



Moving Forward!



Details

Nutcracker is well under way! We so greatly appreciate everyone who has stepped up to help us out in one way or another so far. We can't make this happen without all of your help!

If you have not had a chance to volunteer yet, there are still many open spots on the volunteer list that we need filled, and many opportunities to help make this show a great one. Please take a look at the online sign-up: and see if there is a position you could take on.

We still have holes where we need Class Coordinators, in particular! As we have said before, this position is vital, since we obviously cannot leave dancers back stage unattended. If you have been considering being a Class Coordinator, and just haven't gotten around to signing up, now would be a great time to put your name down! Thank you all, again, for your support and dedication.

All Casts and Costumes

All cast rehearsals are coming up fast! We break All Casts down by act. Act I will start at 12:30pm, and Act II will begin at 3:30pm. The list of which class is in each act is listed in the box on the side of this page. Please no food in the studio, so send dancers well fed, and with plenty of water! As in the past, we will be posting on our Facebook page at 2:00pm if we are running late going into Act II. This will limit the amount of time families have to wait to pick up and drop off their dancers, and will help things run smoothly.

If you are not a class coordinator for the all cast, please do not plan on staying with your dancer at the studio. There is simply not enough room for everyone, and it slows down our pick up and drop off times. Please check your child in with their class coordinators, leaving a number where you can be reached. When it is getting close to the time that your student will be released, you will receive a call or text from their class

coordinator, asking you to head over to the studio. The coordinator will bring the entire class out of the rehearsal space, and then you will need to check out your dancer with them. They will give you a ticket that you will need to hand to the attendant at the door, in order to leave the studio with your child. We know this can be inconvenient, but it is for the safety of our dancers. Thank you for your cooperation!

Only those volunteering at the all cast will be able to park in the ABA Lot. All others will need to park on a side street, or in one of the two lots we are authorized to use. One lot is at Highland Elementary, and the other is the detached lot, west of the LDS Church on Madison. **Please do not park, even partially or for a little while, in front of our neighbor's driveways.** We very much want to stay on good terms with everyone around us.

Costumes are coming along nicely! Costume prices and info will be listed on the bulletin board downstairs at least by the middle of the month. We do our best to keep costume prices reasonable. The average costume price is around \$30. Costume fees are due by the end of November.

Acts

Dancers Ballet I and up, all Boys classes, and all Modern classes, perform in both shows, and should be at both All Casts. Pre-Ballet II performs in one show only, but needs to be at both all casts. Creative Movement & Pre-Ballet I only perform in one show, and need only attend one all cast. Sat. show performers attend November 16th All Cast, Sun. performers attend Nov. 23rd All Cast. Here is the list of who is in which Act:

Act I:

- All Pre-Ballet I
- Tuesday Ballet I
- Saturday Ballet I
- Monday Ballet II
- Tuesday Ballet II
- Saturday Ballet II
- Afternoon Ballet III
- Ballet IV
- Modern II
- Modern III
- Modern IV
- Party Parents

Act II:

- All Creative Movement
- All Pre-Ballet II
- Monday Ballet I
- Thursday Ballet I
- Thursday Ballet II
- Friday Ballet II
- Boys Ballet I & II
- Evening BIII
- Ballet V (Waltz of the Flowers)

Advertising and Fundraising

As many of you know, each of our performances is a fundraiser for a local, deserving charity. This year's Nutcracker performances will be in support of the Marion Polk Food Share.

As we said in our last newsletter, you can not only help us raise money by attending the show, you can also advertise in our program! Here is a repeat breakdown of pricing: 199.00 and under gets you a listing, 200-399 gets a ¼ page ad, 400-749 gets a ½ page ad and special recognition at the beginning of the show, and 750+ gets a full page ad, and special recognition at the beginning of the show. Please email or call us for more information.

This is also a good time to bring up rose sales and the bake sale! Each All

Cast rehearsal we have a bake sale down stairs, and let me tell you, we have some amazing bakers in our ABA family! We also sell roses at the shows for you to buy to give to your dancer. The money from both of these items goes to scholarships for ABA dancers. We love teaching anyone and everyone possible here at ABA, and these scholarships help us reach out to families who may need a little help. Thank you so much for supporting the dancers here at ABA, and this community in whatever way possible!

Performance Weekend

Performance weekend is a busy, exciting, and for new families, sometimes confusing time. We try our best to answer any and all questions through meetings, newsletters, and postings on the bulletin board. However, questions invariably pop up. Don't be afraid to ask some of our Nutcracker "veteran" parent's questions! Of course, if they can't help you feel free to email the office (americanballetacademy@gmail.com)!

Spacing rehearsal is on Friday December 6th, at the Elsinore Theatre. **Please note that Creative Movement and Pre-Ballet I do not attend spacing rehearsals.** Call times are as follows:

- > Ballet IV & Ballet V at 3:15pm.
- >Modern II, III, and IV at 4:15pm.
- > Boys Ballet I & II at 4:30pm.
- >Evening Ballet III, Party Scene (Tuesday Ballet I, Afternoon Ballet III, Party Parents), Monday Ballet II, Thursday Ballet II, and Friday Ballet II at 5:00pm.
- >Mouse Scene (Saturday Ballet I, Tuesday Ballet II, Saturday Ballet II), Monday Ballet I, Thursday Ballet I, at 6:00pm.

>Pre-Ballet II at 9:30am Dec. 8th. For spacing, please just come in your usual class attire, with hair in a bun.

The Dress Rehearsals will take place on Saturday, December 7th, beginning at 10:00am, at the Elsinore Theatre. Unlike spacing, dancers should be in full costume and full make up, just like they will be for the show. We will be starting at 10:00, so we suggest you arrive 30 minutes early. We will run two dress rehearsals. The first one should finish by 1:00pm at which time the Creative movement and Pre-Ballet I students will be dismissed. All other dancers will be dismissed as they finish the second run. We hope to finish the second run by 3:00pm, so that everyone gets a good break. Call times for the shows are 5:45pm on Saturday, and 1:15pm on Sunday.

ABA Calendar

November 16th, 2019

Mandatory All Cast Rehearsal at ABA. Act I at 12:30pm; Act II at 3:30pm.

November 23rd, 2019

Mandatory All Cast Rehearsal at ABA. Act I at 12:30pm; Act II at 3:30pm.

November 28th, 2019

Thanksgiving Day. No classes!

December 6th, 2019

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December 7th, 2019

Nutcracker Dress Rehearsal. At the Elsinore Theatre. 10:00am. **Pre-Ballet II will space at 9:30am.**

Dec. 7th, 2019 at 7pm (call time 5:45pm)

The Children's Nutcracker!

Dec. 8th, 2019 at 2:30pm (call time 1:15pm)

The Children's Nutcracker!

December 22nd-January 5th

Winter Break

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Saturday 10:15-11:45am

By appointment