



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

## **Not Just Nutcracker 2024**

Tentative Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024

St. John's High School, Shrewsbury, 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 theater experience, as well as her design expertise into our energetic and unique productions.

**REGISTRATION:** begins Monday, April 1, 2024! Register at [www.danceitup.com/nutcracker](http://www.danceitup.com/nutcracker). Payment is due upon registration.

**AUDITIONS:** will be held at DIU on Wednesday, June 5 in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary, & Acro and are open to all dancers entering kindergarten and up. Our non-competitive audition process means that all students will be cast. We invite dancers, who attend another dance school that does not have a Nutcracker production, to audition. Each student will be cast in at least one role. The audition schedule may be found on the attached page.

**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 2024-2025 dance year. **Fall registration must be completed prior to the audition date.** DIU Dance Jam will also perform, but dancers must audition if additional roles are desired. 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 skin-tone 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 for 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 **\$450 (non-refundable)** registration fee (\$400 each for additional family members) includes:

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

Dance Jam only participation is **\$250** for a single role (includes t-shirt and link to download recording of the performances)

**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**. We will distribute performance tights to the dancers at the end of dress rehearsal at the theater. Families must provide footwear appropriate to each role and a skin-tone camisole leotard for their dancers. **DIU garment bag with costumes must be returned to the studio by Wednesday December 18 to avoid a \$25.00 late fee.**

**PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS:** are optional and will be taken on Saturday November 16 by Shier's Photography during the in-studio dress rehearsal.

**REHEARSALS:** start Saturday, September 7, 2024! 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 weekly class and must **attend 3 Saturday full cast rehearsals in November**.

**DRESS REHEARSALS:** will be held on Saturday, November 16 (at the studio), and on Saturday, December 7 (at the theater).

**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. Sickesses arise unexpectedly, so please do not "plan" for two weeks off, as group pieces will be greatly affected.



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**TICKET PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS:** Each Nutcracker family is required to purchase a minimum of 6 tickets (\$25.00 each) to any combination of shows 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 (\$150.00) will be charged to your account if you have not yet purchased them.**

## **Not Just Nutcracker 2024 Audition Schedule - Wednesday, June 5**

Please audition with the grade/class you are enrolling in for the upcoming (2024-2025) school year.

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the audition so that dancers may check in, affix audition number, locate correct audition studio, stretch, and prepare. **Dancers should plan to stay for the entire time of the age group audition. Times allotted to each genre are subject to change.**

**New this year!** DIU staff will measure participants for costume sizing at the audition.

### **Grades K-1: 4:00-4:45** - Please arrive for check-in at 3:45

4:00-4:30 Ballet

4:30-4:45 Hip Hop, Acro (including Hip Hop & Handstands)

### **Grades 2-3: 4:00-5:15** - Please arrive for check-in at 3:45

4:00-4:30 Ballet

4:30-4:45 Hip Hop, Acro

4:45-5:00 Jazz/Tap

5:00-5:15 Contemporary

### **Grades 4-5: 4:30-5:45** - Please arrive for check-in at 4:15

4:30-5:00 Ballet

5:00-5:15 Contemporary

5:15-5:30 Hip Hop, Acro

5:30-5:45 Jazz/Tap

### **Grades 6-7: 5:00-6:15** - Please arrive for check-in at 4:45

5:00-5:30 Ballet

5:30-5:45 Contemporary

5:45-6:00 Jazz, Acro

6:00-6:15 Hip Hop, Tap

### **Grades 8: 5:30-6:45** - Please arrive for check-in at 5:15

5:30-5:45 Contemporary

5:45-6:15 Ballet

6:15-6:30 Jazz, Acro

6:30-6:45 Hip Hop, Tap

### **Grades 9-12: 6:15-7:45** (Age 14+ Senior Prep II - Senior) - Please arrive for check-in at 6:00

6:15-7:00 Ballet/Pointe

7:00-7:15 Contemporary

7:15-7:30 Jazz, Acro

7:30-7:45 Hip Hop, Tap

We can't wait to see all the talent, energy, and enthusiasm of 2024's unique cast!!

HAPPY DANCING,

The Creative Minds at Dance It Up!