

The Nutcracker of Lincoln County 2024

Backstage Performing Arts is proud to present "The Nutcracker of Lincoln County" this year on Dec. 7th.

This is our 8th performance of the Nutcracker and will be performed every other year. Our goal is to start a holiday tradition that will offer your child the opportunity to perform in a production you will be proud to share with family and friends. **This performance is optional.** All students enrolled in ballet at BPA (either ballet combo or full ballet classes) are eligible to participate (**this does not include creative movement**).

- * **COMBO 1 - LITTLE ANGELS** (Your class will only be in 1 show)
Tues. 4:15-5:15 Ballet/Tap, Tues. 5:15-6:15 Ballet/Jazz, Wednesday 4:30-5:30 Ballet/Jazz, Wednesday 5:45-6:45 Ballet/Tap
- * **COMBO 2 - LITTLE ARABIANS** (Your class will only be in 1 show)
Mon. 3:45-5:15 Tap/Ballet/Jazz, Wednesday 3:45-5:15 Jazz/Ballet/Tap
- * **COMBO 3 - BON BONS** (Your class may be in BOTH shows, we will let you know)
Tuesday 6:15-7:45 Tap/Ballet/Jazz, Thurs. 6:30-8:00 Tap/Ballet/Jazz
- * **COMBO 4 - GUARDIAN ANGELS (BOTH shows)**
Tuesday 5:45-7:15 Ballet/Jazz/Tap
- * **BALLET 1- CANDY CANES**
Monday 7:00-8:00
- * **BALLET 2- CHINESE, ARABIANS, MICE, SOLDIERS** (see Mrs. Melvie for specific character)
Monday 4:15-5:30
- * **BALLET 3- BIG ARABIANS, SPANISH COFFEE, FLOWERS** (see Mrs. Melvie for specific character)
Monday 5:30-7:00
- * **POINTE - SNOW (ADV POINTE)**
Monday 8:00

1. **REHEARSALS:** Rehearsals for some dances will take place the last 10 minutes of class time and on extra practices as per the enclosed schedule. **All dancers will be expected to be at ALL rehearsals.** If there is a scheduling conflict, please let me know as soon as you receive this packet. All dancers appear on stage in the finale and this is "set" at the theatre only during dress rehearsal.
2. **NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE DONATION:** We ask every dancer in "The Nutcracker" to make a \$30.00 performance donation. This helps offset the cost of costume construction, cleaning, repairs, storage, etc. The costumes remain the property of Backstage Performing Arts. The costumes will be taken to the theatre and your dancer will put them on and take them off and leave them at the theatre. You will need to provide proper tights, shoes and undergarments for your dancer. Please send your Nutcracker performance donation by **AUG. 29th**. You will receive (1) ticket to one performance (per performance donation). Anyone taking up a seat in the Auditorium will need to purchase a ticket.
3. **TICKETS:** Tickets will be sold for the performance. Prices are \$10 for adults and children 3 years and over. Children under 3 years of age are free but must sit and an adult's lap.
4. **NUTCRACKER SHIRTS:** Our 2024 Nutcracker design and order form are at the front desk and will be available on navy long sleeve. Price is \$22.
5. **VOLUNTEERS:** We need every family to volunteer in some way. Please get the dressing room Mom slots filled as quickly as possible. Any classes who do not have dressing room help will not be able to perform! **Sign--up at the front desk when the volunteer book becomes available!**
6. **ALL dancers, except Little Angels, will have to wear a nude leotard under their costumes. These are \$15-\$20 and may be purchased in the boutique.**
7. **ALL DANCERS AGE 9 AND OVER, MUST WEAR DEODORANT!!**
8. **Make-up** Stage makeup similar to what we wear at recital must be worn.

We are hopeful that this schedule will give us ample rehearsal time. If we see that more time is needed, we will have to schedule more practice times! Keep an eye open for revisions! All dancers are expected at all rehearsals. You MUST let Mrs. Melvie know if you have a conflict with any scheduled practice time.

SATURDAY, Sept. 14 & 21 & 28

9:00-10:30am	Snow
9:00-10:00am	Bon Bons
10:30am-12:00am	Flowers
10:00-11:00am	Guardian Angels
11:00-12:00pm	Candy Canes
12:00-12:45pm	Spanish/Arabians
12:45-1:45pm	Soldiers/Mice
1:45-2:45pm	Chinese

SATURDAY, Oct. 19 & 26 (19th includes costume fitting)

9:00-9:45am	Arabians/Spanish
9:45-10:30am	Candy Canes
9:45-11:00am	Flowers
10:30-11:00am	Chinese
11:00-12:15pm	Soldiers & Mice
11:15-12:15pm	Snow
12:15-1:15pm	Bon Bons/Big Angels

SATURDAY, Nov. 2

9:00-10:15am	Little Angels & Guardian Angels (Little Angels costume fitting)
10:30am-11:15am	Bon Bons
11:15-12:30pm	Little & Big Arabians (Little Arabians costume fitting)
12:30-1:30pm	Soldiers & Mice, Chinese/Candy Canes
1:30-3:00pm	Flowers/Snow/Spanish

SATURDAY, Nov. 9

Please keep this date open in case we need an extra practice.

SUNDAY, Nov. 17

Nutcracker Individual Pictures (Optional: see sign up sheet at front desk)

SATURDAY, Nov. 16 & Nov. 23

9:00-10:30am	Act I (Mom, Dad, Clara, Fritz)/Soldiers, Mice, Nutcracker
10:30-11:30am	Snow, Little Angels & Guardian Angels, Lead Angels
11:30-12:30pm	Spanish, Little & Big Arabians
12:30-1:30pm	Chinese, Candy Canes, Bon Bons & Flowers

Friday, Dec. 6

4:00-5:00pm	Rehearsal at Lincoln County Academy (ALL PARTICIPANTS in cast A)
5:00-6:00pm	Rehearsal at Lincoln County Academy (ALL PARTICIPANTS in cast B)

Saturday, Dec. 7

2:00pm	Performance at Lincoln County Academy (ALL PARTICIPANTS in cast A)
6:30pm	Performance at Lincoln County Academy (ALL PARTICIPANTS in cast B)

**Little Arabians, Little Angels will only be in one performance. I will let you know which cast (showtime) you are as soon as possible.*

[Nutcracker Dances in Show Order!!!](#)

ACT I VARIATION
SOLDIERS & MICE
SNOW & SNOW QUEEN
GUARDIAN ANGELS & LITTLE ANGELS
SPANISH & LEAD
ARABIAN COFFEE (big) & ARABIAN MAIDENS (little)
CHINESE TEA
CANDY CANES
MOTHER GINGER & BON BONS
FLOWERS & DEW DROP FAIRY
SUGAR PLUM FAIRY
FINALE

THEATRE RULES for DANCERS

1. No dancers are ever allowed in the audience or lobby during a performance. You should not be seen in your costume before your entrance on stage.
2. Pink ballet shoes need to be clean and have elastic sewn on, no strings showing -- tuck them in.
3. Pink ballet tights (purchased at the studio) need to be clean with no holes. **NO UNDERWEAR UNDER YOUR TIGHTS!** You will be wearing a nude leotard under your costume (everyone except little angels)
4. Hair should be slicked back into a classical bun. Bangs need to be slicked back off the face. No wispies. Use hair gel, hair spray, and/or put the hair up slightly wet. No shiny clips, glitter or barrettes - just lots of bobby pins! Use a fine hair net the color of your own hair to keep your bun tidy. You can find those at the drugstore.
5. **NO EATING OR DRINKING IN COSTUME!** Only water. No food or drink backstage!
6. **NO JEWELRY, NAIL POLISH, WATCHES, RINGS OR EARRINGS.** A uniform, clean look is our goal!
7. Dancers need to be quiet backstage & listen to dressing room Moms.
8. Young dancers could bring a book, quiet toy, game or something to do while they wait backstage.
9. **NO COSTUMES ARE ALLOWED ON THE FLOOR!** Please hang them on YOUR hanger when you take them off. Be sure to return all parts and props to their places, i.e. swords, harps, arm bands, etc.
10. **QUIET BACKSTAGE, PLEASE!!!**
11. Smile & enjoy presenting your talents and love of dance to the audience!!

NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY & NO VIDEOTAPING ALLOWED AT THE PERFORMANCES!

----- return this form by August 29th !! -----

NUTCRACKER 2024 COMMITMENT FORM

Dancer's name: _____

Class level, day & time _____

Additional Dancer's name(if more than 1 child participation): _____

Class level, day & time _____

Yes, I want my dancer(s) to participate in NUTCRACKER 2024. I have read the information and agree to help and have my dancer(s) at the necessary rehearsals. I have included a \$30 check per dancer made payable to "BPA" for my performance donation.

No, my dancer is unable to participate to participate in NUTCRACKER 2024

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____