



6th Annual

Nutcracker Spectacular 2009

“The Nutcracker like you’ve never seen before”

Alisa's Dance Academy in collaboration with the Westlake HS Entertainment Crew and Westlake HS Symphony Orchestra, are thrilled to begin another exciting Nutcracker Season! This year's Nutcracker is going to have some exciting and new parts and revamped and renewed parts as well. The performances will take place in the newly renovated Westlake High School's Performing Arts Center. Show times are as follows: **Thursday, December 10th & Saturday, December 12th.**

Alisa Laraway
Executive Director

This dazzling performance of Nutcracker Spectacular is unlike any other in Austin! The creative team of Nutcracker Spectacular has developed this show full of excitement in a winter and holiday atmosphere we are sure all members of the family will enjoy. In doing so, Alisa's will be bringing several styles of dance, such as ballet, Pointe, lyrical, tap, musical theater and jazz choreographed to traditional Nutcracker and Holiday music performed live by the WHS Symphony Orchestra.

Artour Bajanov
Artistic Director

The Academy is looking for dedicated dancers that love to perform on a stage in front of an audience with two casts to perform at least one show each. This allows us to offer a part in the Nutcracker to as many dancers as possible. The studio will be casting the following parts: *Keep in mind that some adjustments can be made to casting parts based on level of dancer, not age.*

David Poole
Theater Manager Director

Solo & Duet Parts: Clara (will also perform a *pas de deux*/partner piece), Sugar Plum Fairy* (will also perform a *pas de deux*/partner piece), Snow Queen*, Nutcracker Prince, Mouse King, Harlequin*, Doll*, Tasmanian Devils (duet) and Little Brother “Peter”

Becky White
Technical Director

Parts for Dancers 12 & up: Waltz of the Flowers*, Chinese, Russian, Arabian, French* and Spanish Ensembles, Holiday Dance Corps (Rockette piece) and Winter Lyrical.

Jimmy Edwards
Orchestra Director

Parts for Dancers 12 & under: Party Girls, Rats, Soldiers, Candy Canes, Snowflakes and Angels,

Adam Bernstein
Operations Director

Parts for Dancers 10 & under: Young Party Girls, Mice, Hanukah Dancers and Gingerbread

Parents: Yes, we need your help too! We are asking for about 6 parents for to volunteer to be *Parents at the Ball* for either one cast or both casts. A volunteer is a non- dancing part and no fees or audition is required, only a couple of studio rehearsals will be necessary. See audition application to sign-up.

**indicates experienced Pointe dancers only and required to be enrolled in Pointe classes.*

This is a great opportunity for all, especially those that have never taken ballet and would like the opportunity to participate in a Nutcracker performance.

Auditions for placement in the Nutcracker will be held on **Saturday, September 12th** at Alisa's Dance Academy at the Westlake location. Please read carefully the *Rules and Regulations* listed on the back before committing to audition for placement. Audition application and \$10 audition fee is due no later than **Friday, September 11th.**

**We look forward to seeing
many dancers at auditions!**



Rules and Regulations

1. A \$10 non-refundable audition fee is required per dancer and due upon submission of application for audition NO LATER THAN **September 11th**.
2. Students may receive parts that they have been cast in before and/or receive multiple parts and/or multiple casts.
3. There is a "Nutcracker Participant" non-refundable/non transferable fee of \$90 per dancer and an additional \$45 for dancers participating in two or more parts. This will help cover costume rental, choreographer fees, and administrative costs. This fee is due on the 1st day of rehearsals (**September 19th**).
4. There will be a \$10 dry cleaning fee for EACH participating cast part. This fee is due along with "Participant Fee" on **September 19th**.
5. There will be 10 scheduled studio rehearsals-all held at the Westlake studio, which are held on Saturdays starting **September 19th** (No rehearsal on **November 28th**). It is mandatory that all dancers attend each scheduled rehearsal. The studio must be called ahead of time of any known absence. Dancer's with non-excused or multiple absences will be released from the cast and replaced with a back-up dancer. Dancers are also required to be at all mandatory dress/technical rehearsals at the Westlake High School Performing Arts Center (dates listed on next page). Should an emergency situation arise the dancer is to contact the studio as soon as possible.
6. Dancers are expected to arrive to rehearsals on time and will need to have made arrangements for timely pick-up.
7. Proper dance attire is to be worn during rehearsals. Please follow studio dress code.
8. Dancers are to be on their best behavior during rehearsals and performance. No food/open drink containers/gum/yelling/running/tumbling allowed in studios and at the theater. Please regard teachers and fellow dancers respectfully.
9. Costumes should be handled with care. They do not belong to the dancers and are reused year to year. They must be returned in good condition. Costumes will stay in the possession of the studio and will be given out and returned at every dress rehearsal and performance.
10. Treat the theater and dressing rooms respectfully. Absolutely no touching or playing on scenery, cyc, or props!
11. Parents of performers will be responsible for any damage done to costumes, props, scenery, etc.
12. Costumes that are damaged or lost will result in an \$50 costume replacement fee.
13. Performers will be asked to participate in Advertising sales for the show program. Details will be provided at a later date.
14. Souvenir and memorabilia items will be offered to all cast and crew members, such as 2009 "Nutcracker Spectacular" T-shirts and Nutcracker figurine.
15. The Westlake Entertainment Crew will be professionally digitally recording both night performances for DVD purchases. There is no video recording during any performance.
16. Nutcracker pictures will be taken on **Sunday, November 8th**. Group and individual shots will be available to order and purchase as a keepsake of this performance.
17. **October 10th**, tickets will go on sale for Cast & Crew ONLY. **October 17th** tickets will open for the public to purchase. Tickets will be sold at www.thelongcenter.org. Tickets are not sold through or at the studio. All tickets are reserved seating and \$14.00 per seat.
18. **Sunday, December 13th**, Alisa's will host an after show cast party from 2-3:30 PM.
19. Volunteers will be needed to help with sewing, souvenirs, planning cast party, program & Ad sales, etc. In return for your time and help volunteers will receive \$25 off their participant fee.
20. Parents signature is required on audition application to show that you understand all rules and regulations set for each dancer participating in NS. By signing this agreement, the dancer lets us know that he/she is committed to the performance and will attend all scheduled rehearsals in preparation for performance. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from cast.

Nutcracker Spectacular - Schedule

AUDITIONS:

Saturday, September 12th at Alisa's Dance Academy—Westlake Location

Times:

9:00 - 10:00 AM ages 6-8

10:15 - 11:15 AM ages 9-11

11:30 - 12:30 PM ages 12 & up

12:30-1:00 PM All Pointe Students

Audition Dress Code:

solid color leotard, pink or tan tights and all dance shoes. Hair in a secure bun or ponytail.

Audition Results will posted on the studio website & studio front window on Monday, September 14th @ 3:00 PM

MANDATORY WEEKLY STUDIO REHEARSALS:

All studio rehearsals will be held every Saturday at Alisa's Dance Academy in Westlake,

September 19th - November 21st (see schedule below for times).

No rehearsal on Nov 28th

Both casts will rehearse together at appropriate scheduled times below.

The following cast parts will be scheduled at appropriate times with Artistic Director after auditions:

Clara, Peter, Sugar Plum Fairy.

Schedule and choreographers are subject change at anytime.

<u>REHEARSAL TIME</u>	<u>CAST PART</u> (Instructor) STUDIO 5	<u>CAST PART</u> (Instructor) STUDIO 4	<u>CAST PART</u> (Instructor) STUDIO 3	<u>CAST PART</u> (Instructor) STUDIO 2	<u>CAST PART</u> (Instructor) STUDIO 1
9:15-10:00 AM	Gingerbread				
10:00-10:45 AM	Angels				
10:45-11:30 AM	Hanukah				
11:30-12:15 PM	Nutcracker Prince, Mouse King, Rats, Soldiers, Mice & Little Party Girls* (Artour & Melanie)	Holiday Corps (Kristin)			
12:15-1:00 PM	Snowflakes & Snow Queen (Artour)	Winter Lyrical (Kristin)	Harlequin & Doll Soloist (Artour)	Spanish (Melanie)	Arabian (Emily)
1:00-1:45 PM	French (Emily)	Candy Canes (Joeley)	Tasmanian Devils (Artour)	Russian (Kristin)	Older Party Girls (Melanie)
1:45-2:30 PM	Flowers (Artour)		Chinese (Joeley)		

NS PHOTO SHOOT DAY

Held at Alisa's Dance Academy—Westlake
Sunday, November 8th

Scheduled Picture Time TBA

STUDIO FULL CAST REHEARSALS:

Held at Alisa's Dance Academy—Westlake

ACT I / CAST A & B: Saturday, November 7th at 10:00-12:30 PM

ACT II / CAST A & B: Saturday, November 7th at 1:00-3:30 PM

ACT I / CAST A & B: Saturday, November 14th at 10:00-12:30 PM

ACT II / CAST A & B: Saturday, November 14th at 1:00-3:30 PM

ALL CAST MEMBERS: Saturday, November 21st—Back to regular rehearsal schedule
for final studio rehearsal

MANDATORY TECH & DRESS THEATER REHEARSALS:

All Mandatory Tech & Dress Rehearsals will be held at WHS PAC.

No non cast or crew member will be permitted in the theater during any of these rehearsals.

CAST A: Saturday, December 5th time TBA
(This is a staging rehearsal, no costumes, but regular class attire is required)

CAST B: Saturday, December 5th time TBA
(This is a staging rehearsal, no costumes, but regular class attire is required)

ACT I / CAST A: Monday, December 7th at 4:45-7:00 PM
(This is a tech/dress rehearsal, costuming required. Come with hair & make-up done)

ACT II / CAST A: Monday, December 7th at 6:30-9:00 PM
(This is a tech/dress rehearsal, costuming required. Come with hair & make-up done)

ACT I / CAST B: Tuesday, December 8th at 4:45-7:00 PM
(This is a tech/dress rehearsal, costuming required. Come with hair & make-up done)

ACT II / CAST B: Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30-9:00 PM
(This is a tech/dress rehearsal, costuming required. Come with hair & make-up done)

ACT I / CAST A: Wednesday, December 9th at 4:45-7:00 PM
(This is a full dress rehearsal, costuming required. Come with hair & make-up done)

ACT II / CAST A: Wednesday, December 9th at 6:30-9:00 PM
(This is a full dress rehearsal, costuming required. Come with hair & make-up done)

SHOWTIMES:

CAST B: Thursday, December 10th @ 9:30 AM
(Eanes ISD 4th & 5th grade field trip performance. EISD dancers will automatically be excused from school. The studio can write a letter for any other school districts if necessary.)

CAST A: Thursday, December 10th @ 7:30 PM

CAST A: Saturday, December 12th @ 3:00 PM

CAST B: Saturday, December 12th @ 7:30 PM

Dancers must be on time and ready at their scheduled rehearsal & performance times!

Nutcracker Spectacular

Audition Application

due by September 11th with \$10 audition fee

Personal Information

Applicant's Name _____

School _____ School District _____ Grade _____

If not in *Eanes School District* are you interested in still participating in the Thursday morning performance? Yes No

Age AS OF 9/12/09 _____ Birth Date _____ Female Male

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Parents' Names _____ Parents' Email Address _____

Dancer's Email _____

Dance Experience:

of years ballet _____ # of years jazz _____ # of years Pointe _____

of years Musical Theater _____ # of years lyrical _____ # of years Tap _____

Other dance studies you would like us to know about _____

Have you participated in the ADA Nutcracker Spectacular before? Yes No

If so what parts have you been cast in _____
(keep in mind that this has no bearing on which part you may be cast for 2009)

Do you currently take regular classes on Saturdays? Yes (What time _____) No

Office Use Only:

\$10 Audition fee paid _____

CAST A: _____ / _____
(ACT I) (ACT II)

CAST B: _____ / _____
(ACT I) (ACT II)

Parents Needed for “Egg Nog” Dance

Yes, I am interested in volunteering and being a part of the show as a Parent at the Ball in the “Egg Nog” dance. I realize that I will need to be at the studio for rehearsal on **October 17th** and **November 7th** and that I will be at all tech & dress rehearsals as well.

The studio will provide further details at a later date.

Parent Volunteers:

In order to make this performance be its Best...we need your help!

Yes, I am interested in volunteering and receiving \$25 off my Nutcracker Participant Fee!

Check one or more of the following:

- Flower & Gift Table
- Nutcracker Figurines
- Wardrobe Crew
- Cast Party Planners
- Seamstress/Alterations
- Rehearsal Wardrobe Crew
- Ads/Program

By signing below I _____ (parent/guardian) state that I understand and have read with my child the guidelines and rules set forth for all Nutcracker Spectacular participants. I also understand, that by not following set guidelines it could result in my child being dismissed from the cast.

PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUIRED SIGNATURE

DATE

X _____
