

Asheville Ballet 2022-2023 Contract

Dear Asheville Ballet Families and/or Nutcracker Families,

1) **Performance Fees** for the Asheville Ballet Season:

FALL SHOW (September 9):	\$150
NUTCRACKER (Dec 8-11):	\$250
(Winter Creatures/Little Angels: \$150)	
SPRING SHOW (May 12 & 13):	\$200
FULL SEASON (all three shows):	\$500
NUTCRACKER AND SPRING SHOW:	\$375

Please sign this contract and return it along with your payment no later than September 23 for Nutcracker (July 1 for Fall Concert, February 15 for Spring Concert). Make checks payable to *The Asheville Ballet*. **Performance fees** are paid per dancer, and help cover the cost of Asheville Ballet rehearsal space rental and utilities, Rehearsal Assistants, Diana Wortham Theatre space rental, technical staff (sound, lights, stage manager, house manager, technical director), costume and set refurbishing, new costumes as choreography changes, as well as many other things critical to the success of these wonderful productions. Therefore, we appreciate your prompt payment.

2) **Attendance:**

You must be on time and ready to dance at the scheduled time of your rehearsal. This means be warmed up! **Rehearsals will be held Friday and Saturday afternoons (Fridays between 4pm and 9pm, and/or Saturdays between 1:00pm and 8:00pm, depending on roles)**, with special parts sometimes scheduled on Sunday afternoons. **IMPORTANT: Block out your calendars now for the two Sundays preceding Fall Show, three Sundays preceding Nutcracker, and three Sundays preceding Spring Show, as we will be rehearsing on Sundays those weeks.**

Important for parents: Please be ready to pick up your dancers promptly at the time their rehearsals are scheduled to end, especially if theirs is the last rehearsal of the day.

Fall Concert: Tech week for Fall will include Sunday rehearsals on September 4, plus a mandatory dress rehearsal on Friday, September 9, at 4:00pm. Regular rehearsals will be held Friday and Saturday afternoons (Fridays between 4pm and 9pm, and Saturdays between 1:00pm and 8:00pm), with special parts sometimes scheduled on Sunday afternoons (rehearsals begin as early as June 24 for some pieces).

Nutcracker: Mandatory rehearsals include tech week Monday-Wednesday, Dec 5th – 7th, from 4:00-8:00pm (and possibly Thursday, Dec 8th from 4:00-8:00pm, if there is no School Show on Thursday morning), plus some **Sundays, including November 20, November 27, and December 4**. Regular rehearsals will be held Friday and Saturday afternoons beginning as early as September 30 (Fridays between 4pm and 9pm, and/or Saturdays between 1:00pm and 8:30pm, depending on roles), with special parts sometimes scheduled on Sunday afternoons (eg. Waltz of the Flowers). **For Nutcracker, there may also be a mandatory costuming fitting for each role**, on a weekday afternoon to be determined.

Nutcracker rehearsals for children may be scheduled in brief 15 or 30-minute blocks of time, so it is crucial that you plan to arrive early so you do not miss your rehearsals.

Important: No child under age 9 may be dropped off for rehearsal without express permission from a choreographer or staff member. Arrangements for your child's care may of course be made with other families.

Spring Concert: Mandatory rehearsals include tech week Tuesday-Thursday, May 9-11, from 4:00-8:00pm, plus some Sundays, including April 23, April 30, and May 7 (other Sundays may be used, depending on roles). Regular rehearsals will be held Friday and/or Saturday afternoons beginning in February (Fridays between 4pm and 9pm, and Saturdays between 1:00pm and 8:00pm), with special parts sometimes scheduled on Sunday afternoons.

*****If you miss more than 2 regularly scheduled rehearsals you may be removed from the performance *****

If you are injured, you can still come to rehearsal and watch. The artistic team will have the responsibility and right to determine at which point rehearsals are being slowed by your non-participation. If they determine that the show is in jeopardy, they may need to remove you from the production. With all that said, please know that *we really want everyone to dance!*

Please be aware, there may also be situations in which we have to remove whole groups of dancers due to COVID exposures, so please go into this production with the awareness that there could be factors outside your or our control that prevent you from performing on a given date. If you are sick with any possible COVID symptoms (or if anyone in your household is positive for COVID), you will be asked to stay home, and you won't be penalized for this. There may be Zoom rehearsals happening, so stay tuned about that.

3) Rehearsal Changes and Cancellations:

If Asheville City Schools close early or are closed *for weather*, rehearsal is cancelled (it is possible choreographers will prefer to rehearse via Zoom in these situations – please stay tuned to your email). **It is your responsibility** to check the bulletin board and your email for information on rehearsals (time changes, extra rehearsals, cancellations), performance opportunities, costume fittings, etc. If you are not a student at Asheville Academy of Ballet, it is still your responsibility to email us (dance@ashevilleballet.com) and keep up with changes. *Please make a filter to send emails from dance@ashevilleballet.com to your inbox every time – some email providers like to grab our emails and send them to spam.*

4) Scheduled Performances (*for Nutcracker, every female dancer will need a nude camisole leotard*; other costume info available in the costume needs chart by role, to follow):

Fall Show: September 9 at 7:30pm outdoors at the Roger McGuire Green Pack Square Park Stage. (With mandatory dress rehearsal at 4:00pm on stage Friday, Sept 9.)

Nutcracker: Friday, December 9 at 7:30pm; Saturday, December 10 at 2:30pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, December 11 at 2:30pm at the Diana Wortham Theatre.

AND Nutcracker School Shows: Thursday, December 8th at 9:00am and 11:30am at the Diana Wortham Theatre. Students must be excused from school (excuse forms available). **All performers must be present for the school show, as for all other shows.**

Spring Show: Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13 at 7:30pm at the Diana Wortham Theatre.

- 5) **ALL performers (who are not “Party Parents”) must take at least 2 technique classes per week, at any studio, at least one of which should be Ballet. Pointe dancers must take additional Pointe technique classes.** (Dancers ages 4 – 9 may take only one class; for dancers ages 7 – 9, it should be Ballet.) If you fail to attend your Technique classes, you may be removed from the production.
- 6) All performers may be photographed and filmed for use in Asheville Ballet promotion.

7) Please note the following COVID-related protocols, and carefully consider your wish to participate within this framework. Please be aware that our protocols may need to evolve, and that updates will be made as needed.

MASKS:

Masks are optional in many Nutcracker rehearsals at this time, but please be aware that masks could be required at any point during the rehearsal process, for specific choreographers, or in light of any specific instances of exposure.

Dancers in Nutcracker rehearsals with 8 or more individuals present will be asked to wear masks. (Eight or more persons gathered in the lobby will also be asked to wear masks.)

After November 24th (Thanksgiving), all dancers will be masked *at all times* while in rehearsal, on site at our studio, as well as at all times while not actively performing on stage at Diana Wortham.

Face masks (fabric or disposable) must conform to CDC guidelines, which means they **SHOULD:**

- Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric
- Completely cover your nose and mouth
- Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps

NOT acceptable as masks:

- Mesh or chiffon
- Single-layer gaiters
- Face shields
- Anything with exhalation valves or vents which allow virus particles to escape

Thank you for being flexible and for your care for one another.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS:

All Nutcracker dancers, regardless of vaccination status, will need to submit negative tests (at-home or lab-conducted, whatever is easiest and least costly for you) on the following dates:

Saturday, November 26

Thursday, December 1

Monday, December 5

Friday, December 9

I have read and I accept these conditions for membership in The Asheville Ballet.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Signature

Date

Dancer Printed Name

Signature

Date

I have read and I agree to the attached COVID Studio Usage agreement for dancers:

Parent/Guardian Printed Name Signature Date

Dancer Printed Name Signature Date

I have read and I agree to follow the attached Community Guidelines:

Parent/Guardian Printed Name Signature Date

Dancer Printed Name Signature Date

YES! I am interested in volunteering

- I can: (please check) ___ transport props/costumes
 ___ make phone calls
 ___ assist with sales in the lobby during intermissions
 ___ sell ads
 ___ ushering
 ___ **Or** add your special skill _____

YES! I am interested in placing an AD in the Nutcracker program. (circle one or both)

Personal Ads – a message to your child: \$50, 1/8 horizontal page ad in both programs
 (For performers and families only)

Business Ads: If you're interested in advertising your business, please see Teresa for a Business Ad Sales sheet. Performers may earn complimentary tickets by selling *business ads*. For every \$300 worth of ad space you sell you will get 2 complimentary tickets.

Ads must be turned in electronically no later than November 1, 2022

Special messages for us?