



Dance It Up! proudly announces our holiday production...

**Not Just Nutcracker 2022**

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Grafton High School Auditorium, 30 Providence Road, Grafton, MA

We are excited to invite dancers from DIU and the surrounding communities, grades kindergarten and up, to participate in our annual holiday tradition, "Not Just Nutcracker." The dancers will tell the story of **Tchaikovsky's beloved Nutcracker ballet**, with classical and modern arrangements of the music to include jazz, tap, hip hop, contemporary, and acro dancers too!

Ms. Catherine Rhodes, artistic director, creatively blends her many years of ballet training, her jazz, modern, tap, and musical theatre experience, as well as her design expertise into our energetic and unique productions.

**REGISTRATION:** begins Monday, April 4, 2022! Register at [www.danceitup.com/nutcracker](http://www.danceitup.com/nutcracker).

**AUDITIONS:** will be held during the week of 5/31-6/4 during regularly scheduled class time. Our non-competitive audition process means that all students (entering kindergarten and up) are accepted. We invite dancers, who attend another dance school that does not have a Nutcracker production, to schedule an audition by contacting Dance It Up. Each student will be cast in at least one role.

**CASTING:** The cast list will be posted by July 1. Dancers are eligible for roles only in dance genres for which they are enrolled in classes for the 2022-2023 dance year. **Fall registration must be completed by 6/8 for students to be considered for Nutcracker roles.** DIU Dance Jam students will perform in the Nutcracker production as part of their Dance Jam class, but Dance Jam dancers must register for the Nutcracker if they desire to be cast in additional roles. See **Participation** and **Rehearsals** sections below for more information.

**DRESS CODE:** Dance It Up! classroom attire, footwear, and **hair secured in a bun**, is required for auditions and ALL rehearsals. Students must wear a nude camisole leotard under costumes at dress rehearsals and the performance. Shop Sugarplums for all of your dress code requirements.

**SUMMER CLASSES:** Continuous training through the summer is encouraged by all of our dancers and is considered when casting lead roles. Our flexible summer schedule of classes is designed to fit around varying vacation schedules. See [www.danceitup.com/summer-programs](http://www.danceitup.com/summer-programs) for details.

**PARTICIPATION:** The **\$400 (non-refundable)** registration fee (\$350 for additional family member) includes:

- 12 weeks of Saturday afternoon rehearsals, Friday dress rehearsal and Saturday performance
- a Nutcracker t-shirt and link to download a recording of the performance (all cast including DJ)
- costume rental and new tights (as required by role) for performance day

Dance Jam only (as part of their weekly class) participation is **\$200** for a single role (includes t-shirt and link to download recording of the performance)

**COSTUMES:** belong to our costume collection and remain the property of Dance It Up!. Students are responsible for assigned costumes and must bring them to dress rehearsal in a **Dance It Up! logo garment bag**. They will be left at the theater overnight after dress rehearsal. We will distribute performance tights to the cast at dress rehearsal (GHS) dismissal. Families must provide footwear appropriate to each role and nude camisole leotard for their dancers.

**PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS:** are optional and will be taken on 12/2 by Shier's Photography at Dress Rehearsal in the GHS lobby.

**REHEARSALS:** start Saturday, September 10, 2022. Schedules will be posted in July for your planning convenience.

**Regular cast:** every Saturday, **including Columbus, Veterans, and Thanksgiving weekends**. Select groups may rehearse after class during the week.

**Dance Jam:** rehearses as part of regular weekly class and must **attend 3 Saturday full cast rehearsals in November**.

**DRESS REHEARSALS:** will be held on Saturday, November 19 (at the studio), and on Friday, December 2 (at GHS).

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:** We allow **2 absences maximum per student**, after which they may be removed from a role. Please contact the office in the event of an absence. Sickneses arise unexpectedly, so please do not "plan" for two weeks off, as group pieces will be greatly affected.

**TICKET PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS:** Each Nutcracker family is required to purchase a minimum of 6 tickets (\$20.00 each) that you may use, gift, or resell. This creates a full theater, giving students a sense of pride and appreciation of their talent. **On November 15, six tickets (\$120.00) will be charged to your account if you have not yet purchased them.**

We can't wait to see all the talent, energy, and enthusiasm of 2022's unique cast!!  
HAPPY DANCING,

The Creative Minds at Dance It Up!