

PVB PIONEER VALLEY BALLET

NUTCRACKER 2011 **DRUM CORPS CAST INFORMATION**

Welcome to the Cast of *NUTCRACKER 2011*. You have been cast in the role of the **DRUM CORPS**. Your performance day(s) will be posted on our website (www.pioneervalleyballet.org) by September 21, 2011.

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

*Rehearsals for Drum Corps are Saturdays beginning Oct.15th through Nov. 19th**
2:30 – 3:30pm

*Studio Rehearsals are scheduled on Oct.15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12 & 19

**Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled rehearsal for check-in.

THEATRE ORIENTATION

Sunday, Dec. 4 9:00 – 10:00am Theatre Orientation

Attendance at the Theatre Orientation is **MANDATORY** for all cast members and AT LEAST one parent or guardian. The Orientation is designed to provide parents and 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**

Sunday, Dec. 4 1:45pm ALL DRUM CORPS Arrive back at Theatre
2:30 – 4:00pm Rehearsal (in costume)

Wednesday, Dec. 7 3:45pm ALL DRUM CORPS Arrive at Theatre
4:30 – 5:00pm Rehearsal (in costume)

Thursday, Dec. 8 Full Dress Rehearsal
6:30pm – Arrive at Theatre
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. 9, 4:00 & 7:30pm
Saturday Dec. 10, 1:00 & 4:30pm
Sunday Dec. 11, 1:00 & 4:30pm

Drum Corps need to arrive 1 hour before 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.**

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. Children need to 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: All dancers need to provide their own leotard, tights and shoes. PVB will notify all cast members by mid-October as to what color is needed for each. Absolutely no jewelry is to be worn on stage.

Make-up notes: *For hygienic purposes all cast members must provide their own make-up, consisting of:*

- Foundation, pancake, or base, one shade darker than skintone.
- Charcoal black eyeliner PENCIL.
- Any wine color lipstick without purple tints.

-Dancers should bring their makeup in a ziplock bag labeled with their name.

-Dancers must also provide their own hairbrushes, hair supplies, face wipes, and make-up removers.

-Dancers should wear button down shirts (no pullovers or turtlenecks!).

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

Tickets: Priority seating will be made available, at a discount, to certain levels of PVB donors before public sale of tickets begins. Public sale of regular-priced tickets begins on November 6th.

Volunteers: *The Nutcracker* would not be possible without the help of volunteers. You will be notified by email when our volunteer website is available. Reminder: at least 1 parent or guardian of each cast member is REQUIRED to volunteer to help make our rehearsals and shows run as smooth as possible.

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.