



**A Dance Express Nutcracker 2022**

## **Nutcracker Performance to benefit The Brighton Center**

Our annual Christmas Performance benefiting the Brighton Center will take place on Friday, DECEMBER 9th at St. Henry High School at 7:00 pm. Please read the following details regarding our Nutcracker performance and let me know if you have any questions.

### **Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures**

For the safety of all our dancers, every dancer will need to be signed in and out before and after the show. Upon arrival at the theater, please have ONE-FEMALE GUARDIAN escort the dancer to the stage door towards the left of the lobby. After signing your dancer in, they will be escorted their waiting area backstage. The dance teams and adult classes will have an assigned classroom, all other classes will wait in the Blackbox area backstage. **ONLY ONE FEMALE GUARDIAN PER DANCER WILL BE ALLOWED BACKSTAGE DURING DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES. PLEASE DO NOT BRING ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS BACKSTAGE DURING DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP.** Please be patient with this process. While it may take some time, it is for the safety of our dancers.

#### **Arrival**

Dancers should arrive at St. Henry between **6:30 and 6:40 ready to dance** in costume, hair fixed, and makeup applied. Upon arrival, ONE female guardian should escort their dancer to the backstage waiting areas by using the stage door located to the left of the lobby area. Once dancers are signed in and dropped off backstage, they are expected to stay in their assigned waiting area for the duration of the show. At no time should students leave to sit with their family/friends in the audience or visit in the lobby area.

#### **Dismissal**

After the finale, dancers will be dismissed from the stage. Class by class we will ask ONE female guardian to use the ramp on the left of the stage to meet their dancer. From there, they will proceed to the backstage area to collect their belongings before signing the dancer out. It is our job to keep the children safe and we expect everyone's cooperation with the dismissal process. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS BACKSTAGE—IT CAN BECOME CAOTIC AND CROWDED WITH TOO MANY PEOPLE BACKSTAGE AND IN THE DRESSING AREAS. PLEASE HAVE ADDITIONAL "FANS" WAIT IN THE LOBBY TO CONGRATULATE DANCERS ON A JOB WELL DONE.**

#### **General Information**

- Please make sure your child uses the restroom before they arrive.
- Makeup should be applied at home to avoid dressing room chaos.
- No jewelry should be worn (small stud earrings are okay)
- No nail polish or temporary tattoos.
- Absolutely no food, drinks or smoking is permitted anywhere in the building. Water bottles only.
- No gum.
- Small children should have coloring books, cards, and small games to keep them occupied.
- Please do not send valuables with your dancer.

## Costumes, Hair, and Make-up

- Costume pieces provided by the studio are listed in the chart below and will be sent home the week of December 5th.
- After the performance, borrowed costume pieces can either be left at the performance (bring a change of clothes for your dancer) or returned to Dance Express the following week.
- Any costume pieces not returned before Christmas break will result in a \$25 costume charge-which will be charged to your card on file on December 20th.
- **SHOES**—All ballet shoes should be pink and must have the strings tucked in or cut off—NO BOWS.
- **MAKEUP**—All dancers will need to wear some makeup for the Nutcracker. For younger dancers light mascara, blush and lipstick will do the trick.
- **NO UNDERWEAR UNDER TIGHTS**—Your tights are your underwear! This is specifically important for dancers wearing leotard and tutus.
- **HAIR—Girls:** Hair should be pulled back into a bun. There are a lot of tutorials on YouTube if you have trouble. **HAIRNETS ARE YOUR FRIEND!** Younger dancers with short, thin hair can just secure the sides back out of their face. **Boys:** Comb and style hair neatly.

### Tickets

Reserved seating tickets will be \$12 each. At this time, we still have tickets left. If you plan to attend, please purchase a ticket, I expect the show to sell out. A portion of each ticket sold will be donated to the Brighton Center.

[A Dance Express Nutcracker ticket link](#)

### Nutcracker Boutique

Performers love being recognized for a job well done. Flowers and other Nutcracker/dance items will be available for purchase in the lobby before and after the performance on a first come, first serve basis. Cash, check and Venmo payments will be accepted. NO CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS will be accepted at the performance.

### A Dance Express Nutcracker 2022 T-Shirt Orders

Nutcracker shirts are here and will be sent home with costume pieces the week of December 5th. We have a limited number of extra shirts. They will be available for purchase at the Nutcracker performance for \$30.

# Nutcracker Costumes

Class Day/Time	Role	Costume (student provided)	Costume (studio provided)
Monday 4:30	Gingerbread Cookies	<b>Girls:</b> black leotard, white tights <b>Houston:</b> khaki pants	<b>Girls:</b> brown gingerbread shirt, hair bow <b>Houston:</b> brown gingerbread shirt
Monday 5:15	Snowflakes	black leotard, white tights	snowflake, white skirt, headband
Monday 6:15	Battle (soldiers/mice)	<b>Mice:</b> grey long-sleeve t-shirt, grey leggings <b>Soldiers:</b> black leggings	<b>Mice:</b> pink belly, ears, tie, tail <b>Soldiers:</b> soldier shirt, hat
Tuesday 4:30 (Blue)	Gifts: Dancing Dolls	Competition costume	--
Tuesday 6:00	Flowers	<b>Girls:</b> light pink leotard, pink tights <b>Boys:</b> black pants, white shirt	<b>Girls:</b> green tutu, flower for hair <b>Boys:</b> boutonniere
Tuesday 7:00	Coffee (Arabian)	black leotard, tan tights	Arabian skirt
Wednesday 4:30	Angels	white tights	white dress, halo
Wednesday 6:30	Marzipan	black leotard, pink tights	pink skirts
Wednesday 7:30	Candy Canes (Russian)	red and white	--
Thursday 4:30 (Pink)	Tea (Chinese)	competition costume	--
Thursday 6:30 (Silver)	Hot Chocolate (Spanish)	black leotard, black leggings	poinsettia for hip
Saturday 9:30 (Dance with Me)	Party Kids	Christmas dress and tights	--
Saturday (Broadway kids)	Kitchen scene	black long-sleeve shirt, black leggings	apron and hat

# Newsletter

## Important Dates

### December

- 9 Nutcracker Performance at St. Henry
- 14-20 Christmas Parties
- 20 Recital Package Fee Due
- 21-Jan 3 No Classes – Winter Break!

### January

- 4 Classes Resume

### March

- 6-11 Watch Week
- TBD Ticket Sales

### April

- 3-9 Spring Break--No Classes!
- 29 Recital at St. Henry

## Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will take place Wednesday, December 14th to Tuesday, December 20th. Please bring a \$5.00 exchange gift. You may also bring a treat to share with the class if you would like—it must be prepackaged! Please check with your child's teacher for the number of students and any allergies in the class. Classes resume Wednesday, January 4, 2023!

## Winter Break

The studio will be closed for winter break December 21st - January 3rd--NO CLASSES during this time. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

## Recital Dates

The dance recital has been tentatively set for Saturday, April 29th at St. Henry High School in Erlanger, KY. More recital details will follow. If you have any questions regarding the recital, please ask.

## Recital Package Fee

NEW THIS YEAR!! To help simplify your life, this year we are packaging your dancer's recital needs together in one "Recital Package Fee." If your dancer decides NOT to participate in the annual recital, please notify the studio before October 15th so we do not bill you for the package fee and do not order a costume for them. Your recital package fee will be added to your account the first week of November. Any credit received from participating in the fundraiser will be deducted at that time as well, and the balance must be paid in full by December 20, 2022.

### Your Recital Package Fee includes:

- Recital costumes
- Recital tights or socks
- Any accessories or props your child needs
- Recital video digital download
- Recital t-shirt
- Recital ribbon

### Recital Package Fees:

- 30 minute class - \$80.00
- 45 and 60 minute classes - \$110.00
- 75 minute and 90 minute classes - \$130.00
- Adult Classes - \$40.00 \*price may be increased if group costumes are ordered
- Dance Teams – see DT fees

