

NUTCRACKER 2009

General Information:

The Santa Clara Ballet Company **will accept** dancers who audition based on their *interest and commitment*. Dancers will be cast accordingly, taking into consideration their full commitment, interest and the involvement of the parents in the production.

The Santa Clara Ballet Association is a **non-profit organization** and receives partial funding from the City of Santa Clara. The Company does two (2) seasons a year, a Spring Concert and the "Nutcracker" which usually brings in a full house in the 607-seat theater at the Santa Clara Convention Center. The Company does professional and quality productions, featuring guest artists dancing in principal roles. This is an opportunity for an aspiring dancer to perform in a professional setting.

The Nutcracker production incurs a lot of expenses. Therefore, the Company depends largely on your support both financially and by volunteering time for various production needs. We have done it for over 34 years and with the help of our Parents/Dancers and Friends Volunteer Team, made out successfully. This year, we hope to do it again with your full commitment.

The Nutcracker production entails several projects such as:

Ticket Sales

Corporate and Studio/Online Sales

Soliciting Memberships

Corporate & Individual

Advertisement

Web, Media, Schools, Libraries, Stores

Fund Raising

Holiday Boutique
Food Concession

Costumes

Sew, Mend, and Fit
Wash, Iron
Refurbish /Make Accessories

Backstage Wardrobe

Dressers, Chaperones, Make-up
Wardrobe helpers

Backstage Crew

Load and Unload props and Scenery
Transport Costumes, Prepare Floor
Change Scenery

Parent Meeting - Sunday, September 20, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, Santa Clara Ballet School

Adult dancers and Parents are expected to attend the first mandatory **'Informational Meeting'**. This meeting will also be indicative of your/your child's true interest in participating in this production.

At the meeting, we will discuss the above items and take suggestions to help improve what we have done in the past. We will also discuss mandatory requirements as well as volunteer projects outlined below.

Participation Fee: \$175 (non refundable)

Dancer's Membership Fee: \$50

Boutique: \$30

Ticket Sales: 30 tickets or more

SCBA Membership Contribution: \$30 and above

Concession: \$30

Please remember that the above requirements are *minimal* compared to school recitals, competitions etc. that require entrance fee and don't include costumes. The Santa Clara Ballet will provide several costumes that will be needed for assigned roles.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals may tentatively start on September 27. Please go to the website www.santaclaraballet.org for the rehearsal schedule.



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PERFORMANCE DATES

December 12 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
December 13 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

VENUE

Santa Clara Convention Center
5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA 95054

CASTING

All dancers will be cast to their best advantage. Role assignment **will not** become permanent until the dancer has been given a chance to try other roles (subject to the Director's decision). Partial casting will be posted a week before rehearsals commence.

UNDERSTUDIES

All understudies are required to learn the role and be present at all rehearsals.

FEES

Participation fee has to *be paid before participants can rehearse*. **NO ONE** will be allowed to rehearse. Participation fee is *non-refundable* once the dancer has commenced rehearsal.

REHEARSAL

Rehearsals will be scheduled on SATURDAYS and/or SUNDAYS. Special rehearsals may be called as the need arises.

ABSENCES

Dancers will be allowed only one (1) absence. Inexcusable absences after then will be a cause for replacement of the role.

CONTRACT

All dancers, parents/guardians must sign a *Contractual Letter of Agreement* with the Santa Clara Ballet Company before a participant will be allowed to rehearse.

TECHNICAL / DRESS REHEARSAL

Everyone is **REQUIRED** to be at the Dress Rehearsals on Friday, December 11, at the Santa Clara Convention Center Theater. No one is excused.

PARENT MEETINGS

Follow up meetings are **mandatory** for all parents/guardians/dancers at the Ballet Studio

- September 20, 12:30 – 1:30 pm
- October 17
- November 14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It will be the dancer's/parents responsibility to check rehearsals schedules and notices on the Bulletin Board.

Updated rehearsal schedules and other announcements are also available via our website at:

<http://www.santaclaraballet.org>