



St. Petersburg Ballet Conservatory

To SPBC Families,

Hello everyone! I'm sure you've seen that SPBC is hosting a Nutcracker Raffle and Silent Auction. Brian asked if I would help out and we are hoping the SPBC families are willing to contribute, too.

To simplify things, we are asking families to donate a gift card(s) or gift certificate(s) to your favorite businesses around the Tampa Bay area. I know the holidays can be stressful on our wallets and time, so to keep the pressure off, we are asking that all gift cards be a minimum of just \$10. For those that are able to give beyond this amount, you can divide your larger donation across a few smaller \$10 cards or you can donate one card that is larger.

With approximately 50 families in our school, I'm setting a goal of 60 gift cards/certificates. I'll keep track of this goal with a board by the front office. Should we exceed our goal, that's a great reason to celebrate and I can't wait to do so!

Any donation, whether it be big or small, one or many, will be greatly appreciated and will make this event an even bigger success. Below are some important notes on where and when to take your donation. Thank you for your generosity!

With Thanks,

Allison Heath
Nutcracker Donation Chair

A FEW IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. WHERE DO I TAKE MY DONATED GIFT CARD/CERTIFICATE?

A locked “mailbox” will be placed on or near the front desk at school with appropriate signage as you walk in to drop off your dancers.

2. WHEN CAN I BRINGING IN MY GIFT CARD/CERTIFICATE AND WHEN ARE THEY DUE?

I will have the mailbox set up by this Friday for sure and we are asking for all gift cards/certificates be dropped off by Tuesday, December 7th.

3. DO I NEED TO PUT MY OWN NAME ON THE GIFT CARD/CERTIFICATE, SO YOU KNOW I HELPED?

No, please don't write names on the gift cards/certificates, as the winners of those are yet to be determined. If you'd like to let us know you donated, feel free to email me at raines.allison@gmail.com or email Brian, but it's not necessary. We are not keeping track of who donates what. However, we do need to know the amount on the card, please write on the gift card with a sharpie the amount on the card before dropping it inside (I'll have some sharpies available by the drop box). Again, we appreciate all your gifts.

4. WHAT EXACTLY IS MY GIFT CARD/CERTIFICATE GOING TO AGAIN?

During the upcoming performances, raffle tickets will be sold before the show. I will also create and pass out a list of items on the raffle tables and silent auction. This way the audiences know what they are raffling for. Depending on how many gift cards/certificates are donated from our families and the community, tables will be set up and organized with the gift cards/certificates on display. Just drop your raffle ticket off at your desired table. At some point during the show, Brian will pull tickets for lucky winners to take their pick of the table.

5. WHAT IF I HAVE A LARGE TICKET ITEM DONATED FROM A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER?

That's awesome! Please contact Brian and let him know so he can add it to the silent auction. And big kudos for reaching out to those you already know!

6. WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF UNIQUE GIFT CARDS OR GIFT CERTIFICATES?

Personally, I would try and think of some of my favorite places around town to gather gift cards and certificates. But sometimes, it's just easier to grab one when you're visiting Starbucks, or during your grocery run. ANY donation is a good donation! The more unique your card, the more options there will be on the table and the more fun it will be selecting a choice.

**Here are some ideas if you're stuck, but your fresh ideas are welcome too.
Really, the sky is the limit.**

- Nail Salons
- Hair Salons
- Spas (massage)
- Florists
- Any restaurant around town: from breakfast bakeries, to drop in and fast-food lunches, Pizza Places, to easy dinners or fancy ones, even the ice cream parlors on the beach are big hits
- Breweries, Distilleries, Wineries
- Amazon Gift Cards
- Coffee shops
- Boutiques in Tampa, St. Pete, North Pinellas, St. Armand's Circle, Etc.
- Any of your favorite larger Chain Store (clothing stores, shoes, department stores, Williams Sonoma, Pottery Barn, etc.)
- On Pointe (for dancewear)
- Home Depot
- Lowes
- Car Washes (Mr. Car Wash, Pasadena Car Wash, etc.)
- Michael's/Joann's Crafts
- Homegoods/Target
- Ross/Marshalls, TJ Max
- Target Gift Cards
- Dicks Sporting Goods
- PetSmart (dog grooming?)
- Movie Theater Gift Cards
- Unique Grocery Stores: Trader Joes, Mazzaros, Earth Fare
- Our Go-To Grocery Stores: Publix, Aldi, Walmart etc.
- Golf Courses
- Bowling Allies
- Putt-Putt Golfing
- Chartered Fishing Trips
- Dinner Cruise or Pirate Ship Certificates
- Disney/Universal, Busch Gardens Theme Park Gift Cards
- Local Attractions: Clearwater Marine
- Florida Aquarium
- Sky Zone type places
- Museum Certificates for day passes
- Arts and Crafts Classes: Morean Art Center, Nook and Cranny, Etc.
- Cooking Classes
- Gas Station Gift Cards
- Apple Gifts
- Game Stop/Nintendo, Etc.
- Visa Gift Cards
- Online Photo Centers (Snapfish, etc.)