

Dear Ballet Caliente Families,

We are excited to present *A Caliente Christmas* on Saturday, December 14th at 11:00am at **St. Mary's College of Maryland's Nancy R. and Norton T. Dodge Performing Arts Center!**

REGISTRATION will open online Monday, September 23rd and close Saturday, October 5th.

- Dancers in **Pre-Ballet and Primary Ballet** may participate.
- Tap, Jazz and Contemporary genres will be featured for **Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & Studio Company**.
 - Genres will be assigned to each level based on enrollment.
 - Dancers will participate in one piece. For example, if a Level 3 dancer participates in all genres, they will be assigned to one genre's piece.
- *This is an optional performance opportunity.*
- Register through your [JackRabbit Parent Portal](#).
- **Participation Fee- \$100**
 - *For dancers choosing to participate in both Caliente Christmas and The Nutcracker, your Caliente Christmas fee will be discounted to \$80.*

MANDATORY REHEARSAL DATES:

Due to the limited number of rehearsals, if you would like to participate, you must attend all rehearsals:

Sept 23	Caliente Christmas Registration Opens
Oct 5	Caliente Christmas Participation Form Due
Dec 6	Full Run-Through Rehearsal at Ballet Caliente (ALL PARTICIPANTS) ** 4:00-6:00 pm
Dec 14	11:00am Performance (ALL PARTICIPANTS)

All regular classes will learn holiday choreography during the month of November. All participating Pre-Ballet, Primary Ballet and Ballet 1 dancers will be grouped together by level and given formations at December 6 rehearsal.

*All Rehearsal Times will be posted on our website and in our App! Please check back regularly, as rehearsal schedules are subject to change.

Please contact me at schoolmanager@balletcaliente.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Katrina Okoniewski
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REHEARSAL POLICY & CONSENT FORM/ EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUEST FORM

- Attendance at all scheduled rehearsals for your role(s) is **mandatory**.
- Dancers must arrive 15 min. prior to scheduled rehearsal and must attend the entire duration of rehearsal.
- Dancers may submit the attached **Excused Absence Request Form** to Mrs. Okoniewski no later than October 5th. **Hard copy only**. *Incomplete or late requests will not be considered.*
- ****NO EXCUSED ABSENCES WILL BE GRANTED FOR THE DECEMBER 6th REHEARSAL. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- *Should special dispensation or an emergency arise, an excused absence may be granted at the Artistic Director's discretion.*
- Junior Company & Studio Company ONLY: It is the dancer's responsibility to find a "body double" for the rehearsal they are excused from AND be prepared, knowing the choreography PRIOR to the next rehearsal.
- Injured dancers should attend rehearsal to observe. Ill dancers should attend ONLY if not contagious. *Illness is excused but DOES require a "body double"*.
- Studio Company ONLY: Attendance is mandatory for regularly scheduled Studio Company classes during the pre-performance months of October-December. *Non-adherence to this policy may result in not being choreographed in parts of the class piece choreographed while absent.*

Non-conformance with this policy may result in removal from role.



Ballet Caliente's *A Caliente Christmas* Excused Absence Request Form

I _____ **WILL participate in *A Caliente Christmas* and understand my obligation as written above.**

	Conflict Date <i>(No more than 1 date requests per dancer)</i>	Reason - <i>Must be completed, blank date requests will not be considered</i>
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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

MUST BE SUBMITTED BY Friday, October 5th.