

PVB PIONEER VALLEY BALLET

NUTCRACKER 2009 **GINGERBREAD COOKIE CAST INFORMATION**

Welcome to the Cast of *NUTCRACKER 2009*. You have been cast in the role of a **GINGERBREAD COOKIE**.

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

*Rehearsals for Gingerbread Cookies are Saturdays beginning Sept. 26th through Nov. 21st**

Friday cast(s) 10:00 – 11:00am

Saturday cast(s) 11:15 – 12:15pm

Sunday cast(s) 12:30 – 1:30pm

*Studio Rehearsals are scheduled on Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14 & 21

THEATRE ORIENTATION

Sunday, Dec. 6 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. 6 11:00am ALL GINGERBREAD COOKIES Arrive back at Theatre
11:45 – 12:30pm Rehearsal (Friday cast(s) in costume, Sat. and Sun. casts in rehearsal attire)

Wednesday, Dec. 9 6:30pm ALL GINGERBREAD COOKIES Arrive at Theatre
7:15 – 7:45pm Rehearsal (Saturday cast(s) in costume, Fri. and Sun. casts in rehearsal attire)

Thursday, Dec. 10 Full Dress Rehearsal for Sunday Cast(s) ONLY (Friday and Saturday casts DO NOT attend)
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. 11, 4:00 & 7:30pm**
Saturday Dec. 12, 1:00 & 4:30pm
Sunday Dec. 13, 1:00 & 4:30pm

Gingerbread Cookies need to arrive ½ 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. 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: **Gingerbread Cookies** need to provide a white leotard, white tights and white ballet slippers. Please label the inside of the leotard, tights and slippers with your child's name. No jewelry of any kind (including pierced earrings) may be worn 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.*** Gingerbread Cookies must bring:

- 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. When they are called for makeup, they will bring their bag and hand it to the makeup person.

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

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

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.