Nutcracker Audition Information Packet 2019
Hopkinton Center for the Arts

Open audition for boys and girls.
Applicants do not need to be enrolled at the HCA to participate.

Thank you for your interest in The Nutcracker presented by Hopkinton Center for the Arts. The following information packet will give you an idea as to what is involved in your participation in this favorite holiday tradition and will define our expectations for your involvement. It will also list things that you will need during the rehearsal process and performances. We urge you to keep this information in a convenient place and to refer to it to answer your questions. Audition results will be posted by Oct. 7.

Pre-professional/professional dancers age 18+
Any pre-professional/professional dancer age 18 and up interested in participating in the performance should contact Jessica Wilson to discuss available roles and set up a date to meet. Please email jessica@hopartscenter.org.

Adult Actors - Novice to Experienced for character roles
Any actors interested in participating should contact Jessica Wilson to discuss available roles and rehearsal schedule. Please contact jessica@hopartscenter.org.

Young Actors and Dancers age 7-18 (no experience required for some roles)
Students must audition by October 5, 2019 in order to receive a role or roles in the performance. Times for the audition are listed below. In order to be eligible to audition, each student must meet the following requirements:

1. He/she must be at least seven years old by November 1, 2019.
2. He/she must submit a completed application form no later than 20 minutes prior to the start of the audition signed by both parent and child

Here are a few answers to some possible questions. Please review all.

When should we arrive?
Your child should arrive 20 minutes before the designated audition time for which they are eligible.

12:00-1:00pm: Ages 7-9 at the Hopkinton Center for the Arts (98 Hayden Rowe St., Hopkinton)
1:00-2:00pm: Ages 10-12 at the Hopkinton Center for the Arts (98 Hayden Rowe St., Hopkinton)
3:00-4:30pm: Ages 13+ at the HCA Dance Studio (6 Main St., Hopkinton. Park in back.)

Is there any registration form?
Yes. A registration form is included in the packet. Please fill it out completely and provide parent and child's signatures at the bottom.
Is there an audition fee?
No.

What type of clothing is appropriate?
Girls – leotard, tights or socks and ballet or jazz shoes. Boys – t-shirts, pants, shorts or tights, ballet or jazz shoes.

Do I need to come in to drop off and pick up?
A Parent or Guardian must come in to sign in the Dancer and drop off the registration form. Please list a phone number where you can be reached during the audition for emergency purposes. If you leave the studio, please return to the studio 15 minutes before your child is due to finish.

NOTE: ONLY SERIOUS APPLICANTS SHOULD APPLY. YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE HIS/HER FULL EFFORT TO PARTICIPATION IN Hopkinton Center for the Arts “The Nutcracker”. SERIOUS APPLICANTS, ONLY.

Audition Expectations
Dancers will be assigned a number for identification, and the number will be pinned to the front of their audition outfit. When the dancers are called into the studio they will be given a few combinations. The Artistic Staff is looking for the dancers technical ability and presentation. We suggest you have fun, show what you know, and dance everything as you would if you were on stage in front of an audience. The Artistic Staff will be considering many factors in the casting process, including technical proficiency, presentation, musicality and ability to follow directions. Also, dancers must fit into the available costumes, so height is considered heavily. We expect that you be prompt, quiet, calm and courteous. Please do not audition this year if you cannot follow-through with the audition, rehearsal, and performance expectations.

Production Fee
There is a $100 production fee for students currently enrolled in a Hopkinton Center for the Arts dance class. There is a $150 production fee for students not enrolled in an HCA dance class.

Cast Expectations
Dancers must return a signed Dancer’s Participation Agreement form at the Parents meeting. The form must be accompanied by the production fee. Cast members are expected to review the rehearsal schedule and understand that a full commitment is necessary. Dancers with less than satisfactory attendance to rehearsals may be dismissed from the cast. Of course, doctor documented illness, injury, family emergency, or college/company audition will be considered an excused absence. Exceptional attendance is expected. All technical rehearsals, dress rehearsals, and performances are mandatory.

The cast list, rehearsal schedule, and Dancer’s Participation Agreement will be emailed by October 7, 2019. Casting is subject to change.
If multiple roles are assigned, dancers must accept all roles. Dancers may not pick which role he or she performs.

**Parents Meeting for New Families**
A Parent’s Meeting is scheduled to answer any questions you may have regarding your child’s participation. The meeting takes place on Thursday October 10, 6:00-6:30 at the Hopkinton Center for Arts, 98 Hayden Rowe St. If a parent cannot attend, they may have another adult represent them at the meeting. An adult must sign in for the dancer.

The following will be collected at the Parents Meeting:

1. Dancer’s Participation Form and Code of Conduct
2. Production Fee (check made payable to the Hopkinton Center for the Arts)
3. Consent and Waiver/Photo Release
4. Proofing of Dance’s name for program
5. Community Newspaper Form
6. Volunteer Sign Up or Nutcracker Help fee in lieu of a volunteer position

The following forms and packets will be handed out at Parent’s Meeting:

1. Information for Nutcracker Cast Parents
2. DVD order form
3. Cast Portrait sign up and order form
4. Production Week Guide
5. Costume and Make Up requirements
6. Sponsorship/Program Ad form

**Schedule**
The schedule is subject to change. Rehearsal scheduling is at the discretion of the Hopkinton Center for Arts artistic staff. When you receive casting a complete rehearsal schedule will be included. **ALTHOUGH EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ADHERE TO THIS SCHEDULE, WE ASK THAT YOU CHECK THE WEBSITE AND YOUR EMAIL ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR UPDATES.**

Below are the times when your child may be required to rehearse. Further details will be available upon casting.

Nutcracker children may be required to rehearse on any or all of the following days. The times given are NOT specific this schedule is only to give you a general idea of the time commitment involved in your participation. Please remember to check the website and your e-mail prior to each rehearsal for new postings or any changes.

Saturdays the weeks of October 12-December 14. Saturday rehearsals may be scheduled any time between 10:00am-5:00pm depending on the role. This schedule is tentative and subject to change.
10:00-12:00 ages 10-14
12:00-1:00 ages 9-12
1:00-2:30 ages 7-11
2:30-5:00 ages 13-18

Full cast rehearsals will take place weekdays after school the week of December 4 and the week of December 16 (detailed schedule TBA). Excellent attendance is expected for rehearsals.

**Performance Information**
Performances will take place Saturday, Dec. 7 at 11 am and 2 pm. (Nutcracker Sweet at the Hopkinton Center for the Arts) and Sunday, December 22 at 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm at Ashland High School.

If you have any questions, please email jessica@hopartscenter.org or call (508) 320-3032.

**Registration form on next page. Please fill out and return at your audition.**
Nutcracker Audition Registration Form 2019
Hopkinton Center for the Arts
Please print and bring with you to your Audition.

Name of Dancer: (exactly as you would like it to appear in the program)
______________________________________________________________________________

Age: ______ Date of Birth: ___________ Height: ___________

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _______________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: _________________________________________________________________

Best Email: _____________________ ________________________________________________
(correspondence between HCA and Nutcracker families will be done through email)

Best Phone: ___________________________________________________________________
(circle: mom’s cell  dad’s cell  home phone  mom’s work  dad’s work)

Name of Current Dance School: ____________________________________________________

Number of years of training after the age of 6 _____ Years on point _____

Please list all health concerns or injuries:
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
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Pick-up authorization:
The following individuals are authorized to pick-up my child in the event I’m unable to do so:
Name: _____________________________________ Phone #: __________________________
Name: _____________________________________ Phone #: __________________________

WAIVERS: By my signature below, I acknowledge the following:

___ By checking here, I confirm that I have read and agree to the injury waiver
___ By checking here, I confirm that I have read and agree to photo authorization

Print Dancer/Actor: ______________________________________________________________

Dancers Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________________

Print Parent (or Guardian): ______________________________________________________

Parent (or Guardian) Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________