**COMMITMENT EXPECTATIONS FOR LA CROSSE DANCE CENTRE’S**

**33rd ANNUAL *NUTCRACKER BALLET, 2022***

**Please read the following information:**

It is important that you realize that if you are chosen to dance in the *Nutcracker Ballet,* we will need a commitment of time and energy from you as a dance artist as well as from your parents in terms of volunteering, costume help, sponsorship outreach, etc.

**Mandatory** tech rehearsals/performance dates are listed below. Times will be announced with the release of the rehearsal schedule at a later date.

**TECH WEEK:** Monday, December 5, 2022 through Thursday, December 8, 2022.

**PERFORMANCES:** Friday, December 9, 2022; Saturday, December 10, 2022; Sunday, December 11, 2022

**CAST LIST RELEASED VIA EMAIL BY:** Noon, Sunday, August 14, 2022

**ACCEPT OR DECLINE YOUR ROLE(S) BY:** Wednesday, August 17, 2022

**MANDATORY *NUTCRACKER BALLET* MEETING: 10:00-11:30 am** Saturday, August 20

This meeting is for parents primarily, but dancers can be present and it’s a nice time to see our cast together for the first time

\*I will announce in the email accompanying the cast list whether this meeting will be on Zoom or in person.

**33rd ANNUAL *NUTCRACKER BALLET* REHEARSALS BEGIN:** Week of August 22, 2022. We usually rehearse once per week per role until the end of October, when rehearsals become more frequent. Rehearsals are primarily held on weekends, with the exceptions of the weeks of August 22, August 29, Sept. 7, and Nov. 21 through the show, when rehearsals will be held possibly during the week and weekend.

**\*\*\*PLEASE TURN IN YOUR REHEARSAL CONFLICTS WITH YOUR AUDITION FORM.**

This includes ALL family, spiritual, school, or extra-curricular commitments that would interfere with rehearsals for the *Nutcracker Ballet,* both during the week and weekends from August 22, 2022 through December 11, 2022.

**\*\*\* Please include whether or not your dancer can rehearse during the day the week of August 22, 2022.**

\*All 33rd Annual *Nutcracker Ballet* cast members and volunteers agree to follow any COVID-19 protocols put in place by La Crosse County, La Crosse Dance Centre and Viterbo University while at LDC or Viterbo University.

\*While the month leading up to the show is fun and exciting, it includes many hours at La Crosse Dance Centre and the Viterbo Fine Arts Center. For two-three nights of **TECH WEEK**, dancers 5 – 9 years old will be in the theatre until 9:15 pm, while dancers 10 years and up may be at the theatre until 10:00 pm. Please consider this time commitment and late hours and make a decision based on what is best for your dancer before accepting your dancer’s role(s).

\*In order to participate in the 33rd Annual *Nutcracker Ballet,* you must register for, pay tuition for and attend at least one (1) technique class per week with the La Crosse Dance Centre for the 2022 – 2023 dance season running September 12, 2022 through May 13, 2023. Depending on the role, dancers, ages 11 and older, may be asked to take a specific genre or more than one class to ensure proper training for the demands of the production.

\*In addition to class tuition, each Nutcracker cast member must pay a Performance Fee of $280 ($140 for each additional dancer per family) and a $25.00 Costume Rental Fee for each costume worn in the show.

**Please contact Nikki Balsamo, LDC Artistic Director and Owner and Director of *Nutcracker Ballet,* with questions:**

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