

The Nutcracker 2017

Welcome Dancers and Parents! Juneau Dance Theatre (JDT) will present *The Nutcracker* December 1-3 at the Juneau Douglas High School (JDHS) Auditorium. The production will require time, commitment and tremendous teamwork. Each of us needs to understand our roles within the framework of this production to ensure its success. Please see the requirements outlined below.

Participant Requirements

1. Parental commitment. Volunteer in **at least one area** such as: load in/out, costumes, back stage, candy gram, flowers etc. **and** provide baked goods for concessions **or** an item for sale in the holiday shop.
2. Dancers and families must read and follow directions outlined in the Nutcracker Cast Handbook (which can be found on our website's Resources page, and at the studio).
3. In addition to regular classes, dancers must commit to attend rehearsals each Saturday, 4:30-6:30 pm and each Sunday, 12:30-3:30 pm beginning September 16 at the JDT Studio. **We WILL hold dress rehearsals in the studio during the Saturday and Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. Times to be determined.**
4. Dancers must attend rehearsals the following days/times at the Juneau Douglas High School Auditorium (dancers may be excused early):

Tech rehearsal: Wednesday, November 29th, 5:00-8:00 pm

Dress rehearsal: Thursday, November 30th, 5:00-9:00 pm

5. On time attendance at rehearsals and classes is **mandatory**. Dancers depend on one another to ensure successful choreography in the production. An absence creates a difficult and confusing situation for the other performers. Tardiness and unexcused absences are unacceptable. Therefore be advised of the following policy regarding unexcused absences:
 - **Two** missed rehearsals without being excused in advance by either Catherine Fowle or Artistic Director, Zak Hensch, may result in the dancer's role(s) being recast; and/or the dancer being removed from the production altogether. In the event your dancer will miss rehearsal due to illness, please notify the JDT office by leaving a message at 463-5327, or by email to juneaudance@gci.net

6. Dancers must continue their regular dance training. Nutcracker rehearsals do not take the place of regularly scheduled dance classes.

7. *The Nutcracker* performances are as follows:

Friday, December 1, **Performance** at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 2, **Performance** at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 3, **Performance** at 2:00 pm

8. Parents must notify each dancer's academic school teacher of the rehearsal schedule and performance dates. Teachers' awareness of the schedule can provide the opportunity for adjustments in the classroom and homework schedule.

9. Quiet time activities must be provided by parents for their dancers to keep them occupied while waiting for their turn to perform. Ideas include homework, books, quiet games, crayons, paper, etc. Please put dancer's names on personal items.

10. Dancers must come prepared to dance with their hair up, wearing proper dance attire, and warm cover-ups for use between dances. Proper attire includes a leotard, pink tights or black jazz pants, ballet or jazz shoes, pointe shoes for those who need them, etc. Do not rehearse in new tights or shoes that are intended for performance.

11. Participants must be conscientious about drinking enough water. Each performer must bring a water bottle with his/her name on it. Healthy snacks are also encouraged. No sugary treats or sodas will be allowed. **No eating or drinking in costumes is allowed, except for WATER.**

12. Each dancer must bring to rehearsals a dance bag, with their name on it, packed with their dance shoes, two pair of pink tights or an extra pair of black jazz pants, and a hair brush or comb.

For dress rehearsal and performances, please add to your dancer's bag: bobby pins, safety pins, hair gel/hair spray, and makeup. Please remember to put your dancer's name on everything!

13. Rehearsals are for dancers and staff only. No viewing will be allowed without prior approval. No loitering at the studio will be allowed during rehearsals, including friends of dancers. Dancers must be picked up no later than 15 minutes after their rehearsal ends.

If you have any questions, please call the JDT studio at 463-5327

Please check www.juneaudance.org for more information

We look forward to a memorable, exciting, and beautiful Nutcracker production.

Thank you for your participation!

Please sign this page and return to the JDT office.

Parent(s) Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____ (Hm.) _____ (Wk.) _____ (Cell)

**We have read and understand the participant requirements for JDT's
The Nutcracker and agree to abide by these requirements.**

Student Signature

Print Name

Parent Signature

Print Name

Date _____

List **all** schedule conflicts for the period of **Sept. 16-Dec. 3:**

