

THE NUTCRACKER

PRESENTED BY

ARKA BALLET ACADEMY

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2024 Production Details

Perry High School
1919 E. Queen Creek Rd.
Gilbert, AZ 85297

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A Note to Participants and Parents

All participants will become **THE NUTCRACKER COMPANY MEMBERS** upon signing up for the production. Being a member of any ballet company requires a lot of energy, and company dancers must learn how to pace themselves, knowing when it is time to rest, and when it is time to push a little harder. Knowing what your responsibilities are as a company dancer should help you to organize your time more efficiently in your weekly routine. It is important to understand that your commitment to the ballet company is matched by the dance instructors and directors. We are dedicated to providing you with the opportunity to develop technically and artistically as a dancer and to gain performance experience in a professional quality atmosphere.

In short, the dancers are the performing members of an organization in which everyone has a job to do with responsibilities to meet, in order to enhance the lives of children in our community through performance.

Rehearsal /Class Commitment

Choreography for the performance will be taught on Saturday late afternoons. Company members cannot miss more than two weekly rehearsals. Company members are expected to maintain an impeccable attendance record in both weekly technique classes and weekly rehearsals.

All Run-throughs and Dress rehearsals scheduled in November and December are mandatory.

Please remember that rehearsals are very important and are **required**. We understand things do happen, but please communicate with us prior to rehearsals. In a large production like this, having 1 missing person can alter the ability to rehearse certain dances or scenes. If you miss more than 2 rehearsals, we will need to replace your dancer.

If your dancer is not currently enrolled in a ballet class we would suggest that you enroll in a ballet class to work on ballet technique weekly .

*If you have been casted in a Principal Role (Clara/Marie, Nutcracker, Sugar Plum Fairy, etc.) You will need to have private lessons. The fees for these will be discussed with you separately in a meeting with the choreographer, director, and teaching staff.

“The Nutcracker” Open Cast Audition: 09/08

(Audition fee: \$25)

4-7 years: 12-1pm

8-11 years: 1:15-3:15pm

12 and up years: 3:30-5:30pm

PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO AUDITION TIME TO REGISTER

Weekly Rehearsal dates:

09/14, 09/21, 09/28, 10/05, 10/19, 10/26, 11/02, 11/09, 11/16, 11/23

Time: 4pm-8:30pm

Production Week:

12/01-12/07

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL AT DANCE REPUBLIC: TBD

Dress rehearsal at Perry High School: Dec. 6th

Full rehearsal schedule will be emailed to you after auditions.

Financial Commitments

Open case audition fee:

Participation fee: range from \$180-\$400 (includes costume rentals)

See the casting sheet to see your participation fee. Participation fee covers all group rehearsals, run throughs, and dress rehearsals. The participation fee also includes all costume rentals. These fees will be paid to ARKA Ballet. You can pay via cash or check written to iDance LLC. If you choose to use a credit card there will be a 4% convenience fee added to your participation fee. These fees can be paid in two payments or paid in full up front. You will need to let us know if you want to do two payments or one.

Participation fee Payment Due dates:

1st payment due date

09/14

2nd payment due date (if applicable)

10/19

Guaranteed tickets:

Each dancer is responsible for the purchase of the following amounts of tickets. We want families to come and enjoy this production. You can always purchase more tickets than the minimum required.

Each dancer must commit to selling **6** tickets. If you have a sibling also participating in the show we will lower that amount to **8 total tickets**.

Tickets will go on sale on Tuesday November 14th, 2023 at 9am. Ticket information will be provided at a later date.

Each member will need to provide a copy of proof of purchase on the 6 guaranteed tickets.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers donate their time to make performances possible for dancers who are making the commitment of being in a ballet company. We are always looking for volunteers and will be sending out a google form for you to fill out and let us know where you can volunteer and help us with production!

COSTUME TRY ON DAY

More details to come.

COSTUME NEEDS

Dancers will need to have new ballet shoes

Pink Ballet tights (females)

Soldiers will need (white or black ballet shoes TBA)

Spanish & Russian dance will need black character shoes (exact shoes TBA)

Any other costume needs and details will be announced at a later date