



“Nutcracker Sweet”
Auditions – 2010
Saturday, September 18

2:00 – 3:00 (Ages 6 – 8) (Q & A @ 2:15)

3:00 – 4:00 (Ages 9 – 12) (Q & A @ 3:15)

4:00 – 5:30 (Ages 12 – 18) (Q & A @ 4:15)
(A portion of this audition is En Pointe)

***Parents/Adults: (Ages 18+)**

Auditions: Sunday, Sept. 19 @ 2 – 3pm

(Males & Females needed! All levels of Dancing & Acting!)

Performance Dates:

Saturday, December 11 @ 2:00pm

and

Sunday, December 12 @ 2:00pm

Please bring the following on AUDITION day:

- **Audition form (completed)** *(Attached)*
- **Commitment form (completed)** *(Attached)*
- **\$5.00 audition fee** (check payable to: WEAD or exact cash)

Please visit our NEW Exclusive “Nutcracker Sweet” website at: www.nutcrackersweet.webs.com

All the information attached can be viewed on this site.

All forms can be downloaded at: www.westendacademy.com

“The Nutcracker Sweet”

Thank you for your interest in our production of The Nutcracker Sweet, produced by: *The West End Academy of Dance and Pilates, Dance and More... The Art of Fitness*. This packet includes some general information about auditioning and rehearsing for this production.

“**Audition**” form and “**Commitment**” forms are attached to this packet for your convenience. They can also be downloaded at: www.westendacademy.com. These need to be filled out and then turned in the day of auditions. Dancers must be at least 6 years of age and enrolled in at least (1) Ballet class at Pilates, Dance and More or West End Academy of Dance to be eligible to audition.

AUDITIONS:

Please arrive at least **30 minutes** prior to your audition time. This is to insure enough time for registration, payments, and any other preparations necessary for your audition. Please have ALL forms filled out and audition fee ready. We also ask for all dancers to have hair pulled back, dressed in appropriate dance attire & footwear, warmed up & ready to dance. Once the door to the studio is closed, no one will be allowed in during that audition time, so please be on time.

(Audition Date: Saturday, Sept. 18 – exact times on front page)

Roles available: Ages 6 - 8

Marie, Fritz, Party Children, Little Mice, Angels, Little Chefs and Cupcakes

Roles available: Ages 9 and up

(Pointe is not required for all roles)

Clara, Fritz, Party Children, Harlequin Dolls, Soldier Doll, Little Mice, Big Mice, Rat Queen, The Prince, Soldiers, Snow, Snow Queen, Angel, Cupcakes, Spanish, Arabian Peacock, Arabian, Chinese, Russian, Mirliton, Dew Drop, Flowers, Sugar Plum Fairy

Roles available: Parents/Adults - Ages 18+

(Audition date: Sunday, Sept. 19: 2:00-3:00pm)

Mother, Father, Drosselmeyer, Party Parents, Maids and Mother Ginger

VERY IMPORTANT...

Please note that if you are casted in the production you will have rehearsals every weekend. It may only be one day out of the weekend during the month of October, but it will be both Saturday and Sunday starting in November. Everyone’s full cooperation, energy, creativity and help will be needed to fulfill this dream. With this in mind we take the “commitment form” very seriously! Parents and Teens, if you do not feel you can get to rehearsals please do not audition. There are only (9) weekends, including “Run-Throughs”, before the performance! So, please give this very special opportunity careful consideration.

Save the date! We hope to see you all ...**Saturday, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010!!!!**

"The Nutcracker Sweet"

(Audition Form - 2010)

(PLEASE have this form filled out. EVERYONE must have their hair pulled back, dressed in appropriate dance attire & footwear, warmed up & ready to dance 30 min. before designated audition time!)

Name _____ Age _____

Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____ My Studio: (WEAD) _____ (PDM) _____

Please know that this is an "open audition".

- You will be asked to show your full "range of skills" - *dancing to acting*.
- Roles are available for all dancers ages 6 and up (Pointe roles are open to dancers 12+)
- You are not auditioning for a "specific part", rather you will be considered for all parts that are within your **Expertise AND Availability**.

- 1) I would like to be "considered" for **MORE** than (1) Role: Yes _____ No _____
- 2) If selected for more than (1) role, I'm aware of the additional costume charges & rehearsal times: _____
- 3) Please list ALL *current & future* extracurricular activities for this Nutcracker season:
(Includes: Soccer, CYT, Dance Team, Choir, etc.) Please include days/ times you will be involved:

- 4) Due to prior commitments, I am aware of a planned absence on the following date(s): _____
- 5) Days I am available to practice: Fri. PM _____ Sat. AM _____ Sat. Afternoon _____ Sun. Afternoon _____

(If you agree to the following, parents and/or older dancers, please initial...)

- 6) I am aware that I must be available **BOTH Sat. & Sun.** during the months of **Nov. and Dec.** _____
- 7) I am aware that *more than (1) planned absence* may result in not being cast in the production. _____
- 8) I understand that once I accept my role(s) in the production, more than one absence from rehearsal, for reasons other than sickness, MAY be cause for dismissal from the production. _____

(Please note: There are only (9) weekends, including "Run-throughs", before the performance!)

Audition Times - (Saturday, September 18)

2:00 – 3:00 pm: (Ages 6 – 8) (Q & A @ 2:15)

3:00 – 4:00pm: (Ages 9 -12) (Q & A @ 3:15)

4:00 – 5:30pm: (Ages 12-18) (A portion is En Pointe) (Q & A @ 4:15)

***Parents/Adults Needed: Audition: (Sunday, September 19) (2:00 – 3:00pm) (Ages 18+)**

All Adults (male and female) interested in performing in the "Nutcracker Sweet".

All levels of dancing/acting!

I have read and agree to the Contract of Commitment. I also agree to make arrangements for attendance to all scheduled rehearsals if my child/I am cast in the "Nutcracker Sweet".

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

All results posted on WEAD website: www.westendacademy.com & both studios by: **Wednesday, Sept. 22**

Please visit our NEW Exclusive "Nutcracker Sweet" website: www.nutcrackersweet.webs.com

"The Nutcracker Sweet"

(Commitment Form – 2010)

We will be presenting our second annual production of "The Nutcracker Sweet" produced by *West End Academy of Dance* and *Pilates, Dance and More...* on December 11th and 12th, 2010.

Please read all of the information before the audition. If you or your child is chosen to be in the production, this contract of commitment must be signed. Please look at your schedules carefully before you commit. Participants must attend all rehearsals that are scheduled.

Possible Rehearsal Days/Times:

Rehearsals will be held at *West End Academy of Dance*, unless otherwise noted.

(Rehearsals will be held between the following hours & will NOT last longer than 2 hours *PER ROLE*).

Fridays – 4:30-9:00pm
Saturdays – 10:00-6:00pm
Sundays – 2:00-5:30pm

**Details of rehearsals will be posted every Monday at both studios and
The Nutcracker Sweet website: www.nutcrackersweet.webs.com**

We only have (9) weekends including the "Run-Throughs". Please evaluate your activities and decide if you can make this commitment. Of course we do not want your child to come if they are ill. If your child is sick, please call as soon as possible.

It will be necessary to have your full cooperation, energy, creativity and assistance to fulfill this dream. We take the COMMITMENT Form very seriously. PARENTS, if you do not feel you can get your child/children to rehearsals; we encourage you to reconsider having your child audition. But we do hope that you give this very special opportunity priority.

There will be a mandatory Parent/Dancer meeting on: Saturday, September 25th from 2:00 – 4:00pm

- The meeting will be held at WEAD.
- Younger dancers will have measurements taken from 2:00-3:00.
- Older dancers will have measurements taken 3:00-4:00pm.
- All fees will be due at this time as well as detailed information about rehearsals and performances.
- There are a lot of positions available for volunteers as well. We are asking for parents to volunteer their time to help us make this production successful!

(Commitment Form – 2010) cont.

Nutcracker Fees: (Checks payable to: WEAD) (Includes Production & Costume Fees)

\$135 for (1) role - per dancer (non-refundable)

\$155 for (2) roles

\$175 for (3) roles

\$195 for (4) roles

Production Fees include: choreographers' fees, as well as all other costs associated with the production (facility rental, technical crews, scenery and lighting, printing, publicity, etc., as well as continuous improvement of our production). Production fees this year also cover publication of the Souvenir Program. *Each dancer will receive (1) Souvenir Program as a keepsake of his/her participation.*

Costume Rental Fees include: creation or purchase of new costumes and accessories, as well as alterations, repair, replacement and cleaning of existing pieces.

You may be required to purchase specific dance shoes, tights, and /or leg wear for the performances. We will inform you regarding what type of shoes and color is required, if necessary.

Important Dates: (All information is available at www.nutcrackersweet.webs.com)

Sat., September 18	Auditions (Ages 6 – 18) (see times on “Audition Form”)
Sun., September 19	Auditions (Parents/ Adults – ages 18+) (2:00 – 3:00pm)
Wed., September 22	Results posted on www.westendacademy.com and both studios!
Sat., September 25	Deadline for accepting or declining roles
Sat., September 25	Mandatory Parent/ Dancer meeting (2:00 – 4:00pm)
Fri., October 1	Rehearsals begin
(TBD)	Photo Shoot
Sat., November 13	Well wishes and additional pre-orders for Souvenir books Due
Mon., Nov. 22 – Sun., Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Break (No rehearsals)
Sat., December 4	Mandatory Studio Run-Through (Full Cast- 12:00 – 6:00pm)
Sun., December 5	Mandatory Studio Run-Through (Full Cast- 2:00- 6:00pm) (Costumes distributed after this Run-Through)
Fri., December 10	Dress Rehearsal (Full Cast – 4:30 – 9:00pm- Deep Run H.S.) (May not need the Full cast the entire time)
Sat., Dec.11 & Sun. Dec. 12	Performance at 2:00pm each day. (Deep Run H.S.) (Sweets Party after each and Souvenir Program signing!)

I have read and agree to the Contract of Commitment. I also agree to make arrangements for attendance to all scheduled rehearsals if my child/I am cast in the production of the “Nutcracker Sweet”.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

All the above information ,as well as any questions you may have, can be viewed on our NEW Exclusive “Nutcracker Sweet” website: www.nutcrackersweet.webs.com