

Moscow Ballet's 2017 Nutcracker

Children's Cast AUDITION INFORMATION

Once you have reviewed this entire packet and have made the decision to audition, the following items are to be turned into the Information Desk on the audition date.

Those chosen for the cast will be notified right away after the audition:

- Contact Sheet / Audition Form / \$ 10.00 Audition Fee
- Cast Member Contract
- \$250.00 Production Fee (Check or Cash Only) Attached to the contract

(Please note: Turning in the completed forms does not guarantee acceptance as a cast member, it only guarantees the opportunity to audition. No one will be allowed to audition without completed forms.)

OPPORTUNITY and COMMITMENT

The Moscow Ballet's annual production of "Great Russian Nutcracker" is a wonderful opportunity for students to take part in a quality production that is seen by thousands of people each holiday season. Being selected as a cast member is an honor and a privilege. Children's cast will work with professional directors and choreographers, wear exquisite costumes, and appear on a lavish set at the beautiful 4,200 seats **Rosemont Theatre on Sunday, December 3rd, 2017**. There are two performances at **1pm and 5pm and 65 dancers are needed for each performance**.

This is also a commitment and a responsibility that requires a high level of dedication from both the performer and the performer's parents/guardian. Before auditioning, potential cast members must consider all other activities in which they may be involved and be willing to put their commitment to the production above and beyond those activities that may conflict with the rehearsal and performance requirements associated with "Great Russian Nutcracker." Please bear in mind while making the decision to audition that being a cast member is not just another extracurricular activity. Dozens of people; performers, directors, choreographer as well as the performance itself, are negatively affected if all cast members are not demonstrating the same level of commitment.

"GREAT RUSSIAN NUTCRACKER"

Featuring spectacular sets and beautifully costumed Russian dancers, Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker is an annual treat for the whole family. Whimsical and imaginative storytelling blends with the richness of Russian classical dance to make the Great Russian Nutcracker a unique performance not to be missed! Choreographer Anatoly Emelianov has been praised by critics for its unique setting of Act II in the "Land of Peace and Harmony." To convey his message of peace, Emelianov incorporates an ethereal dove that escorts Masha and the Prince to a land where there is no war or suffering".

Set against Valentin Fedorov's spectacular scenic design, with larger-than-life puppets and the backdrop of unicorns, exotic birds and animals, the Great Russian Nutcracker is a visual delight.

GREAT RUSSIAN NUTCRACKER 2017 AUDITIONS PROCESS

AUDITION ROLES

- 1ST ACT ROLES: Party Children, Harlequin, Mice, Snow Flakes
- 2ND ACT ROLES: Snow Maidens, Butterflies, Spanish, Arabian, Chinese, French, Russian

Selected dancers for these roles will be notified after the audition.

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AUDITION: Dancers do not need to prepare audition material. The audition material is based on general classical dance technique, skills and choreographic style. Younger students must be able to follow directions well and be able to participate in the entire duration of the audition process without parental presence or involvement.

REQUIRED ATTIRE: Black leotard, pink ballet tights, well-fitted pink ballet slippers, hair swept up and back off face and in bun.

APPLICATION FORMS and FEES

Please be prepared to pay all the required fees before the audition process.

*Each applicant must pay \$250.00 **NON-REFUNDABLE** Production Fee before the audition. If applicant is not selected, the Production Fee check will be returned after audition.*

The Production Fee includes the following costs:

Rehearsal classes, costume rent, administration, janitorial, food for the performance day, and Children's Cast t-shirt of the Moscow Ballet's 2017 Great Russian Nutcracker.

CAST MEMBER ACCEPTANCE & ROLE ANNOUNCEMENT

Cast Member acceptance announcement will be right after audition.

However, Role announcement will be after completion of all auditions.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

REHEARSALS WILL RUN WEEKLY AT EACH AUDITION LOCATION STARTING SEPTEMBER 22nd. West Suburbs on Friday nights, North Suburbs Saturday afternoons and Chicago on Saturday mornings. Rehearsal time is between 20min. to 60min. long depending on the role.

MANDATORY RUN THROUGH REHEARSALS

All cast members must attend two run through rehearsals on Nov. 17-18 and Dec. 1-2.

STAGE REHEARSAL

Sunday, December 3, 2017 at the Rosemont Theater at 10am.

PERFORMANCE TIME and LOCATION

Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 1pm or 5pm at Rosemont Theatre 5400 N River Rd Rosemont, IL

TICKETS

We strongly advise you to purchase your tickets as soon as your child is accepted as a cast member by calling Ticketmaster at (312) 559-1212 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

Also, we will be providing Group Discounted Tickets for Families and Friends.

You must let us know that you are interested to participate in the group discounted tickets.

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STUDENT PERFORMER AGREEMENT INFORMATION

Commitment time is September 22nd – December 3rd, 2017

ATTENDANCE

- There may be no more than two absences from rehearsal. Any student missing more than three rehearsal classes will be removed from the cast.
(Extenuating circumstances, such as injury or illness should be discussed with the director).
- Choreography or directions must be learned prior to attending the first mandatory rehearsal.
- Any student missing a run-through/mandatory rehearsal will either be removed immediately from the cast or be excluded from auditions for future productions for a period of one year.
Please take into consideration once again the students load of activities outside and how it could impact the students' ability to participate. We are all interested in presenting a performance of the highest caliber, making it necessary for everyone to be consistent in their attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Please provide us a current e-mail address and phone number (Please type/print very clearly); so, we can send you important and urgent information. Otherwise, we will update our calendar on the website weekly. It is parent's responsibility to follow up rehearsal schedules through PDA's website calendar. Please visit our website often at www.PlainfieldDanceAcademy.com

ROLE ANNOUNCEMENT

- Roles for specific parts will be announced by September 15th.
- Casting decisions are left entirely in the hands of the director. Every effort is given to showcase the best of all selected dancers. To present the best quality of this production dancers and their parents must be aware that some parts are larger than the others, or some have more stage time than others. As part of the performing arts education, students need to understand that these decisions are made for the good of the whole production. Parental support in these decisions is necessary and appreciated.

STAGE ETIQUETTE

- Students should exhibit good behavior at the studio and the theatre by being on time, available to their teacher and the director, and keeping quiet at backstage.
- Most of all, students must be courteous to directors, teachers, backstage personnel and fellow performers.
- Due to our performance in a professional and union theatre, there are certain theatre rules we must follow. These will be provided to all cast members so that they can be adhered to by all.

CALL

- When checking your schedule of rehearsals and performance, "Call" means the time you must arrive at the theatre.
- On the day of the performance, performers are required to check in with Security at the designated stage entrance.

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MAKE-UP

- Specific directions for stage make-up will be given prior to the performance. Our prior experience with the Costume Mistress is that only the parts in ACT II can wear any make-up, however we will keep you posted if this change.

COSTUMES

- Originally designed costumes will be given by Moscow Ballet on the day of the performance and will be returned after the performance without any damage before the students are released to their parents. Eating and drinking are prohibited when costumes are on!
- You are responsible to provide your own leotards, tights and ballet slippers. (specifics TBA)

VIDEOTAPING / PHOTOGRAPHING

Videotaping in the performance. Photographing the performance and performer by unauthorized person is prohibited. Moscow Ballet will provide a professional photographer to take pictures with costumes prior to performance.

PRODUCTION FEE

- A Production Fee of \$250.00 has been established for Moscow Ballet's Nutcracker Children Cast. This fee must be paid in full during the Audition enrollment.

The Production Fee includes the following costs:

- Rehearsals, costume, administration, janitorial for studio space, food for the performance day, and Children's Cast t-shirt of the Moscow Ballet's 2017 Great Russian Nutcracker.

There will be no refunds if you leave or are replaced for any reason.

Please be advised that Plainfield Dance Academy is in conjunction with the Moscow Ballet in regards to the 2017 "Great Russian Nutcracker" production and in order to make this a success, we must enforce all rules and regulations as mentioned.

Thank you for your co-operation!

Altin Naska

**Children's Cast Director
Moscow Ballet 2017
"Great Russian Nutcracker"
December 3rd at 1pm & 5pm
Rosemont Theatre**