**Moscow Ballet’s “Great Russian Nutcracker”**

**Parent Fact Sheet**

Your Host Studio: School of Missouri Contemporary Ballet
Your studio instructors: Ms. Kay Whitney, Ms. Nicole Bell, Ms. Alice Wells

Performance Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 7 PM

Performance Location: Jesse Auditorium- University of Missouri

-There is NO fee to audition today. However, if you are cast into a role there is a $65 cast fee. This should be made payable to “School of Missouri Contemporary Ballet” and is due today or on your first scheduled rehearsal date (October 5th) at the latest. You can pay with cash, check, or card. There will also be a fundraising option to cover your performance fee. If you plan to participate in the fundraiser, please pick up a packet following the parent meeting.

-All dancers cast must **register** online at [www.nutcracker.com/auditions](http://www.nutcracker.com/auditions). That is also a **waiver** that must be **signed** in order to perform with the Moscow Ballet. Please do this prior to the audition if possible, or as soon as you have access to the internet following casting.

-Today’s audition will last approximately two hours. If cast, there will be a **mandatory rehearsal immediately following** . Rehearsal following auditions may also last a couple of hours. Other **mandatory** rehearsals with the Moscow Ballet dancer will take place in the afternoon/evening on Wednesday, August 28th, and Thursday, August 29th. We will email a detailed schedule for the remainder of the week following today’s audition, since the schedule is dependent on casting. There is also a **parent meeting** following the audition. We will go over expectations of all dancers and families, and answer any questions you may have. **Please stay for this meeting**.

-Additional informational documents for parents and children can be found at **http:www.nutcracker.com/youth/faq-for-students**. This information includes the Complete Rehearsal Policy, Costume Breakdown, Costume Process and Day of Performance run down. Copies are also provided to those cast in a role today.

**-REHEARSALS**- Ongoing rehearsals will be held each Saturday from October 5th until the performance on December 11th. There will be no rehearsal on November 30th. Your child’s individual rehearsal schedule will depend on which role/s your child is cast in and will not be determined until after the audition is complete. Dancers are expected to memorize and retain all choreography, music counts, and be prepared for the day of the performance. Please be prompt for all rehearsals and ready to work, and please pick dancers up on time. A dancer is allowed to miss **one** rehearsal with advance notice and written excuse. Missed rehearsal without notice may result in the teacher’s decision to remove the child from the cast. The Moscow Ballet will stand by the teacher’s decision.

**REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

**WHAT DAY AM I REHEARSING**? We will let you know your dancer’s hourly rehearsal schedule for ongoing Saturday rehearsals by email by August 31st, 2019.

Please note that there will be a mandatory full cast rehearsal on Monday, December 9th and Tuesday, December 10th at approximately 4:30 pm. A finalized schedule will be sent closer to those dates.

**Performance Day-** Please be advised that dancers will be required to be at Jesse Auditorium approximately 6 hours before curtain time. This means that each dancer will have to miss about a half day of school. Specific times and more information will be provided as we move forward. Moscow Ballet has provided a form for school absence request that will be available as we get closer to the performance date.

**Parent Volunteers-** We will be looking for parents to volunteer back stage in the dressing room during the dress rehearsal and performance (1 parent for every 8-10 children). If you are a volunteer, you will not be able to see the performance and you will not need a ticket.

**Tickets-** All ticket information is on the website, nutcracker.com. The most economical way to get tickets is to create a group of 10 or more, then you can receive a 20% discount. Group tickets 800 320-1733. Please buy tickets early, because they have sold out in the past!

**Contact info**:

Preferred method of contact is email. Please email us with any questions at school@missouricontemporaryballet.org.

We are also available to contact via phone at 573-825-0095. Please keep in mind that since we are closed during the day, we may not always be able to return your call as quickly as you would like. Our office hours are Monday-Thursday 4:00 pm-7:30 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am-12:00 pm.