

# North Shore Dance Studio's Production of

## The Beloved Nutcracker is coming December 2019!

We are very excited to announce that North Shore Dance Studio will be presenting Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker December 8th, 2019! We are in the process of working out all of the details for the performances but I thought I would fill you in on what we know so far!

**Who is involved?** Dancers age 2.5-18. All Dance Basics classes as well as all Ballet technique classes offered at NSDS. Basically, if you wear Ballet slippers to dance class, you are invited to be a part of the fun!

**When?** The shows will be Sunday, December 8th. There will be two casts, Gold and Silver. The Gold Cast will perform on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am. The Silver Cast will perform on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. There is no difference in "talent" between the two casts. We are just using the colors to distinguish the separate casts. Ballet Levels I-VIII will be involved in both shows. They will be considered both Gold and Silver Casts.

**Where?** Homestead High School

**How Much?** There will be a flat fee of \$70 for each dancer participating in The Nutcracker. This fee includes your costume, rehearsal fees, dress rehearsals and props. You will also be responsible to purchase your tickets.

**Will I need to buy anything else?** Yes, if you need to get tights or ballet slippers you will be able to do so at the NSDS store.

**What is the time commitment?** Your child will learn the dance during the regular Dance Basics or Ballet class time that you sign up for during the first semester. They'll practice during the ballet portion of the hour class. For some classes there will also be 1 rehearsal. Lastly, there will be a dress rehearsal at HHS Auditorium on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> in the morning/afternoon with the full Nutcracker casts.

**Is this performance a requirement?** No, but all Dance Basics and Ballet classes will be learning Nutcracker Choreography. Your dancer will only be excused if there is a serious conflict with the dates and show times.

**How long are the Nutcracker show times?** We generally estimate the shows to be around 2 hours including a 15-minute intermission. During the show, your dancer will be in the care of the NSDS so you are able to relax and enjoy the show.

**When do I need to sign up by?** There will be a cutoff date of September 21st, as we will need to order costumes in early October for an appropriate costume ship/receivable date.

**Who is invited to the show?** Everyone! Parents, Grandparents, Family, Neighbors! This is now considered an annual community Holiday event.

**How much are tickets?** Tickets will be \$12 for assigned admission seating and there will be no limit to purchase tickets, the more the merrier! \$15 at the door.

**Does my little one need a ticket?** No, your dancer will NOT need a ticket. All audience members will need to purchase a ticket unless your child is sitting on your lap.

**Will videotaping be allowed?** No, we will have a professional videographer on hand, just as we do for Recitals. DVDs will be available for purchase.

**What teachers are involved with The Nutcracker?** Denis Malinkine (Ballet Master of The Milwaukee Ballet), Davit Hovhannisyan (Principal dancer with The Milwaukee Ballet) Itzel Hernandez (artist with The Milwaukee Ballet), Katie Holtzen, Rebecca Enea, Jill McGuire, Tatiana Jouravel, Danya Paley, Liv Held, and Luz SanMiguel (Ballet Mistress of The Milwaukee Ballet).

We are so excited to be offering this timeless tradition for dancers and families during the Holiday Season. The Nutcracker is one of the most celebrated and recognized Ballets of all time, and we are thrilled to present it to the public for a 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row!