

WELCOME

Parent Meeting



NON-COMPANY NUTCRACKER DANCERS

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Agenda for our meeting:



- SDSD vs SDDT
- Auditions/Casting Information
- Rehearsal Schedule & Information
- Dress-Rehearsal/Performance Information
- Parent Communication & BAND App
- Volunteer Requirement
- Required and Optional Fees
- Q & A Session

SDSD vs. SDDT

South Dayton School of Dance (SDSD)

- *Dance school* offering pre-professional training in Ballet, Modern, Jazz and Tap
- Owned by Miss Erin and managed by SDSD Faculty
- Who you pay your monthly class tuition to
- email
southdaytonschoolofdance@gmail.com
or call 937-435-5052 for communication/questions

South Dayton Dance Theatre (SDDT)

- Often referred to as the “Company” it is a separate legal entity from the school (South Dayton School of Dance)
- Non-profit, Performing dance company, started in 1986 by Ms. Elizabeth Karns
- Managed by a board of directors
- Miss Erin is the Artistic Director
- supports a company of 46 dancers age 9 and older.
- Provides performing opportunities for SDSD students through their annual Nutcracker
- Who you pay for all Nutcracker related expenses
- use BAND for communication/questions
- call 937-435-5052 for urgent or last minute communication

Auditions & Casting Information

- Students do not audition for a specific role but are matched to a role by our Artistic Staff based on their skill level
 - as students are assigned roles by skill level, sometimes a dancer will be cast in a role for more than one year
- The cast list will be posted to the SDDT website (www.sddt.org) on the Sunday following auditions.
 - We will notify you via BAND when the cast list is posted.
- The Artistic Staff takes great care in the casting of our Nutcracker and therefore once the list is posted, casting is final and no changes will be made.

Typical Non-Company Dancer Roles

ACT 1

Party Child

Little
Snowflake

ACT 2

Little Angel

Little Spanish

Mother
Ginger Clown

Little Arabian

Little Russian

Candy Cane

Rehearsal Schedule and Information

- Please note that ALL rehearsals are MANDATORY
 - Dancers are permitted one excused absence from a rehearsal as long as that date was provided on the audition form
 - If you forgot, you can still give us this date by the end of the day today and be excused
 - Student illness or family emergencies are also considered excused, provided that we are notified prior to the absence.
 - Cannot use your excused absence for an in-studio dress rehearsal or any event at the Masonic Center December 5th, 6th, or 7th
- Rehearsals will begin as early as Monday 9/8/25
 - for non-company dancers, rehearsal is once per week from now until the end of October and then 3 times a week during the month of November leading up to our performances
- For the rehearsal schedule, please check the SDDT Call Board regularly
 - www.sddt.org/call-board
 - this is also available on the BAND app
- We have a DRAFT of the non-company dancer rehearsal schedule for your reference, however these dates can and will change depending on the needs of the production.
- Some additional rehearsals may be required when we are ready to put together large chunks of our show prior to dress rehearsals (ex. All Snow Scene, Party Scene, etc.)

Rehearsal Schedule: DRAFT (Part 1 - Individual Rehearsals)



Fridays 9/12 - 10/17

6:30-7:00 - Little Angels & Mother Ginger Clowns

7:00-7:30 - Little Arabians & Little Snowflakes

8:00-8:30 - Little Russian

Saturdays 9/13 - 10/18

1:45-2:45 - Party Children

Wednesdays 9/10-10/15

7:30-8:00 - Little Spanish**

**unconfirmed time may change to Monday or Wednesday evening depending on production needs

Rehearsal Schedule: DRAFT (Part 2 - Section Rehearsals)



Week of 10/20 - 10/26

All Snow Scene Rehearsal** (either Sat, Mon or Wed)

Adult Dance Rehearsals** (Wed & Fri)

Staging of the Party Scene** (Saturday 1:30-4:30)

Week of 10/27-11/2

Staging of the Battle Scene**

Any Scene that needs work**

**unconfirmed times/days may change depending on production needs

Rehearsal Schedule: DRAFT (Part 3 - Run Thru's)



Monday 11/3 - Wednesday 12/2**

Mondays 7:30-8:30 (ACT 1 ONLY)

Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 (ACT 2 ONLY)

In-studio Dress Rehearsals**:

Fridays 6:30-7:30 (ACT 1 ONLY)

Friday 11/14 and Saturday 11/15

Fridays 7:15-8:15 (ACT 2 ONLY)

(full hair, makeup, & costume required)

Saturdays 1:45-2:45 (ACT 1 ONLY)

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 (ACT 2 ONLY)

**unconfirmed times/days may change depending on production needs

Rehearsal Schedule: DRAFT (Part 4 - Dress Rehearsals & Shows)



Friday 12/5 @ Dayton Masonic Center

Dress Rehearsal #1 - 5:00-8:00pm

Saturday 12/6 @ Dayton Masonic Center

Dress Rehearsal #2 - 12:00-3:00pm

Show #1 begins at 7:00pm (call time 6:00)

Sunday 12/7 @ Dayton Masonic Center

Show #2 begins at 1:00pm (call time 12:00)

Monday 12/8 @ SDS

MANDATORY Costume Return

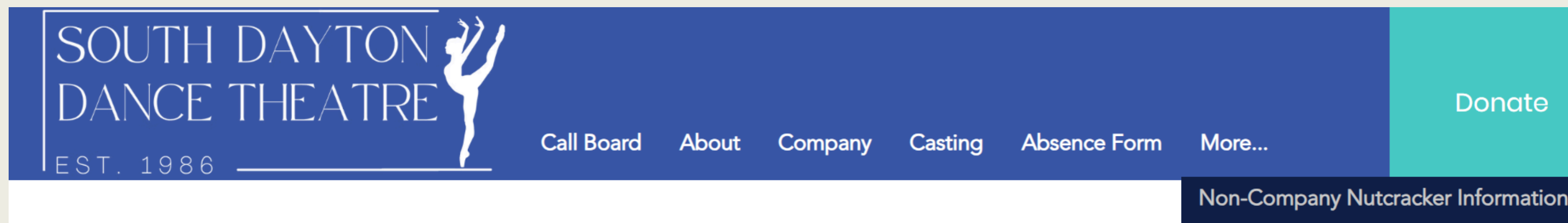
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Parent Communication & BAND App

- for communication regarding non-company participation in Nutcracker we use the BAND app.
- It is required that at least one parent/guardian join the BAND for Nutcracker for ease of communication
- BAND is an app where Parents and SDDT Moderators can communicate in an open forum. Through the app you can ask questions, store files, privately chat with moderators, sign up for volunteer opportunities and more!
- BAND is our main method of communication for Nutcracker, however some information regarding important forms or events will also be emailed to you.
- QR code to join at end of presentation

Additional Information

- this year we have created a page on the SDDT website with all information regarding Non-Company dancer involvement in the Nutcracker.
- This information is as up to date as it can be for the moment, however, things are always subject to change.
- Please make this page your go to for all questions regarding Nutcracker before asking via BAND or email.
- www.sddt.org > More... (drop down) > Non-Company Nutcracker Information



Volunteer Requirement

- Each dancer is required to have a parent/guardian volunteer to supervise non-company dancers for one time slot at an in-studio rehearsal and one time slot during our dress-rehearsals or performances during our show weekend.
 - If you have 2 dancers participating you are responsible for double the requirement
- During In-studio rehearsals, male or female parents are permitted to supervise as dancers are not changing clothes.
- During Dress-rehearsals and performances, female parents only will be eligible to supervise as dancers will be changing clothes.
- During this time it is encouraged for dancers to find quiet ways to occupy themselves as this is training for being in the dressing room during the show where dancers can be heard from the stage if loud.

Fees (Required & Optional)

- the ONLY required fee for participation in Nutcracker is the \$100 audition fee which covers rehearsal time, choreographer, costume rental, and now includes the Nutcracker T-shirt for all dancers.
- Tickets to the show are sold separately.
 - Tickets typically go on sale November 1st
- Merchandise Form (usually sent out late September and Due October 10th)
 - Memory bears
 - These bears are an exact replica of your dancer's costume and will serve as a sweet reminder of each role they had as they grow!
 - Nutcracker T-shirts (NOW INCLUDED IN AUDITION FEE for all dancers)
 - The Nutcracker t-shirt will be a dark green, long-sleeved shirt that comes in Youth Medium-Youth Large, Adult Small-Adult XXL. The back will include the SDDS non-company cast names arranged alphabetically. Additional shirts for family members available through the Merchandise form.
 - Personal Shout-Outs
 - A personal shout-out will be displayed in the final product of our Nutcracker Video Recording either before during intermission.
 - Business Advertisements in Program
 - We need these in order to have professionally printed programs. Please ask local businesses you know well.
- Flowers and Nutcracker Videos will also be available for order closer to our show in November

Important Dates

- September 7, 2025: Cast list will be posted to SDDT Website
- September 8, 2025: Non-Company Nutcracker rehearsals begin!
- October 10, 2025: Nutcracker Merchandise Form Due (t-shirts, memory bears, etc.)
- November 1, 2025: Nutcracker Tickets go on sale
- November 3, 2025: Run-Thru's begin
- November 14 & 15: In-Studio Dress-Rehearsals @ SDSD (hair, makeup, and costumes)
- November 22, 2025: Sugar Plum Tea/Non-Company Cast Party
- December 5, 2025: Dress Rehearsal 5:00-8:00pm @ Dayton Masonic Center
- December 6, 2025: Dress Rehearsal 12:00-3:00pm & Show #1 7:00PM @ Dayton Masonic Center
- December 7, 2025: Show #2 1:00PM @ Dayton Masonic Center (changed this year).
- December 8, 2025: MANDATORY Costume Return @ SDSD
- December 20, 2025: Nutcracker Video Order Form Due

Outreach Opportunity

- SDDT offers special pricing to Girl Scout Troops, American Heritage Girls, and Adventure Princesses, etc. that also includes a backstage tour and other surprises!
- Any local troop or group is welcome!
- Know of any troops? Let us know!!

Questions?



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a copy of this presentation will be posted to BAND for your reference