

**Sole City Dance
The Nutcracker 2017**

Information Overview

Sole City Dance is pleased to invite members of the greater Rochester community to join together in creating a production of the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker." Thank you for attending our audition! Below is information you may be looking for prior to auditioning and committing to be part of the cast.

Dress Rehearsal & Performance Dates:

Saturday, December 2 - Technical/dress rehearsal 2:00-7:00pm

Sunday, December 3 - Full dress rehearsal 9:00am-2:00pm

Saturday, December 9 - Full shows at 2:00 & 7:30pm

Sunday, December 10 - Full show at 2:00

Wednesday, December 13 - School Show at 10:00am

(with possible additional show at 12:00pm)

Thursday, December 14th - Full show at 7:30

Friday, December 15th - Full show at 7:30

Rehearsal Schedule: Schedules vary from year to year depending on the cast, their experience and how quickly they learn. We announce rehearsals 1-2 weeks in advance via email, website and bulletin board at the studio.

In general, the following applies:

Young Children's Roles:	approximately 1 hour on Friday evenings OR Saturday afternoons Sept. through Nov. Day will depend on cast availability.
Youth/Adult Character Roles:	1-2 hours on Saturday afternoons
Corps Roles:***	Friday evenings, Saturday and/or Sunday afternoons

***Waltz of the Flowers (corps only) will begin rehearsals NEXT weekend, Saturday, September 23.

Please note that as the performance nears, rehearsals will become slightly longer and may be held on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. There WILL be a rehearsal on the Sunday after Thanksgiving in the late afternoon for as many people who can possibly attend. An absence on this day will not be counted against you, but please attend if you can.

Attendance: **Dancers are allowed NO absences from rehearsal. If a dancer is absent for a valid reason, it will be up to the choreographer/rehearsal director whether to continue to include the dancer in that role.**

If you are suddenly ill, or must miss rehearsal at the last minute, please do the following:

1. Call Sole City Dance at 750-7777 and leave a message for your rehearsal director.
2. If you do not reach a live person at SCD (you only got Voice Mail), please send a text to Christine Hounsell at 603-767-5910 or email her at christine@solecitydance.org

- Participation Fee: For student dancers: **\$75 for ALL roles.** This is due at the first rehearsal.
- Sponsorship: We ask that each dancer pursue at least one business sponsorship at the \$250 level (which includes a half page ad) in order to cover the extensive expenses associated with this production. Please see the attached sponsor form. Families are also welcome to purchase a sponsorship and use the accompanying ad to celebrate their dancer!
- Tights/Shoes: **Dancers must supply their own tights, shoes, and undergarments.** All tights must be ordered through Sole City Dance to assure consistent color and style. You will be notified if other items must be purchased through us.
- Volunteer Help: **All families are required to volunteer for at least one job in order to help make this production viable.** A volunteer sign-up system will be created and distributed asap. Thank you in advance for your much-valued assistance! We couldn't do it without you!
- Casting: Audition results will be posted on the SCD website by 10:00pm on Thursday, September 21st. Casting decisions are made after many hours of consideration, checking and rechecking. **All casting is FINAL.**
- Understudies: Understudies are an important part of the cast. Understudies do not perform unless the originally cast dancer is sick or injured. Instead, it is an opportunity for further learning and to support your castmates in the event of an emergency. Please take these parts seriously. The directors notice when you do.
- First Rehearsals: Some rehearsals will begin the weekend of September 23, however many parts will not begin rehearsing for a few weeks. The schedule will be announced on a weekly basis.
- Production Team: Production Manager - Christine Hounsell, christine@solecitydance.org,
603-767-5910 (cell for emergencies only)
Co-Artistic Directors - Christine Hounsell, Meghan Houlahan
Additional Re-staging & Choreography - Deborah Grammatic, Joyce Goldstein, Angela Grassie, Moriah Bureau, Jess Jordan, Sammy Morales
Technical Director - Christopher Ryan
Stage Manager - Moriah Bureau
Lighting Design - TBD
Costumes - Rhianna Chalifour
Props - TBD