

North Shore Dance Studio's Production of The Beloved Nutcracker is coming December 2017!

We are very excited to announce that North Shore Dance Studio will be presenting Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker December 3rd, 2017! We are in the process of working out all of the details for the performances but I thought I would fill you in on what we know so far!

Who is involved? Dancers age 2.5-18. All Dance Basics classes as well as all Ballet technique classes offered at NSDS. Basically, if you wear Ballet slippers to dance class, you are invited to be a part of the fun!

When? The shows will be Saturday, December 3rd, 2017. There will be two casts, Gold and Silver. The Gold Cast will perform on Saturday, December 3rd at 11am. The Silver Cast will perform on Saturday, December 3rd at 3pm. There is no difference in "talent" between the two casts. We are just using the colors to distinguish the separate casts. Ballet Levels I-VIII will be involved in both shows. They will be considered both Gold and Silver Casts.

Where? Whitefish Bay High School Auditorium

How Much? There will be a flat fee of \$70 for each dancer participating in The Nutcracker. This fee includes your costume, rehearsal fees, dress rehearsals and props. You will also be responsible to purchase your tickets.

Will I need to buy anything else? Yes, if you need to get tights or ballet slippers you will be able to do so at the NSDS store.

What is the time commitment? Your child will learn the dance during the regular Dance Basics or Ballet class time that you sign up for during the first semester. They'll practice during the ballet portion of the hour class. There will also be 1 Saturday afternoon rehearsal on November 11th. Lastly, there will be a dress rehearsal at WFB Auditorium on Saturday, December 2nd in the afternoon/evening with the full Nutcracker casts.

Is this performance a requirement? No, it is your choice on if you would like your dancer to participate, though everyone in the class will be learning the Nutcracker dance throughout the ballet portion of class. We highly recommend participating in The Nutcracker though, it's a great time and you won't want to miss the show!

When do I need to sign up by? Upon registering for the Fall 2017 season, there will be a Nutcracker box on the registration form, that you will be able to check if you are going to participate or not. There will be a cutoff date of September 23rd, as we will need to order costumes in early October for an appropriate costume ship/receive date.

Who is invited to the show? Everyone! Parents, Grandparents, Family, Neighbors! This is now considered an annual community Holiday event.

How much are tickets? Tickets will be \$12 for assigned admission seating and there will be no limit to purchase tickets, the more the merrier!

Will videotaping be allowed? No, we will have a professional videographer on hand, just as we do for Recitals. DVDs will be available for purchase for \$25.

What teachers are involved with The Nutcracker? Denis Malinkine (Ballet Master of The Milwaukee Ballet), Davit Hovhannisyan (Principal dancer with The Milwaukee Ballet), Janel Meindersee (artist with The Milwaukee Ballet) Katie Holtzen, Becca Cross, Elisabeth Roskopf, Rebecca Enea, Emmy O'Connor, and Jill McGuire.

We are so excited to be offering this timeless tradition for dancers and families during the Holiday Season. The Nutcracker is one of the most celebrated and recognized Ballets of all time, and our goal is to make it an Exciting, annual Event for the studio!