

The Stapleton Ballet **NUTCRACKER**

has been a Marin tradition for thirty years! Performing in the Nutcracker is a great way to enhance your ballet training and gain performance skills and confidence.

NUTCRACKER FAQs

1. Who is eligible to perform in the Nutcracker?

All currently enrolled Stapleton students at the Pre Ballet 2 level and up, AND that are 6 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2018, are eligible to perform in the 2018 Nutcracker.

2. Is there space for everyone who wants to perform?

We work hard to accommodate all eligible students and have not had to turn anyone away, ever! But, due to the steadily increasing numbers of dancers who wish to perform, we have a policy which states: Returning students, 6 years and older, that completed the previous school year (all four sessions of 2017/18), are **guaranteed** a role in the Nutcracker. Returning students that discontinued attending classes during the previous school year, as well as new students, will be put on a waiting list, and will be cast on a space-available basis. All students on the waiting list will have equal opportunity to participate if space is available. If limited space is available, a lottery drawing will be held.

3. Must I audition for the Nutcracker?

Only a few roles require an audition. The role of Clara is open to 8th & 9th grade females, and the roles of Sugar Plum Fairy, Rose Queen and Snow Trio are open certain grade level in SR3 and SR4 Companies.

4. When do rehearsals begin and when are the performances?

Rehearsals are scheduled to begin on Wed. Sept. 19. We will perform a total of six shows— two each on Friday, Nov. 30, Saturday Dec 1 and Sunday Dec 2. Performers are assigned to a specific cast and that cast will perform in three shows; one each day. Performances are at the Marin Center theater.

5. What is the time commitment?

Dancers ages 6-10 have one rehearsal per week, on Saturdays, from Sept. 22 through November. They will also have one costume fitting, usually on a Sunday during Sept/Oct. In November, there are two Sunday rehearsals and also two weekday late afternoon/evening (Mon or Tue) run-throughs. Absence Policy: Dancers are only permitted to miss two rehearsals during this entire time frame.

6. Is there a break for Thanksgiving holiday?

Dancers will have a break from Wednesday Nov. 21 to Sunday Nov. 25 **They MUST be present the weekend before Thanksgiving (Nov. 17-18), as they are mandatory final rehearsals.**

7. Is there a fee to participate?

Yes. The fee is \$350 per dancer. Students that are enrolled in Youth Company packages have their performance fee built-in to their quarterly tuition. There is also a required parent participation component.

8. How do I enroll?

There is an informational meeting on Tue, Sept. 4 at 7:15 pm (Location TBA). We will also hold a meeting on Wed. Sept. 5, same time, same place— for any who cannot attend on Tue.

ALL first-time and second-year performers are required to attend one of the two evening meetings.

All applications to participate must be submitted to the office by Friday, Sept. 7 at 12 noon.

More questions? Email info@stapletonschool.org