

# DANCER'S EDGE

# *Nutcracker 2018*

Parents and Dancers,

We are so excited to be going into our 5th Nutcracker season! Every year we make changes to further grow our production. Many variables go into making this show a success, we thank you for understanding the evolution of the program. The roles have been placed into age brackets to prepare the dancers for the roles they may be cast in. All dancers and a parent must sign and commit to Nutcracker and the role(s) they receive prior to walking into auditions on Friday, 8/24. Dancers cannot audition then quit once they receive their assigned role. If your dancer chooses to quit, they will not be permitted to audition for Nutcracker the following season. You will also be able to indicate the maximum amount of rolls that you are willing to accept.

New this year! We are adding older mice roles to Battle Scene. Our Battle Scene will more intense than ever before! These dancers will be able to showcase unique and difficult movements and will also dance and play with our baby mice. All while battling the Nutcracker Prince and Soldiers to protect the Rat King!

Nutcracker is a wonderful experience for your dancer, even the smallest roles are important to our show! Everyone will get their moment to shine but have to climb the ladder to do so, just as our teachers did!

## **Ages 5 and under:**

*Storytime and/or Baby Mice*

## **Ages 6-9:**

*Marie, Party Guest, Mice, Soldier, Clown, Story Time, Reeds, Chinese, Arabian, Russian, Spanish, Dolls*

## **Ages 10-13:**

*Clara, Marie, Maid(Party Scene), Doll(Party Scene), Party Guest, Rat King, Soldier, The Nutcracker, Clown, Snowflake, Flower, Snow Soloist, Flower Soloist, Mother Ginger, Reeds, Chinese, Arabian, Russian, Spanish, Dolls, Mice*

## **Ages 14 and up:**

*Party Guest, Doll, Rat King, Nutcracker, Snow Soloist, Snow Queen, Snowflake, Mother Ginger, Flower Soloist, Flower, Sugar Plum, Reeds, Chinese, Arabian, Russian, Spanish, Dolls, Mice*

*We wish your dancers the very best of luck at auditions!*

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## SCHEDULING & COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

Rehearsals begin 9/7! We only have 3 months to rehearse this show. We understand that weekend rehearsals can be challenging, but we worked very hard to keep that in mind while giving the show the rehearsal time it needs to be it's absolute best!

**Fridays:** Some roles will meet on Fridays. Students cast as Dolls, Sugar Plum, Snow Queen, Spanish, Arabian, Chinese, and Reeds will receive these specific dates with their roles. **Friday Rehearsals - 7-8 P.M. - 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30**

**Saturdays:** ALL cast members will meet every Saturday leading up to our performance on 12/10. Saturday rehearsals will take place from 9:00-12:00 P.M., however, not all cast members will attend the full rehearsal each week. A detailed schedule will be sent with your roles. **Saturday Rehearsals - 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10//27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17**

**Sundays:** There will be 3 Sunday rehearsals. ALL cast members will be attend rehearsal from 2:00-5:00 P.M. **Sunday Rehearsals - 10/14, 10/28, 11/18 (Dress Rehearsal @ Studio)**

**“Baby Mice” will begin rehearsals on October 6th.**

**“Storytime” students will attend the 11/18 dress rehearsal at Dancer’s Edge and the Dress Rehearsal at Jane Tasch Theatre only.**

**There will be no rehearsals during Thanksgiving weekend.**

***Dress Rehearsal at Jane Tasch Theatre in Pinckney - 12/7***

***Performance at Jane Tasch Theatre in Pinckney - 12/9 - 12:00 P.M.***

**The fee to participate in the Nutcracker is \$199/student with a costume fee of \$75/costume. There is no participation fee for returning 2017-2018 members of The Edge Ballet Company. Edge students who wish to have this fee waived for the 2019 Nutcracker must participate in the Edge year-round, including the summer semester.**

**NUTCRACKER PAYMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION AND COSTUMES ARE DUE BY THE FIRST REHEARSAL ON SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2018.**

## NUTCRACKER 2018 COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

*Please detach this portion and return to Dancer’s Edge at audition registration.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (list student's name) agree to accept any role(s) that I am cast for in the Dancer’s Edge 2018 Nutcracker production. I agree knowing the rehearsal and performance schedule in advance and agree to attend all rehearsals unless other wise excused in advance, excluding emergency situations.

If there are weather conditions causing a snow day, an email will be sent to your email address on file. Parents are strongly encouraged to check email when bad weather arises.

Indicate the best email address for Dancer’s Edge to use if necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be considered for no more than \_\_\_\_\_ roles in Nutcracker.

Please list previous roles your dancer has had in Dancer’s Edge Nutcracker productions.

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Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_