

Nutcracker

Nutcracker has been produced by the teachers, staff and volunteers at Allegro since 1992. This original production uses dancers from Allegro's ballet program, age seven and older. We also cast brothers, parents, and friends in the Party Scene.

Rehearsals for the Divertissements, Snow, Flowers, Sugar Plum, and Clara begin in August. Children's parts and the Party Scene rehearsals begin in late September or early October. Rehearsals are one to two hours per week per part. The production is usually over Thanksgiving weekend with dancers in the second act performing for area schools on the Wednesday of Thanksgiving week. Young cast members must be available to rehearse on weekends. Teen dancers must be available weekends and evenings and have good attendance in ballet and pointe class.

If you would like to participate in this year's production of the Nutcracker, please check the list below.

- Pre-register by May 31st.
- Sign & return contract by May 31st. (Be sure to list conflicts on the following form.)
- Attend 85% of your ballet classes.
- Be available to rehearsal on weekends.
- Be available to perform and rehearse Thanksgiving week.
- Yes! Count me in on Nutcracker this year!

Dancer Name _____ Age _____

Are you participating in any sport or school activity that limits your ability to attend class and rehearsal? Yes No . If yes, please list the activity, the school you attend, and your anticipated conflicts.

Are you planning on participating in any other activities and/or vacations that may interfere with class, rehearsal and/or performance? Yes No . If yes, please list the activity and the anticipated conflict date:

Do you have a brother or parent interested in participating in Nutcracker? Yes No . List name(s):

If you are a teenage dancer in Level 4 or 5, are you unable to rehearse in August? Yes No . If yes, list the dates you are unavailable:

Allegro Dance Arts Nutcracker Dancer Contract

This contract is between
Allegro Dance Arts
(hereinafter Allegro)

and _____
(hereinafter Dancer)

The following terms of agreement are set forth to provide a constructive, positive, and professional working environment between Allegro and Dancer.

ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT

Dancer agrees to attend all rehearsals and classes. The following are considered an "excused" reason for absence:

1. Death in family
2. Scheduled school programs required for credit
3. Baptism, confirmation or dedication of you or a member of your immediate family
4. Wedding of a member of your immediate family
5. If you are seriously ill or infectious

Dancer will watch rehearsal in the case of injury or mild illness. Dancer may miss class if she has homework that needs to be completed in order to maintain grade point average. Dancer promises to contact Allegro of absence from rehearsal or class and provide letter by parent or guardian. Dancer understands that by having more than one unexcused absence she/he will be removed from the show cast. Dancer further understands that by having more than two excused absences, she/he may be asked to sit out of the performance, if she/he is unable to pick up the choreography. Dancer agrees to make Saturdays and/or Sundays available for rehearsal through the run of the show. Allegro agrees to meet the schedule needs of the dancer by requesting rehearsal conflict dates in advance and scheduling rehearsals around these conflicts when possible.

STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE

Dancer agrees to:

1. Be on time for rehearsals, classes, and performances. Be "ready to dance" at the time set for rehearsal start. Dancer understands the difference between "walking in the door" and being "ready to dance", i.e., dressed and warmed up.

1. Dress in class code and by standards set for performance. Dancer agrees to remove warm-up clothing when asked by instructor. Dancer agrees to wear make-up, costume, hairstyle set for performance.
2. Follow rules set by Allegro and the theater.
3. Fully understand that she/he represents Allegro and her/his community. Dancer is respectful, helpful, and positive in spirit, attitude, and behavior.
4. Not gossip, write, or otherwise communicate negatively about others or themselves in or outside of rehearsals. This includes any area related to choreography, costumes, music, teachers, staff, or other dancers. Dancer agrees to discuss any dance-related problem with their parent and in a private meeting with Allegro director.
5. Give her/his all physically, emotionally, and mentally. This includes: dancing all out, leaving personal problems outside the studio, focusing on material being taught and performance.
6. Be responsible for all performance items (costumes, shoes, make-up, hair and other ornamentation) and other items necessary for rehearsals, classes, and performance.

REASONS FOR TERMINATION

The dancer will be given one warning if not abiding by above areas of agreement. If at this point dancer does not abide by one or more of the above rules, dancer will be put on probation and her/his parents will be notified. If at this point dancer again does not abide by one or more of the above terms, she/he will be removed from the cast. Reasons for immediate dismissal: 1) smoking, drinking or use of other illegal substances, 2) behavior that causes physical or emotion harm to others or self, 3) visible disrespect toward others or self.

I fully understand the terms of this agreement, and agree to abide by these terms.

Signature of Dancer

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

