

2021 NUTCRACKER CONTRACT

This contract is a guideline to help you understand the responsibilities you assume as a Nutcracker performer and parent.

As a Dancer, I am willing to:

- Work to understand choreography and music through scheduled rehearsals, which includes: being responsive to the choreographer and doing independent work on the development of my role.
- Value my expression of the choreography through movement and dance technique.
- Work in a cooperative and supportive manner with other dancers, choreographers, and parents.

Nutcracker Members:

- Must be 5 as of August 31, 2021
- Must have taken ballet for at least 1 year
- Must attend audition; individual auditions will NOT be held
- Must sign Nutcracker Contract
- Must sell tickets and/or advertisements

Class Attendance:

- All performers must be enrolled in at least 1 ballet class at Swansboro Dance Studio for the entire 2021/2022 Dance Season.
- All those with a pointe role, must be enrolled in at least 2 pointe classes at Swansboro Dance Studio for the entire 2021/2022 Dance Season
- Performers must attend these classes regularly.
- Expected to comply with classroom dress code and behavior.
- Should your circumstances change during this contract, please schedule a meeting with Mrs. Christy.

Finances:

- All expenses, dues, costumes and accessories are to be paid in full before ordering. All shoes, tights and make-up are furnished by the dancer
- \$150 to be paid at time of audition; the remaining balance to be paid by October 1st.
- \$300 is the total amount; this includes a long-sleeve t-shirt. Additional siblings will cost \$175.

Rehearsals and Performances:

- Expected to attend all rehearsals and performances in which they are cast as a dancer or understudy.
- Dancers must be on time for all rehearsals and performances as scheduled. And unexcused absences are subject to cast changes.
- Must accept roles assigned to them since they are assigned with consideration for their level of development, their specific capabilities and the requirements of the overall production. Please be aware that casting will not necessarily include all dancers in the same roles.
- Dancers assigned to understudy a role are expected to know the choreography and stay current with corrections. This is a wonderful learning and growth opportunity. Anyone not cast is welcome to attend rehearsals.
- Parents and dancers are responsible for casting and rehearsal information, including changes.
- Dancers are expected to maintain the performance standards of Swansboro Dance Studio.

Conduct and Appearance:

- Comply with company standards of make-up and hair styling for performances (low bun, parted on the left, using a hairnet and red lipstick).
- Conduct themselves on all occasions in a manner consistent with the discipline and ideals to the art of dance.

Most Important Tip:

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Make sure that we have your current e-mail address and phone. Most communication will be via e-mail.

*A Nutcracker Parent Meeting will be scheduled once roles have been given. During this meeting, the following information and expectations will be discussed, as well as signing up to volunteer.

Cost:

Nutcracker fee is \$300 for the first child and \$175 for the second; **THIS PRICE INCLUDES A NUTCRACKER LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRT.** Please note that this fee covers the cost of the teacher's time and the use of the rehearsal and performance space. This fee does NOT include costumes.

Auditions/Summer Rehearsals:

* We do our best to find the perfect parts for each child based on his/her interests, abilities and the needs of the show; trust our professional opinions.

* Summer Rehearsals will be held during the day the last two weeks of summer. These rehearsals are mandatory.

* Middle school and high school students must participate in either a Swansboro Dance Studio Dance Camp or some other dance training over the summer.

Nutcracker needs parents (or any family members) too!

* Adult family members interested in appearing in the production as Party Guests should see Mrs. Heather for more information.

* Family members interested in set building or sewing costumes should see Mrs. Heather to see how they can contribute.

* If your family has an artificial Christmas tree to loan for the set, it would be greatly appreciated in November.

* All families will be asked to sell tickets and to help with set up and clean up before and after the show.

Saturday Fall Rehearsals:

* Weekend rehearsals generally start after Labor Day and run through the weekend before performance. These rehearsals are very important. If your child will be participating in another activity that requires his/her regular attendance on Saturday mornings in the fall, Nutcracker is not for you.

* Rehearsal times are generally given at least a month in advance, usually via e-mail. Some rehearsals will be for your child's specific part and may be as short as 15 minutes. Others will involve an entire act, and may require his/her presence for a couple of hours.

* There will be no rehearsals on Labor Day Weekend or Mullet Festival Weekend.

* There is no eating or drinking anything but water in the dance studio. We encourage you to send water with your child in a leak-proof container.

* Children may bring books, games or electronic devices for their personal entertainment while waiting for their rehearsal time as long as it is not a distraction to the rehearsal. We are not responsible for loss or damage to personal items.

* Frequently your child will be free to leave before the scheduled rehearsal time. You might consider arriving 10-15 minutes before the scheduled end time.

* You MUST pick up your child by the final scheduled end time.

Costumes:

Swansboro Dance Studio reuses and repurposes as many costumes as possible. You may be asked to purchase a new costume, or you may be able to rent a used one. All fees are due in advance.

1) Rentals - Costume Rentals are \$10. They should be cleaned according to instructions prior to their prompt return after the show. Rentals are not available for every costume.

2) New Costumes - Though new costumes are yours to keep, remember that they might be used again for next year. Please store them carefully.

3) Costume donation - If you have a costume you no longer need, please consider donating them to the studio so that someone else may rent them.

* All female dancers are required to have theater pink tights, ballet shoes and wear their hair in a low ballerina bun unless otherwise instructed. The bun should be in a hairnet, available at any drug store.

* Purchase of a nude leotard is strongly encouraged so that your child may quickly change costumes backstage. There is not enough room to give everyone a private changing area. These leotards may be purchased at Sue's Dance Studio in Jacksonville, or many online stores.

Performances:

* Performance dates will be announced as soon as they are set. Most likely, there will be field trip performances on Thursday and/or Friday of that week.

* Good items to have backstage at performances: extra tights, bobby pins (and other hairstyling items), safety pins, and stage makeup.

*The following OPTIONAL items will be available for purchase close to performance time and at dress rehearsal:

- DVD - \$25 (Usually a choice of 2 performances available)

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Please 1 contract per performer.

Student's Name: _____ Age as of August 31st: _____
 Parent's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____

Last year I was: _____
 This year I am interested in: _____

Please understand being part of the Nutcracker requires a great deal of commitment and sacrifice from lots of people; the students, the parents, and the teachers. We all must be committed to making this performance one to remember!

I, _____, (student's name) agree to attend all rehearsals dressed in proper ballet attire. If I miss a rehearsal, I will learn the choreography I missed before my next rehearsal. I understand that if I do not know my choreography, I will lose my role. I agree to practice all my choreography at home, so that I am prepared at each rehearsal.

I, _____, (parent's name) agree to have my child at all rehearsals, on time and dressed in proper ballet attire. I agree to pay \$150 at audition and to pay the remaining balance before October 1st. I will pay for costumes, if necessary and return any loaned costume in the condition it was borrowed.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only:
 Nutcracker Audition Fee: \$ _____ ck/cash: _____ date: _____
 Remaining Balance: \$ _____ ck/cash: _____ date: _____

T-SHIRT INFORMATION:

| Long Sleeve - LS Zip Up - ZU | Adult/Youth | Size: S/M/L/XL/XXL | Quantity | Unit Price | Amount | Paid *office use* |
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Additional money must be paid when you order. Unpaid orders will not be placed.

I am interested in helping in the following ways (check all that apply):

- Costumes
- Set Building/Clean-Up
- Loaning a Christmas Tree
- Petite Ballerinas Stage Mom (only 1)
- Adopt-A-Queen (quick changes)
- Backstage Volunteer (1 per group)

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- Party Parents
- Posters/Programs
- Props
- Other: _____