

Dear Ballet Caliente Families,

We are excited to present *The Nutcracker* on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at **St. Mary's College of Maryland's Nancy R. and Norton T. Dodge Performing Arts Center!**

**REGISTRATION will open online Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and close Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.**

- Dancers in **Ballet 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & Studio Company** may participate.
- *This is an optional performance opportunity.*
- Register through your [JackRabbit Parent Portal](#).
- **Participation Fee- \$150**
  - *For dancers choosing to participate in both Caliente Christmas and The Nutcracker, your Caliente Christmas fee will be discounted to \$80.*

**MANDATORY REHEARSAL DATES:**

*Specific times will be released soon, but families should be prepared to **reserve 9:00am-5:00pm** for rehearsals.*

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

Sept 23	Nutcracker Registration Opens
Sept 28	Intermediate & Advanced Workshops & B5/Junior/Studio Company Auditions
Oct 5	Nutcracker Participation Form Due
Oct 12	Rehearsals* (B5, Junior Company & Studio Company Only)
Oct 19	Rehearsals* (B5, Junior Company & Studio Company Only)
Oct 26	Rehearsals* (Ballet 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, JC & SC)
Nov 2	Rehearsals* (Ballet 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, JC & SC)
Nov 9	Rehearsals* (Ballet 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, JC & SC)
Nov 16	Rehearsals* (Ballet 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, JC & SC)
Nov 23	Full Run-Through at Ballet Caliente (ALL PARTICIPANTS)
Nov 30	No Rehearsals- Thanksgiving Break
Dec 7	Full Run-Through at Ballet Caliente (ALL PARTICIPANTS)
Dec 13	6:30pm Performance (ALL PARTICIPANTS)
Dec 14	6:30pm Performance (ALL PARTICIPANTS)

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

Ballet 1, 2, 3 & 4 participants may be asked to arrive early to their regularly scheduled weekday classes in order to rehearse with Studio Company dancers for overlapping roles. *For example, Ballet 1 Lambs would arrive early to their Ballet 1 class to rehearse with Studio Company Mirlitons.*

Please contact me at [schoolmanager@ballethaliente.com](mailto:schoolmanager@ballethaliente.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Katrina Okoniewski*

School Manager, Instructor

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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 FIRST (Saturday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>/Oct 26<sup>th</sup>) OR LAST (Saturday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>) REHEARSALS. 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.***



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**Ballet Caliente's *The Nutcracker* Excused Absence Request Form**

I \_\_\_\_\_ **WILL participate in *The Nutcracker* and understand my obligation as written above.**

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

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE SUBMITTED BY Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.**