



Information Sheet

Thank you for your interest in performing in *Nutcracker on the Indian River*. This information sheet should answer all of your pre-audition questions. Please take the time to read this sheet thoroughly and fill out an audition form.

Audition is by pre-registration only, and all registrations must be submitted by 5:00pm on September 27.

Audition Requirements:

- Auditions are open to children ages 7-18. Eligibility is determined by the age of the auditionee on the audition date.
- Auditions for ages 7-10 are open to the entire community, including youth involved in our Ticket Donation Program.
- Auditions for ages 11-18 are open only to students enrolled in dance at Riverside Theatre or youth involved in our Ticket Donation program.

Expectations: *Nutcracker on the Indian River* is a professional production that includes children's roles. Ballet Vero Beach is thrilled to offer the opportunity for youth from our community to participate in a spectacular performance with the region's only professional ballet company. It is expected that all cast members conduct themselves in a respectful and disciplined manner. Participants and their families are expected to behave respectfully at all times to one another as well as production staff. Disrespectful or unfocused participants will be dismissed from the production. Dance is a difficult discipline. Participants must stay on top of their schoolwork, eat well-balanced meals, get enough sleep, and refrain from other activities that could result in physical injury. Most importantly participants are expected to have fun and enjoy the entire experience. We are glad you are here!

Additionally, by auditioning for this production, each potential performer is agreeing to accept whatever roll he or she may be offered **and** participate in the production according to the policies within this document, as well as any additional necessary policies that may arise during the production period. ***Performers who drop out or are dismissed from the production, including those who decide not to participate once casting has been released, will be ineligible to participate in all future Ballet Vero Beach Productions.***

Communication: All pertinent information regarding the production will be communicated to cast members through the contact email provided with this form. Please make sure to configure your SPAM settings to accept mail from nutcracker@balletverobeach.org. **Please note that all communication from cast members should be directed to this email address.** Riverside Theatre has graciously agreed to donate rehearsal space to our production, but Riverside Theatre staff will not be able to answer any performer questions.

Fees: There are no fees associated with participating in *Nutcracker on the Indian River*, however cast members will be required to provide basic dancewear items to wear under their costumes. Please contact nutcracker@balletverobeach.org if this policy causes you financial hardship.

Cast List: The cast list will be posted on the lobby doors of the Riverside Theatre Education Building by 4:00 pm on Tuesday October 2. Do not call the theatre to ask about casting. If you are not cast, please do not give up. We at Ballet Vero Beach believe in performing arts education for all young people and we hope you try again.

Attendance Policy: All rehearsals and performances are required. Cast members may submit a request for one (1) excused absence during the rehearsal period. Absences may only be for required school activities or family trips, and cannot occur during required rehearsal or performance days. Below you will find a rehearsal schedule including all times cast members must be available. **Please note:** additional rehearsals/events may be added. All cast members will be informed of their first rehearsal date. From then on, rehearsal schedules will be posted at least one week in advance on the door to the large dance studio inside the Riverside Theatre Education building. Rehearsal schedules WILL NOT be emailed to parents or students. It is the responsibility of every cast member to know their rehearsal schedule. Cast members who are ill must inform Ballet Vero Beach of their illness and also present a Dr.'s note upon their return to rehearsals. If you cannot abide by this attendance policy, please do not audition. Unexcused absences or failure to abide by the attendance policy will result in dismissal from the production.

Rehearsals/Performances:

Auditions: September 29

- 10:30-11:00 7 Year Olds
- 11:00-11:30 8-10 Year Olds
- 11:30-12:15 11-13 Year Olds
- 12:15-1:00 14-18 Year Olds

Rehearsals (Cast Members May Not Be Required For Every Rehearsal Or Full Rehearsal Times; See Posted Schedules):

- October 13: 10:00-1:00
- October 20: 10:00-1:00
- October 27: 10:00-1:00
- November 3: 10:00-1:00
- November 10: 10:00-1:00
- December 1: 10:00-1:00
- December 19: 3:00-7:00 **No Absence Requests**
- December 20: 3:00-7:00 **No Absence Requests**

Production Week/Performances (A Detailed Schedule Will Be Made Available Later):

December 28, December 29, December 30, and December 31 **No Absence Requests Any of These Days**

Special Events:

- October 6 Indian River Land Trust Field Day
- December 8 Tea Up for the Nutcracker **No Absence Requests**

Audition/Rehearsal Attire: Auditionees/Cast Members should follow Riverside Theatre Education Ballet Class Dress and Hair Code Policies (these polices are available online at riversidetheatre.com). Most younger cast members will perform barefoot, so please do not purchase shoes.

To request an audition, fill out the form below and email it to nutcracker@balletverobeach.org. Our staff will respond with a confirmation of your audition time when we receive your form.

Audition Form:

Name (as it will appear in the program): _____

Age _____ Grade Level _____ School _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Excused Absence Request: All Cast Members are allowed one (1) excused absence during select rehearsals only. Requests may be made for a mandatory school event or family trip. Please refer to the list of scheduled rehearsals, and list your requested absence date below. All absence requests must accompany this form, and students with more than one rehearsal conflict should not audition.

Requested Date (allowed rehearsals only): _____ Reason For Absence: _____

Waiver: By signing this form, I agree to abide by all polices within this document and any additional policies that may be created regarding participation in Ballet Vero Beach’s production *Nutcracker on the Indian River*. I also agree that photos and videos of my child may be used by Ballet Vero Beach, The Indian River Land Trust, Riverside Theatre, and any additional partner organizations for publicity and promotion purposes. I hereby waive and release any and all claims for damages, injuries or death that may be suffered before, during or after activities with Ballet Vero Beach. I will further hold harmless Ballet Vero Beach, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach High School, the Indian River Land Trust, and any additional partner organizations. I hereby authorize any physician, trainer, or nurse selected by personnel to order and contact any emergency medical or surgical procedures necessary to save life and limb.

Parent Signature

Date