

Dear Students and Parents,

Thank you so much for auditioning for Ballet Nebraska's *The Nutcracker*!

As you know, Artistic Director Erika Overturff will be returning to Spirit Lake to stage the children's roles. **The dates are October 29-31**. All cast members must be in attendance for these rehearsals. If a cast member is unable to attend the role will be reassigned. Although casting has been generally assigned, adjustments may be made during the first weekend of rehearsals if needed. Show assignments for the role of Elves will be announced following rehearsal.

Please refer to the Nutcracker FAQ sheet for all questions about the production. Dawn Fisher will be coordinating the remaining rehearsals for November and December and will communicate the schedule to you via email following the first weekend of rehearsals. Please remember that this schedule is subject to change, so check your email regularly for updates and announcements. Questions for Dawn should be addressed to dawnsdance@mchsi.com.

It is important to remember that you have been cast in a professional ballet production. Every role is important and we would like to remind you that missing more than one rehearsal for any reason is cause for removal from the production. The energy and commitment of each cast member is crucial to the success of the show as a whole. Also, be sure to arrive early so that rehearsals may begin on time.

The costume fee of \$50 is due at the time of your first rehearsal during the Oct 29-31 weekend. Costumes are the property of Ballet Nebraska and the fee goes toward maintenance, development, and cleaning of the professional costumes. Students are responsible for furnishing the appropriate performance shoes/tights/undergarments for their character. A complete listing can be found on the FAQ sheet. It is very important for the Elves to bring their performance shoes, tights, and briefs to the first rehearsal so that they can be collected and dyed by Ballet Nebraska.

We are thrilled to have you as a part of this exciting production- see you at rehearsal!

Sincerely,

Ballet Nebraska

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE **OCTOBER 29-31**

Rehearsals will take place at Dawn's Dance Connection in Spirit Lake.

Party Scene includes: Party Children (this includes Clara & Fritz), Maids, Toy Soldiers

Battle Scene includes: Big Mice, Little Mice, Clara

Act 2 includes: Angels, Lambs, Elves, Clara

Friday:

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4:00-5:15	Angels
5:15-7:00	Costume Fitting Angels
4:00- 5:15	Costume Fitting Party Children
5:15-7:00	Toy Soldiers & Party Children
7:00-8:00	Costume Fitting Toy Soldiers
7:00-9:00	Full Party Scene
Saturday:	
10:00-12:00	Flyes with Clara

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12:00-1:00	Costume Fitting Elves		
11:00-12:00	Costume Fitting Lambs		
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1:00-2:00	Costume Fitting Big Mice		
2:00-4:00	Big Mice with Clara		
	Costume Fitting Clara- pull from rehearsal if needed		
3:00-4:00	Costume Fitting Little Mice		
4:00-5:00	Baby Mice with Clara		
4:00-5:00	Party Fitting Maids		
5:00-7:30	Full Party		
7:30-8:00	Clara		

Sunday: Costume Fittings will be called as needed

Party Full 10-12:00 11:30-1:30 Battle Full 1:00-300 Act 2 Full