

PVB PIONEER VALLEY BALLET

NUTCRACKER 2009 *CORPS/Divertissements CAST INFORMATION*

Welcome to the Cast of *NUTCRACKER 2009*. You have been cast in the **CORPS/Divertissements**.

PVB STUDIO REHEARSALS – ALL REHEARSALS ARE REQUIRED (REHEARSALS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

*Rehearsals for Corps/Divertissements are Fridays and Saturdays beginning Sept. 18th through Nov. 21st**
Fridays 6:00 – 8:00pm
Saturdays 10:30 – 3:00pm

*Studio Rehearsals are scheduled on Sept. 18, 19, 25, 26, Oct. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31, Nov. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21

THEATRE ORIENTATION

Saturday, Dec. 5 after warm-up class **Theatre Orientation**

Attendance at the Theatre Orientation is **MANDATORY** for all Corps members. The Orientation is designed to provide cast members with important safety information and what to expect when in the theatre. Failure to attend the orientation may result in dismissal from the cast.

THEATRE REHEARSALS

All rehearsals are **REQUIRED**

Saturday, Dec. 5 9:00 – 4:30pm All Corps/Divertissements (12:00 – 1:00pm lunch break)

Wednesday, Dec. 9 4:00pm ALL Corps/Divertissements Arrive at Theatre
5:00 – 9:30pm Rehearsal (in costume)

Thursday, Dec. 10 Full Dress Rehearsal
4:30pm – Arrive at Theatre
5:00 – 6:00pm Warm-up
7:00 – 9:00pm Full Dress Rehearsal

Rehearsal Rules: Rehearsals prepare your children for their performance in *The Nutcracker*. **Attendance at ALL rehearsals is required.** Missed rehearsals compromise not only the individual's safety and ability to learn, but also the group performance. If you have an emergency and need to miss rehearsal you **MUST** notify an artistic director prior to rehearsal.

PERFORMANCES: Friday Dec. 11, 4:00 & 7:30pm (Warm-up class 2:00 – 3:00)
Saturday Dec. 12, 1:00 & 4:30pm (Warm-up class 11:00 – 12:00)
Sunday Dec. 13, 1:00 & 4:30pm (Warm-up class 11:00 – 12:00)

Corps/Divertissements need to arrive 15 minutes prior to warm-up class for their performance. All performances are held at the Academy of Music, 274 Main Street, Northampton, MA. For dancers' safety, **no one will be allowed to videotape, audiotape or photograph any rehearsal or performance. Absolutely no food or drink is allowed in the audience.**

All cast members use "stage door" (South Street entrance). Dancers under the age of 14 will only be allowed to leave the theatre when signed out by a parent or guardian, and IDs will be checked to ensure dancers' safety. Sign in and go to dressing rooms for make-up and costume (in that order). Children performing in both shows on the same day **should bring water** and something to eat between shows.

Costumes: Corps/Divertissements need to provide pink mesh tights with seams, pointe shoes, white dance trunks (snow), pink dance trunks (flowers) and nude dance trunks (short tutu roles). Only rhinestone earrings are allowed for jewelry on stage. Dancers are not allowed to leave the theater in costume or in makeup at any time.

Make-up notes: *For hygienic purposes all cast members must provide their own make-up and false eyelashes.*

NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE THEATRE WEARING STAGE MAKE-UP.

Tickets: The enclosed ticket brochure provides you, your family and your friends the opportunity to purchase priority seating, at a discount, before public sale of tickets begins. Tickets will also be available at Pioneer Valley Ballet and Tix.com beginning on November 2nd.

Volunteers: Please return the enclosed volunteer form to PVB. We need your help! *The Nutcracker* would not be possible without the help of parent volunteers. Whether it be child care, sewing or makeup, we need you. Please choose which of those areas you would like to help out with, as we require at least 1 parent or guardian of each cast member to volunteer to help make our shows the best they can be.

DVDS: DVD order forms will be available at the studio prior to the performances as well as during the performances. **For dancers' safety, no one will be allowed to videotape, audiotape, or photograph any rehearsal or performance.**

For info about PVB and to view schedules as they become available, you may also visit www.pioneervalleyballet.org.