

**Sole City Dance
The Nutcracker 2018**

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 1 - Technical/dress rehearsal 8:00am-3:00pm
Sunday, December 2 - Full dress rehearsal between 9:00am-6:00pm
Saturday, December 8 - Full shows at 2:00 & 7:00pm
Sunday, December 9 - Full show at 2:00
Wednesday, December 12 - School Show at 10:00am
(with possible additional show at 12:00pm)
Thursday, December 13 - Full show at 7:00
Friday, December 14 - Full show at 7:00

Rehearsal Schedule: Schedules vary from year to year depending on the cast, their experience and how quickly they learn. We adjust rehearsal times each week based on what was accomplished the prior week. We announce rehearsals 4-6 days in advance (by the prior Tuesday at the latest, if all goes well) via email, website and bulletin board at the studio.

*****If you accept a role in this cast, you must agree not to make any plans on Saturday afternoons from September through December until after each weekend's schedule is finalized.*****

In general, the following applies:

Young Children's Roles:	approximately 1 hour on Friday evenings OR Sat. afternoons depending on cast availability.
Youth/Adult Character Roles:	1-2 hours on Saturday afternoons
Corps Roles:	Friday evenings, Saturday and/or Sunday afternoons

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.**

***At registration, you are given the opportunity to provide a list of dates/times of major conflicts you have during the rehearsal period. We trust that you **list only major school, medical or family events such as weddings, required school trips/events or long-awaited medical appointments.** We will TRY to work around these for full roles only (not understudies), but we*

*cannot guarantee it. If we get word that you have missed a rehearsal for a reason other than a major event or illness, you may be dismissed from your role and/or it may affect future casting. We advise that you protect your reputation as a responsible, respectful dancer***

- Sudden Illness:** 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 Moriah Bureau at 603-978-2490 or email her at moriah@solecitydance.org
- Participation Fee:** For student dancers: **\$75 for all dancers cast.** This is due at the first rehearsal.
- Sponsorships:**
- 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 2-3 jobs 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!
- Boutique Contribution:** Each family must contribute 1 item to the Nutcracker boutique--anything Nutcracker themed is appreciated!
- Casting:** Audition results will be posted on the SCD website by 10:00pm on Thursday, September 20th at the latest. We will make every effort to release it sooner if possible. 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 (and do not).
- First Rehearsals:** Rehearsals will begin the weekend of September 21, but some parts will not begin rehearsing for a few weeks.
- Production Team:**
- Production Manager - Moriah Bureau, moriah@solecitydance.org,
603-978-2490 (cell for emergencies only)
- Co-Artistic Directors - Deborah Grammatic & Moriah Bureau
- Additional Re-staging & Choreography - Jacqui Young, Joyce Goldstein, Jess Jordan,
Meghan McCoy, & Alex Poulis
- Costumes - Rhianna Chalifour
- Props - TBA