOW</i>	<i>Sheep, Snowflurries, and up – thru CCB Co</i>
<i>Friday Nov 14, 21, Dec 5</i>	<i>5:00-6:30pm</i>	<i>Big Sister Angels (A/B/C/D) (Dancers ages 6 and up)</i>	
<i>Friday Nov. 21, Dec 5</i>	<i>5:00-5:30pm</i>	<i>Little Sister Angels (A/B) (Creative 1& 2)</i>	
	<i>5:30-6:00pm</i>	<i>Little Sister Angels (C/D) (Pre-Dance 1 & 2)</i>	
<i>Friday Dec. 12</i>	<i>4:00-5:00pm</i>	<i>All Angels A</i>	
	<i>4:30-5:30pm</i>	<i>All Angels B</i>	
<i>Friday Dec. 19</i>	<i>4:00-5:00pm</i>	<i>All Angels C</i>	
	<i>4:30-5:30pm</i>	<i>All Angels D</i>	
<i>Friday Nov 7, 14, 21, Dec 5</i>	<i>5:30-6:30pm</i>	<i>Mice/Soldiers (Boys, Pre-Ballet I, Ballet I, II, III) (A/B/C/D)</i>	
	<i>6:30-7:30pm</i>	<i>All Children's March (Boys, & JC's, JA's, Pre-BalletII) (A/B/C/D)</i>	
<i>Friday Dec. 14</i>	<i>5:00-7:00pm</i>	<i>Child March/Mice/Soldiers/Cousins (A/B)</i>	
<i>Friday Dec. 21</i>	<i>5:00-7:00pm</i>	<i>Child March/Mice/Soldiers/Cousins (C/D)</i>	

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS:
PLEASE CALL US AT 314-968-6850,
DROP US A NOTE OR E-Mail torris@castonballet.com

Tickets - At the Door -\$15 Children/ \$20 Adults
Pre-Order Tickets before Dec 1st - \$12 Children/ \$15 Adults
-call to find out special group rates of 10 or more must be for the same show
-specials for non-for profit groups, schools, girl scouts, etc..
CALL/E-MAIL AND PRE-ORDER YOUR TICKETS Starting NOV 1st!!

Caston's Ballet Academie's
NUTCRACKER for Children 2008 Great for Families!!
A HOLIDAY CLASSIC
Where a Young Girl's Courage Saves the Day!
Mice and Soldiers Battle
And you are transported to a wonderful Land of Sweets!

Please Return this NUTCRACKER FORM to Caston's Ballet Academie by Oct 1st

I have received the 2 Week Nutcracker Workshop August & Nov/Dec Rehearsals information and

(Student's name) last _____ First _____

Phone Number _____ e-mail _____

Dance Class/es _____

School Performer Attends _____ Age of Performer _____

Circle one WILL/WILL NOT be performing in the *Caston's Ballet Nutcracker for Children 2007*.
If WILL has been circled I have included the (pick one of the below)

_____ \$100 non-refundable 2 Week Nutcracker Workshop Aug & Nov/Dec (Pre-Ballet I 2008 and above)
to Caston's Ballet Academie by August 18th.

_____ \$40 non-refundable Only Nov/Dec Nutcracker to Caston's Ballet Academie by Oct. 1, 2008

_____ \$25 non-refundable Little Sister Angels Only --Nov/Dec Nutcracker to Caston's Ballet Academie by Oct. 1, 2008

**We are trying to decide how to make the DVD recording possible but not mandatory...—please indicate if you are interested in purchasing a DVD of the Sunday Dec 21 performance. (all other days individuals may record from the back of the audience).*

YES --- How Many? _____

NO

Please Circle All Dates the Dancer could be available for Dress Rehearsal & Performance :

Fri Dec 12 Sat Dec 13 Sun Dec 14

Fri Dec 19 Sat Dec 20 Sun Dec 21

Please List any rehearsals that the dancer expects to miss (this may make a difference in their casting)**

Special Requests:

It takes a lot of happy helping hands and all Performers (or their parents) are required to volunteer (pre-during-or post) performance, please fill out the volunteer form, if you do not have time to volunteer - a monetary donation is required.

My Signature confirms that I have read and understand the information provided by Caston's Ballet Academie.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

**If student will not be participating please explain, this will help us for future planning.
