

THE NUTCRACKER

PITTSBURGH YOUTH BALLET COMPANY AUDITION INFORMATION



For your convenience this year we are holding auditions EARLY to plan rehearsals more evenly spaced and at more reasonable times. Many

When: Saturday, August 23, 2014

Where: Pittsburgh Youth Ballet Company & School Studios.
St. Petersburg Center 210 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA. 15317

Registration: Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled audition time. Please be sure that your PYBC Account is current. Registration fee is \$25 for PYB students (please wear class color) and \$30 for non-PYB students. Missed Audition fee is \$25. A Nutcracker rehearsal fee, for each dancer, of \$125 is due on the day of audition. Boys who are enrolled in classes pay a \$50 rehearsal fee. Boys not enrolled in classes pay a \$75 rehearsal fee. (We now have a FREE boys class for the new year) Adult dancers are needed to perform during Act I.

Audition times:

Levels 7-8 (6x a week)– 10:00-11:15	Beginning Ballet 1 & 2 – 2:45-3:30
Levels 5-6 (4x-5x a week) – 11:30-12:30	Preschool A,B, C – 3:45-4:30
Levels 3-4 (3x a week) – 12:45-1:30	Boys (all ages) – 4:45-5:15
Levels 1-2 (2x a week)– 1:45-2:30	

All those auditioning should plan to be available to stay additional time on the day of the auditions

Informational Meeting: Parents or Guardians are **required** to attend an **IMPORTANT MEETING** while their children are auditioning. It truly takes a united community to produce a successful Nutcracker. Volunteer committees, fundraising and buy-outs will be explained. Please come prepared to offer your time and talents. We are very excited about a new program to help PYBC fundraise and plan for a new, bigger company studio.

Casting: Children 3 to 6 years are welcomed and considered for younger child roles. Height is always a consideration. PYB Company members can audition for additional roles. Casting is at the sole discretion of the Pittsburgh Youth Ballet Company artistic staff. Most costumes used in our performances were very expensive to purchase (i.e. tutu \$1500) and are costly to maintain. Costumes are NOT to leave the building. All costumes are provided by the PYB Company with no cost to the parents. The only exception is the Bon-Bon Tutu that is purchased by the parents for around **\$35.00** for their child to keep after their last performance.

Rehearsals: Most rehearsals are scheduled at the same time every other week or every week (should your child have a solo or other featured roles). Expect to have blocks of time scheduled for each role specifically on Saturday and/or Sunday afternoons. Young children usually have rehearsals every other week. A schedule will be handed out at auditions and new schedules are posted two weeks in advance on the bulletin board, online and emailed to you. **Please make sure the office has your e-mail address and/or your child's email address, phone and/or cell phone. Please be sure to check your email daily.** Rehearsals are mandatory, especially for the Dress /Stage Rehearsals on Nov. 30th at Upper St. Clair Theater and possibly several times throughout performance week. Rehearsals are very important! Please mark your child's scheduled rehearsals on your calendar. There may be times when a student will be asked to leave school early for rehearsals. This is considered a valuable, educational opportunity, and the office will provide an excuse to be presented to the school.

Performance Dates: The Nutcracker performances are scheduled on Friday, Dec. 5th at 7:00, Saturday Dec. 6th at 7:00 and Sunday Dec. 7th at 2:00.

GREAT NEWS: Valley Brook Road is opening soon. The road is paved with lines painted!

If you have any questions please call the office, 724-969-6000. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. I am so grateful for so many parents going out of your way taking detours these last 16 months.. Jean Gedeon