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# *8th Annual* **Nutcracker Spectacular 2011**

*“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! The studio is also delighted to have back our Nutcracker Artistic Director **Melanie Malinowski**, Ballet Director of ADA. This performance will take place at Westlake High School's Community Performing Arts Center with a total of 4 performances; **2 Performances for each cast which will be held on Friday, December 9th & Saturday, December 10th.**

The 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, musical theater and jazz choreographed to traditional Nutcracker and Holiday music performed live by the WHS Symphony Orchestra.

The Academy is looking for dedicated experienced dancers that love to perform on a stage in front of an audience with two casts to perform at least two shows each. This allows us to offer a part in the Nutcracker to as many dancers as possible. Based on casts parts, dance experience and age they may not be a part for every dancer that auditions. The studio will be casting the following parts:

**Solo & Duet Parts:** Clara, Sugar Plum Fairy\* (will also perform a *pas de deux*/partner piece), Snow Queen\*, Nutcracker, Rat King, Harlequin\*, Doll\*, Jesters (duet) and Little Brother "Fritz"

**Small & Large Ensembles:** Waltz of the Flowers\*, Chinese\*, Russian, Arabian, French\*, Spanish, Holiday Dance Corps (Rockette piece), Winter Lyrical, Party Girls, Young Party Girls, Rats, Soldiers, Bon Bons, Snowflakes, Angels, Mice, Hanukah Dancers and Gingerbread.

**Parents:** Yes, we need your help too! We are in need of Moms & Dads to volunteer to participant in the *Party Scene* in all 4 show times. The parent's dance will be a non-dancing part but is a theatrical part. No fees or audition is required and only a couple of studio rehearsals will be necessary. We will need you to be at all tech & dress rehearsals at the theater. **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 17th** at Alisa's Dance Academy-Westlake location. Please read carefully the *Rules and Regulations* listed on the back before committing to audition for placement. Audition application and \$15 audition fee is due no later than **Saturday, September 10th.**

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



# Nutcracker Spectacular Guidelines

1. Must be between the ages of 6-18 as of audition date (9/17/11). Dancers should come to the audition time based on their ages as of audition day.
2. A \$15 non-refundable audition fee is required per dancer and due upon submission of application for audition NO LATER THAN **September 10th**.
3. Dancers and parents should acknowledge that students most likely will receive parts that they have been cast in before and/or receive multiple parts and/or multiple casts. It is not uncommon even in the professional dance world to be a part 3 more times. Do not audition if this is not an option for you.
4. There is a "Nutcracker Participant" non-refundable/non transferable fee of \$90 per dancer and \$45 for each additional part. This will help cover costume rental, choreographer fees, and administrative costs. This fee is due on the 1st day of rehearsals (**September 24th**).
5. There will be a \$10 dry cleaning fee for EACH participating cast part. This fee is due along with "Participant Fee" on **September 24th**.
6. There will be 9 scheduled studio rehearsals-all held at the Westlake studio, which will be held on Saturdays starting **September 24th** (No rehearsal on **November 26th**). 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 (2 or more) absences will be released from the cast and replaced with a back-up dancer (no NS fees will be refunded). Dancers are also required to be at all mandatory dress/technical rehearsals at the Westlake High School PAC (dates listed on next page). Should an emergency situation arise the dancer is to contact the studio as soon as possible.
7. Dancers are expected to arrive to rehearsals on time and will need to have made arrangements for timely pick-up.
8. Be ready in proper dancer attire prior to scheduled rehearsal time. Proper dance attire is to be worn during rehearsals. Please follow studio dress code.
9. 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.
10. 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/or costume rental company and will be given out and returned at every dress rehearsal and performance.
11. Costumes that are damaged or lost will result in an \$50 costume replacement fee.
12. Treat the theater and dressing rooms respectfully. Absolutely no touching or playing on scenery, cyk, or props!
13. Parents of performers will be responsible for any damage done to costumes, props, scenery, etc.
14. Performers will be asked to participate in Advertising sales for the show program. Details will be provided at a later date.
15. Souvenir and memorabilia items will be offered to all cast and crew members, such as 2011 "Nutcracker Spectacular" T-shirts and Nutcracker figurine.
16. The Westlake Entertainment Crew will be professionally digitally recording in high definition both night performances for DVD purchases. There is no video recording during any performance.
17. Nutcracker pictures will be taken on **Sunday, November 13th**. Group and individual shots will be available to order and purchase as a keepsake of this performance. Pictures will also be displayed in the Nutcracker show program.
18. **October 8th**, tickets will go on sale for Cast & Crew ONLY. **October 15th** tickets will open for the public to purchase. Tickets will be sold at [www.thelongcenter.org](http://www.thelongcenter.org). Tickets are not sold through or at the studio. All tickets are reserved seating and \$15.00 per seat.
19. **Sunday, December 11th**, Alisa's will host an after show cast party from 2-3:30 PM.
20. Volunteers will be needed to help with sewing, souvenirs, planning cast party, etc. In return for your time and help volunteers will receive \$20 off their participant fee.
21. 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 2011:

Saturday, September 17th at Alisa's Dance Academy—Westlake Location

### Times:

Dancers should attend the audition time based on their ages as of audition day.

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

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

11:30 - 12:30 PM ages 12-18

12:30-1:00 PM All Pointe Students

### Audition Requirements:

0 + Years of Dance Experience: Mice, Angels, Hanukah

1 + Years of Dance Experience: Gingerbread

3 + Years of Dance Experience: All other casts parts available

### Audition Dress Code:

Solid color leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes or tan or black jazz shoes.

Pointe shoes required for Pointe audition session. **Hair in a secure bun.**

**Audition Results will be posted on the studio website  
& studio front window on Monday, September 19th @ 3:00 PM**

## MANDATORY WEEKLY STUDIO REHEARSALS:

All studio rehearsals will be held every Saturday at Alisa's Dance Academy in Westlake, **September 24th - November 19th** (see schedule below for times). *No rehearsal on Nov 26th*

Both casts will rehearse together at appropriate scheduled times below.

## SATURDAY STUDIO REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Schedule is subject to change at anytime based on audition results.

<u>REHEARSAL TIME</u> <i>Unless indicated differently by group name</i>	<u>CAST PART</u> <b>STUDIO 5</b>	<u>CAST PART</u> <b>STUDIO 4</b>	<u>CAST PART</u> <b>STUDIO 3</b>	<u>CAST PART</u> <b>STUDIO 2</b>	<u>CAST PART</u> <b>STUDIO 1</b>
<b>9:00-9:45 AM</b>	Gingerbread				
<b>10:00-10:45 AM</b>	All Party Girls & Clara <i>young party girls begin reh on 10/1</i> Fritz <i>starts on 10/8</i>				
<b>10:45-11:45 AM</b>	Nutcracker, Rat King, Rats, Soldiers & Mice <i>mice reh begin 10/8</i>		<b>10:45-11:15 AM</b> Bon Bons		
<b>11:45-12:30 PM</b>	Snowflakes Snow Queen <i>SQ starts reh on 10/8</i>		<b>11:30-12:15 PM</b> Winter Lyrical		
<b>12:30-1:00 PM</b>	Snow Queen <i>Reh 9/24-10/8</i> Clara <i>Reh 10/15-11/5</i>		<b>12:15-1:00 PM</b> Angels		<b>12:15-1:00 PM</b> Hanukah
<b>1:00-1:45 PM</b>	Waltz of the Flowers		Holiday Corps		
<b>2:00-2:30 PM</b>	Harlequin <i>start 9/24</i> Doll <i>start 10/1</i> Jesters <i>start 10/8</i>  All start coming together starting 10/15	<b>2:00-2:45 PM</b> Spanish	<b>2:00-2:45 PM</b> Chinese		<b>2:00-2:45 PM</b> Russian
<b>2:30-3:30 PM</b>	Sugar Plum Fairy & Nutcracker Prince	<b>2:45-3:30 PM</b> Arabian	<b>2:45-3:30 PM</b> French		

## **STUDIO FULL CAST REHEARSALS:**

Held at Alisa's Dance Academy—Westlake

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

ACT II / CAST A & B: Saturday, November 12th at 12:30-2:30 PM

ACT I / CAST A & B: Saturday, November 19th at 10:00-12:00 PM

ACT II / CAST A & B: Saturday, November 19th at 12:30-2:30 PM

## **MANDATORY TECH & DRESS THEATER REHEARSALS @ WHS PAC:**

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 & B: Saturday, December 3rd 10:00-4:00 PM  
*Dancer's will not need to be at this rehearsal for the full time listed. Detailed cast rehearsal schedule will be given out at a later date.*  
(This is a staging rehearsal, no costumes, but regular class attire is required)

ACT I / CAST B: Tuesday, December 6th at 4:30-7:00 PM  
(This is a tech/dress rehearsal, costuming required. Come with hair & make-up done)

ACT II / CAST B: Tuesday, December 6th 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 7th at 4:30-7:00 PM  
(This is a tech/dress rehearsal, costuming required. Come with hair & make-up done)

ACT II / CAST A: Wednesday, 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: Thursday, December 8th at 4:30-7:00 PM  
(This is a full dress rehearsal, costuming required. Come with hair & make-up done)

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

## **SHOWTIMES @ WHS PAC:**

CAST A: Friday, December 9th @ 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 B: Friday, December 9th @ 7:30 PM

CAST B: Saturday, December 10th @ 3:00 PM

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

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



## Parents Needed for "Party Scene"

Yes, I am interested in volunteering as a Parent and being a part of the show as a participant in the *Party Scene*. I realize that I will need to be at the studio for approximately 2 to 3 rehearsals and at all tech/dress rehearsals. 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 \$20 off my Nutcracker Participant Fee!

#### Check one or more of the following:

- Flower & Gift Table
- Nutcracker Figurines
- Rehearsal Dressing Room Wardrobe Crew
- Show Days Dressing Room Wardrobe Crew
- Studio & Transportation Costuming Crew
- Cast Party Planners
- Seamstress/Alterations

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

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