

Asheville Ballet Nutcracker 2023 Contract

Dear Asheville Ballet Families and/or Nutcracker Families,

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

FALL SHOW (September 8-10):	\$150
NUTCRACKER (Dec 7-10):	\$250
(Winter Creatures/Little Angels: \$150)	
SPRING SHOW (May 17 & 18):	\$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 October 1 for Nutcracker. 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, Wortham Center 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 2:00pm and 8:30pm, depending on roles)**, with special parts sometimes scheduled on Sunday afternoons. **IMPORTANT: Block out your calendars now for the three Sundays preceding Nutcracker, 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.

Nutcracker: Mandatory rehearsals **include tech week Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec 4th, 5th, 6th, from 4:00-8:00pm**, plus some **Sundays, including November 19, November 26, and December 3**. Regular rehearsals will be held Friday and Saturday afternoons beginning as early as September 29 (Fridays between 4pm and 9pm, and/or Saturdays between 2:00pm and 8:30pm, depending on roles), with special parts sometimes scheduled on Sunday afternoons (eg. Waltz of the Flowers will have at least three Sunday blocks of 3 hours each). **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.

*****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 do not attend rehearsal if you have a fever, sore throat, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath. If you have any of these symptoms, you'll need a negative COVID test or a note from your doctor that your symptoms are not contagious. If anyone in your household (with whom you share living/restroom quarters) has a positive COVID case, please let us know. We will likely ask you to wait 5 days and show a negative COVID test before returning to rehearsal. You will not be penalized for missing rehearsals due to illness.

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. Rehearsal schedules will be emailed weekly. *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):**

Nutcracker: Friday, December 8 at 7:30pm; Saturday, December 9 at 2:30pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, December 10 at 2:30pm at the Wortham Center.

AND Nutcracker School Shows: Thursday, December 7th at 9:30am 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.***

- 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) Performers will be responsible for providing some of their own costume pieces (eg. nude camisole leotard, tights, shoes; and for the Nutcracker, things like curly hairpieces, bike shorts, and additional ballet shoes).

