

Yorktown Stage Presents...*Dance for Joy's Nutcracker for Kids!*

Parent Information 2024

Please make sure to read all of the following before auditioning for Nutcracker for Kids!

Stage and Dress Rehearsals December 16–20; Performances December 21–22
Yorktown Stage, Yorktown

- **General Information**

- All *Just Dance* students in ballet classes BippityBop through Advanced Ballet may audition.
- If you cannot make the audition, the form must be filled out and the fee received BEFORE the audition date. Your dancer will then be evaluated during their ballet class time.
- NO dancers will be added to the cast after the audition period! (*Audition Period: October 6th–October 11th*)
- There is a strict drop off policy for the audition and rehearsals.
- Parents are required to volunteer their help in some capacity. Volunteer opportunities include ticket distribution, publicity, costume preparation, repair, or laundering, technical support (load in and out of theater, laying floor, hanging backdrops), dressing room assistance, and lobby help.
- **There is a strict 'NO MISS' policy for rehearsals. Anyone missing a rehearsal will not be allowed to perform. There are NO EXCEPTIONS. Do not audition if you cannot commit to all rehearsals.**
- Rehearsals at the theater will be drop off only; no parents allowed.
- No video or pictures allowed during performances; we will have pictures taken backstage of all performers and professional photos of performances. Each performer will receive a discount for a video of one performance. (Personal phones/cameras will be confiscated by theater manager/administration)

- **Auditions/Open Auditions**

- Wear normal ballet class attire.
- Girls must have hair in a bun. Students with short hair, please have it pulled/pinned back out of eyes and face.
- Auditions start on time and dancers must be present for the entire audition.
- NO parents will be allowed to stay during the audition.
- **General Auditions for Bippity Bop–Intermediate Ballet: Sunday, October 6**

- **BippityBop and Beginner Ballet Students:**
 - 12:30-1:00 Registration
 - 1:00-1:30 Audition
 - **Intermediate Ballet Students (and IA/Adv unable to make Saturday audition):**
 - 1:00-1:30 Registration
 - 1:30-2:30 Audition
 - **I/A and Advanced Auditions (bring pointe shoes): **Saturday, October 5****
 - 4:00-4:15 Registration
 - 4:15-5:30 Audition
 - Casting will be posted at the stage and emailed by Friday, October 12
- **Fees and commitment**
 - **Audition, Costume Rental and Participation Fee of \$250 must be received with the commitment form.**
 - This fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE**, so please make sure you have read and understood the requirements before committing to participating.
 - Dancers must commit to all rehearsals; **there are no misses allowed except November 16 and November 30th and then only if personally approved in writing by Ms. Jenna.**
 - Request to miss must be submitted in writing to jennaysballet@gmail.com
 - **NOTE: Most of the younger dancers will not be called for this rehearsal date.**
 - Dancers missing a scheduled rehearsal will not perform.
 - Please understand that casting is a difficult process. Roles depend largely on age and costume sizes. Dancers must accept the role they are given, even if it is the same as last year. Any dancer refusing a role, or deciding not to participate, after being given a role, will not be allowed to audition next year.
 - The number of rehearsals depends on the role. All rehearsals will be on Saturdays, with some major roles rehearsing Sunday afternoons.
- **Roles and rehearsal information (Subject to change according to numbers of dancers)**
 - Roles for BippityBop and Beginner (No missed rehearsals allowed)
 - Reindeer
 - 2 studio rehearsals: 11/23, 12/7 plus rehearsal at Yorktown Stage on 12/19 & 12/20

- Polichinelles, Mini-Candy Canes, Mini-Flowers, Mini-Doll (poss. Lambs, Mini-Stars)
 - 4 studio rehearsals: 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7 plus rehearsal at Yorktown Stage 12/19 and/or 12/20.
- Roles for Beginners and Intermediate Ballet
 - Clara, Party Girls, Fritz, Party Boy, Soldiers, Lead Soldiers, Small Stars, Small Snowflakes, Horn Angels, Roses, Back Arabian, Back Russian, (sometimes Lambs, Mini-Stars)
 - All roles have 9 studio rehearsals: 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30 & 12/7. Plus rehearsal at Yorktown Stage on 12/18 and/or 12/19 and 12/20.
 - **No missed rehearsals allowed except on 11/16 and 11/30 and then only for a reason personally approved by the director. REQUEST TO MISS MUST BE IN WRITING.**
 - Clara, Fritz and Party Boy will have additional rehearsals on Sunday afternoon.
- Roles for some of Intermediate/Advanced and Advanced Ballet include all other roles
 - Most roles will have 8-9 studio rehearsals: 10/9, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30 & 12/7 plus rehearsal at Yorktown Stage on 12/16-12/20.
 - Party Parents, Maid and other Principal roles will also be called for some **Sunday rehearsals and all principal roles in finale will have a finale rehearsal on Sunday 12/8.**
 - **No missed rehearsals allowed except on 11/16 and 11/30 and then only for a reason personally approved by director. REQUEST TO MISS MUST BE IN WRITING.**