

CONTEMPORARY
DANCE ACADEMY

2021 Clara and The Nutcracker Information Packet

Clara and The Nutcracker is the magical story of a young girl's dream coming to life. It is a Ballet that has been performed for many generations and a true celebration of Classical Ballet. This will be our 11th annual performance and we are hoping (if all goes according to plan) to have 3 stunning live performances at the Lincoln Center this December! This production is a wonderful way for your dancer to be a part of a true professional production and gain memories that will last a lifetime!

Auditions: Due to COVID-19 and in an effort to keep the number of dancers in the studio at one time to a minimum, only dancers in Fast Track will be required to audition. We will run it like Spring Production where we will assume every dancer in a Ballet class will be participating and if your dancer is unable to be a part of it, please email us prior to September 11th!

Auditions for Fast Track- Saturday, September 11th

We will not be holding the class portion of auditions so please come warmed up ready to learn choreography!

(1:00-2:15) FT Quartz/Jade

(2:15-3:30) FT Aqua/Turquoise/Amber

(3:30-4:00) FT Aqua/Amber/Men

**NOTE: Dancers must be enrolled in a Ballet class Level 1 or higher in order to participate in this production. Tiny Tots, Tap, Jazz/Lyrical, Contemporary, and Hip Hop classes will not be a part of this production.

IF YOUR DANCER DOES NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE PLEASE EMAIL US NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH!

Everyone will be cast in at least 1 role per ballet class that they are enrolled in. Those who are available to rehearse on Saturdays may be cast in additional roles. A cast list will be sent out the week of September 20th that a parent must sign in order accept their dancers role in the performance. You have until **Saturday, September 25th** to accept your role in the show.

Who can participate?: Boys and girls ages 5+. Dancers must be enrolled in Ballet 1-5, Intermediate Ballet, or Fast Track here at CDA. Rehearsals will be held in their ballet classes, and on Saturday afternoons (if cast for extra roles). **IF ANY ADULTS ARE INTERESTED IN BEING IN THE PERFORMANCE, PLEASE EMAIL INFO@CONTEMPORARYDANCEACADEMY.COM**

Nutcracker Fee: \$135 per student. The fee covers all rehearsal time, costume rentals, Nutcracker t-shirt, and a pair of Performance Tights for each dancer, and will be **due Monday, October 11th**. CDA takes pride in putting on a spectacular performance by bringing in guest artists, renting backdrops, scenery, and costumes from professional companies, and giving the dancers the experience of dancing in such a beautiful venue and your contributions are what make this all possible. Nutcracker costumes are rented from CDA for the performance, so dancers may not take costumes home at any time. If anything were to happen regarding another shutdown or cancellation of the show, your performance fees would be refunded to your CDA Accounts!

Show dates: Friday, December 10th at 7:00PM, and Saturday, December 11th at 2:00PM and 7:00PM

Extra Mandatory Rehearsal dates:

- 1) Saturday, December 4th: In Studio Dress rehearsal approximately 1:00-7:00 PM (Specific times for dancers TBA)
- 2) Wednesday, December 8th and/or Thursday, December 9th: Dress rehearsal at Lincoln Center 4:00-9:00PM

****Students are required to be at both Dress Rehearsals (in studio and at the theatre) and are obligated to all three performances.**

****Rehearsals will start September 27th in class and will be every Saturday from September 25th on (for those cast in lead roles)**

Absence Policy:

Students who miss more than two classes/rehearsals from September 27th to the time of the shows, will automatically be taken out of the performance and the Performance Fee will not be refunded.

We hope to have you all a part of the magic!

Brielle Dighero

Executive Director/Owner