

Children's Dance Theater & Prestige Dance Studio

# The Nutcracker



Friday

December 1, 2017

@ 7:30pm

Saturday

December 2, 2017

@2pm & 7:30pm

Columbia Jr High PAC  
2901 54th Ave E  
Fife WA 98424

**\$15**

\*\$Pre-Sale

**\$20**

At the Door

\*Tickets available at

[www.auburnchildrensdancetheater.com](http://www.auburnchildrensdancetheater.com)

or [www.prestigedance.net](http://www.prestigedance.net)

Important info:

**Party Parents:** We need 1 more man & 1 woman to be on stage as party parents! Acting and light dancing is required. No previous experience necessary. A willingness to make believe and have fun is a must! Must be able to attend Saturday rehearsals beginning in October! (Please contact the studio directly)

**Rehearsals:** Rehearsals are held Friday evenings and Saturdays September -December. Dancers are expected to make these rehearsals a top priority. While we can work with a few absences, it is very important to have good attendance. Please AVOID missing any rehearsal but November rehearsals are extremely important for a smooth tech week. (this will mean dancers are not at the theatre late into the night) If you cannot avoid an absence please let us know as soon as possible. Make sure that any planned vacations are listed on your audition form.

Dancers must wear dance attire and have ballet buns for rehearsal. Dance warm ups, skirts and etc are allowed. Please bring appropriate shoes to rehearsals. If your dancer has multiple rehearsals don't forget to bring water and snacks

Below is the outline of the overall rehearsal schedule for your families planning purposes. Individual routine times will be announced no later than September 1st. All participants need to download and use [Team App](#). This is a free app and works with both android and apple products. This is the primary mode of communication for Nutcracker participants. It has many wonderful features like push notifications, reminders and calendar addition tools. You are also encouraged to join our closed [facebook group](#). This will have videos uploaded for at home practice purposes.

Sometimes rehearsal schedules will indicate roles, sometimes they will indicate scenes that various roles are in. Please be aware that the following scenes include these following roles:

#### ACT 1

**The Party Scenes:** Clara, Fritz, party children, party boys & girls, the party adult, the maids, the bear, the bear trainer, the Jester, and the doll, Drosselmeyer, & Drosselmeyer's nephew

**The Battle Scene:** The Nutcracker, Clara, Drosselmeyer, the officers & soldiers, the mouse king, the big & baby mice

**The Snow Scene:** Int & Adv Snow flakes, the Nutcracker & Clara (Pas de Deux)

## ACT 2

**The Land of the Sweets:** The Sugar Plum, Page, Angels, Ribbon Candy, Cream De Mint Princesses, Clara and the Nutcracker (Nutcracker Pantomime)

**Divertissements:** Spanish, Arabian, Chinese, Marzipan, lambs, Wolf, Russian, Bon Bons, Waltz of the flowers, Sugar plum solo

**The Coda:** The Nutcracker, Sugar Plum, Clara

**Finale:** All Act 2 Participants

**Curtain Call:** Entire cast

**Facebook group:** Please join our Nutcracker facebook group for practice videos and other information! Just cut and paste this into your browser window: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/555761341128013/>

**Ticket info:** Tickets will be on sale November 1st online only. The is assigned seating tickets will be available on line at <http://auburnchildrensdancetheater.com/performances/tickets> OR <http://prestigedance.net/peformances/tickets>

**Picture day:** Friday November 3rd afternoon and evenings AT PRESITGE DANCE STUDIO. Specific time schedule TBD.

**Show Dates:** Friday December 1st at 7:30pm and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm and 7:30pm. Advanced and Intermediate dancers are required to be there 2 hours before show time for warm ups. Younger dancers should be there 1 hour show time

**Dress Rehearsals:** Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00pm. Dress rehearsal SHOULD run just like a show.

**Tech Week:** Tuesday (Act 1) and Wednesday (Act 2) November 28th and 29th from 6:30-9:00pm. These two days are at the theatre in costume and hair should be similar to performance hair. It doesn't need to be perfect and dancers do not need make up. This is a very stop and start rehearsals. These rehearsals are for spacing and the crew to coordinate and time the light and sound cues as well as scene changes. Please plan on being there the entire time, unless you are dismissed by Stephanie or the stage manager early. We will work in show order (i.e. party scene, battle, snow, etc)

**Special Appearances:** In years past Clara and the Sugar Plum Fairy have made special appearances at various Santa Breakfast for the City of Federal Way, fife and etc. These will hopefully be scheduled again and the involved will be notified individually.

**Cast Party:** Mark December 16th, 2016 5:30-8:30pm at prestige dance studio for a pot luck cast party/costume return. I will provide plates, cutleries and napkins. Please bring the following type dish:

If you have the last name

A-C- appetizer/side dish

D-k -main dish

L-p - salad/veggie/fruit or drink options

Q-z dessert

This is an option event. If you have a go to potluck dish that you want to bring feel free. We traditionally use the cast party to return costumes! So I hope you can make it! (Please don't bring the plague with you)

**Costume info:** Costumes will be handed out at the beginning of September. You will be responsible for cleaning and returning your costumes in good condition. Costumes MUST be returned by January 19, 2018. If you do not return your costume you will be charged a \$45 replacement fee, should you be missing an accessory item you will be charged between \$5-20 depending on the cost of replacing that particular item.

Please use the following guidelines when cleaning costumes:

- Leotards, unitards, and other cotton/lycra/spandex pieces can be machined wash. Please use dye free detergent
- Specialty fabric must be hand washed and air dried. When in doubt, hand wash it.
- Classical tutus and any other items that cannot be conventionally cleaned must have intimate areas cleaned with hand washing and gentle detergent.
- Headpieces need to be placed in a zip lock bag and put in the freezer for 24 hours to kill any possible lice. Please keep the headpiece in the bag for storage.

### ***Volunteer opportunities:***

For this year's production we are re-using a majority of last year's costumes, however. We are looking for talented moms, dad's, aunts uncles or grandparents to help with costume creation/alterations, set building, prop creation etc. If you are interested, or

know of someone who may be, please sign-up on our sign up genius page through our studio's website. [www.aubrnrchildrensdancetheater.com/performances](http://www.aubrnrchildrensdancetheater.com/performances) or [www.prestigedance.net/performances](http://www.prestigedance.net/performances). Our hope is to have one volunteer in charge of each costume group so the dancers know who to go to if there is a problem.

**Costumes:** New costumes this year include:

- New Waltz of the Flowers
- Mice
- Soldiers
- Snow Princesses
- Russian leads
- Arabian Prince
- Scarf Dancers

**Sets:** Volunteers should have solid construction skills. There are also many simple painting opportunities. This year we will be working on:

- Toy soldier house

**Props:** This volunteer is responsible for making sure that all of our props are in good condition and repairing any that needs it.

- Repair Party scene gifts
- Drums
- Bugle
- flag

**We will have a sign-up sheet up in Early September for the above items/jobs.**

**In November we will have a sign up sheet for the following items**

**Concessions:** This committee is responsible for planning, acquiring concession items. Committee members and other parent volunteers need to staff the concession booth at each show! These proceeds support our 501c3 parent booster club Next Step.

**Crew:** This committee is responsible for being at every show as well as tech week. It is helpful to be present for 1-2 rehearsals at the studio in November. The following jobs are needed:

- Sound tech
- Light tech
- Spotlight operator
- Dressers
- Kid wranglers
- Grips- the party scene dads

**Ushers:** We need two volunteers per show to hand out programs, take tickets, help patrons find seats, and clean up garbage after shows.

**Load in:** These volunteers will help transport and load, sets and props from the studio to the theatre. They will assist with the set-up of all sets and prop tables.

**Strike/Load out:** These volunteers will help transport all sets and props from the theatre to the CDT storage unit. This group also helps clean up the backstage areas immediately after the show.