

***The Nutcracker:***  
***A New Stage and Dance Adaptation***

**The 26<sup>th</sup> Year of our Holiday Tradition**

**Audition/Production Handbook 2022**

A Holiday Tradition Presented by

Decatur Community Dance Productions

and

Mid-Summer Moon Productions

**IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION  
FOR THE NUTCRACKER: A New Stage and Dance Adaptation**

**Dancing**

**Decatur Community Dance**

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**DECATUR COMMUNITY DANCE NUTCRACKER DIRECTING STAFF**

Nancy McReynolds, Director  
Melissa Girardi, Assistant Director

**Acting**

**MID-SUMMER MOON PRODUCTIONS**

For general acting information or questions, call Maria Lightner at 217.791.2658 or email [midsummermoonproductions@gmail.com](mailto:midsummermoonproductions@gmail.com)

Also, check the Mid-Summer Moon Productions' Facebook page

**MID-SUMMER MOON PRODUCTIONS NUTCRACKER DIRECTING STAFF**

Maria Lightner, Director  
Dan Lightner, Technical Director

## **Decatur Community Dance Productions and Mid-Summer Moon Productions**

### **The Nutcracker: A New Stage and Dance Adaptation** **AUDITION/PRODUCTION HANDBOOK 2022**

#### **DANCING AUDITIONS** (Room SC54)

Friday, September 9, 2022; 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 10, 2022; 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

#### **ACTING AUDITIONS** (Room SC54)

Friday, September 9, 2022; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 10, 2022; 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

#### **CAST LIST POSTED ON LINE**

Thursday, September 15, 2022

#### **SUNDAY DANCE REHEARSALS**

Sundays: September 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20, 27

#### **PRODUCTION/TECH WEEK**

Move-in date: November 27 at Johns Hill Magnet School

Sunday, November 27 - Sunday, December 4

#### **PERFORMANCES**

##### **Public Performances**

Thursday, December 1; Dress rehearsal and pictures

(Individuals start at 4:30 p.m.)

Friday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 4, 2:30 p.m.

(Followed by the Sugar Plum Tea)

School Performance TBD on November 30<sup>th</sup>

#### **Rehearsals at Richland Community College in Room SC54**

Richland Community College

One College Park, Room SC54

Decatur, IL 62521-8513

The Decatur Community Dance Staff, Mid-Summer Moon Staff, Directors, and Parent Advocates would like to welcome you to the 26<sup>th</sup> production of The Nutcracker: A New Stage and Dance Adaptation.

This Audition/Production Handbook has been created to expedite your audition/rehearsal process. The directors/assistant directors expect complete compliance and cooperation with their decisions and policies. Please read all of the audition material included in this Handbook and fill out the google form that will be emailed to you prior to auditions. All those who audition will become a part of an exciting performance.

Communication is important; therefore, it is your responsibility to check for the most current information. Notes will be distributed during rehearsals and posted in the doorway of SC54, on Decatur Community Dance Facebook Page, and on Mid-Summer Moon Productions' Facebook page. Please make sure your email address in class manager is up to date. You will receive emails from class manger regarding Nutcracker.

## **The NUTCRACKER: A New Stage and Dance Adaptation**

### **AUDITION SCHEDULE**

Please arrive 20 minutes before scheduled audition time to register and be measured. All minors need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Dancers should come prepared wearing a solid color leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet shoes. Hair should be in a neat bun. Pointe shoes must be worn in the audition at the appropriate time if the dancer expects to be cast in a pointe number.

Participants only need to audition one day; however, students are welcome to come both days if they choose.

### **PROCEDURES FOR THE AUDITION**

1. For current DCD participants, login to class manager and enroll in Nutcracker Dancing class if interested in dancing. For those participants interested in participating in the acting; enroll in Nutcracker Acting Class.
2. One week prior to auditions you will receive an email from class manager with a google form to fill out prior to attending auditions.
3. Arrive on audition day 20 minutes early to finish registration.
4. After registration proceed to SC01 to be measured for costumes
5. After measurements, dancers should start to stretch in the hallway to be prepared for auditions and actors can wait in the hallway outside of SC54.
6. You will be called by the Dance/Acting director to enter SC54 for auditions.
7. Dance Rehearsal schedule will be available in this handbook, posted outside SC54, on the Decatur Community Dance website & Facebook page.
8. Acting rehearsal schedule will be available after casting when Maria has a chance to check conflicts.
9. Cast List will be posted after 3 pm on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> outside SC54 and will be emailed via class manager to all participants and posted on Decatur Community Dance and Mid-summer Moon Productions Facebook page.
10. It is important to note that each family needs to volunteer to assist in the production in some manner.
11. You will be emailed an invoice for the production fee for each class that a participant is signed up for on 9/15/22 and payment will be due by 9/18/22:
  - a. Dancing Fee as posted in class manager: \$100.00 (covers participation for 1 to 3 dances; however, dancers are only guaranteed to be cast in one dance)
  - b. Acting Fee as posted in class manger: \$30.00
12. All fees are nonrefundable.

## **Dancing Audition with Nancy and Chelsea (SC54)**

**Friday: September 9, 2022; 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

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| 5:00 – 5:15 p.m. | Beginning students (Ages 5 -7)<br>(Snow Angels, Brittle Boys, party children) |
| 5:15 – 5:45 p.m. | Beginning/intermediate (Ages 8 -13)<br>(Corps work, party children, Bon Bons) |
| 5:45 – 6:30 p.m. | Intermediate/Advanced & Pointe (Ages 14 -Adult)<br>(Corps work, Centers)      |

(Party Parents sign up online in class manager selecting Nutcracker Acting class and for those who want to act need to attend one acting audition day.)

**Saturday: September 10, 2022; 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

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| 2:00 – 2:15 p.m. | Beginning students (Ages 5 -7)<br>(Snow Angels, Brittle Boys, party children) |
| 2:15 – 3:45 p.m. | Beginning/intermediate (Ages 8 -13)<br>(Corps work, party children, Bon Bons) |
| 2:45 – 3:30 p.m. | Intermediate/Advanced & Pointe (Ages 14 -Adult)<br>(Corps work, Centers)      |

### **Dances:**

- Drosselmeyer's Dolls, Party Parents' dances, Party children's dance, End of Party dance with adults and children
- Snow Angels; Snowflake dance with post and Snow Queen
- Spanish/Chocolate dance with Center; Chinese with Center; Russian; Mother Ginger and her Bon Bons, Marzipan/Peppermint dance with Center; Waltz of the Flowers/Gumdrop's Dance with flower corps; Finale with Sugar Plum

## **Acting Audition with Maria (SC54)**

Friday: September 9, 2022; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Ages 5-Adult)

Saturday, September 10, 2022; 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.(Ages 5-Adult)

### Acting Parts:

Actors: Fritz, Marie, Nanny, Party Parents, Mrs. Sieberhaus, Mr. Sieberhaus, Drosselmeyer, Clara

Children Actors: Anna, Edward, Henry, Jacob, Elizabeth

Character Actors: Mother Ginger, Nutcracker, several Mice and Soldiers, Mouse King, Prince, Bon Bons, Sugar Plum

## **September & October Rehearsal Schedule (9/18/22-10/30/22)**

### **NUTCRACKER DANCING REHEARSAL SCHEDULE (SC54)**

#### **Sundays, September 18 – October 30**

12:00 - 12:15	Peppermints
12:15 - 12:30	Spanish
12:30 - 1:00	Snowflakes
1:00 - 1:30	Snow Angels
1:30 - 2:00	Bon Bons
2:00 - 2:30	Party Children
2:30 - 3:00	Chinese
3:00 – 3:30	Russian
3:30 – 4:00	Waltz of the Flowers
4:00 - 4:30	Party Parents (Waltz and the Star)

Soloists/ Centers will have to rehearse at an appointed time with Nancy or Melissa.

#### **Acting Rehearsals with Maria (TBD)**

Sundays: All actors will receive a rehearsal once the show is cast and conflicts can be taken into consideration when Maria creates the schedule.

## **November Rehearsal Schedule (11/6/22-11/27/22)**

### **Sundays, November 6-27 Rehearsal Schedule for Acting and Dancing (SC54):**

#### **Full Rehearsal of Act I from 1-2:30 pm**

Act I include the following dancers/actors: Fritz, Marie, Nanny, Party Parents, Mrs. Sieberhaus, Mr. Sieberhaus, Drosselmeyer, Anna, Edward, Henry, Jacob, Elizabeth, Clara, Nutcracker, Mice, Soldiers, Mouse King, Prince, Party Children dancers, Snowflakes, and Snow Angels

#### **Full Rehearsal of Act II from 2:30-4:00 pm**

Act II include the following dancers/actors: Marie, Nanny, Clara, Prince, Mother Ginger, Sugar Plum, Bon Bons, Peppermints, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Waltz of Flowers