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NUTCRACKER

2018 Vancouver AUDITION INFORMATION REQUEST FOR DANCERS

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet is looking for dancers between the ages of 7 and 15 years (age as of Dec. 7, 2018) from Vancouver and the Lower Mainland dance schools to audition for our 2018 Nutcracker production!

Auditioning dancers must be between 3'-8" and 5' 6" in height.

We regret that we are unable to allow for any exceptions to the age or height requirements.

We are looking for:

Party Girls	required to act and perform intermediate dancing steps
Party Boys	required to act and perform intermediate dancing steps
Mounties (Girls or Boys)	required to act and perform basic dancing/blocking actions
Mice (Girls or Boys)	required to perform basic dancing /blocking actions and wear large head pieces
Polar Bears (Girls or Boys)	required to perform basic dancing /blocking actions and wear head pieces
Angels (Girls)	required to act and perform intermediate dancing steps
Reindeer (Girls) 5' 0" - 5' 6"	required to pull the sleigh and perform intermediate dancing steps

Registration forms will be available for pick-up at Ballet BC or online at www.balletbc.com.

Please complete these forms and bring them to the Audition with a photo attached.

Children must be present when handing in the audition registration forms.

Please Note: Photographs will not be returned

AUDITIONS

When: **Saturday September 8, 2018**

Where: **Scotiabank Dance Centre, 677 Davie Street – Registration in Stephen A Jarislowsky Studio**

Audition Fee: \$20.00 (exact cash only please)

Schedule:

10:30-12:00	Registration for ALL parents and students
12:15-13:45	Audition Class #1 – Children 7-8 years old
14:15-17:15	Audition Class #2 – Children 9 years and older

Parents may not observe the audition; however, we ask that a parent/guardian remain in the waiting room or the building during the audition as the students may finish early and/or have a short break.

Dance attire for Audition

Girls - Bodysuit (any solid colour), tights, ballet slippers, hair neat bun and NO jewelry

Boys – White shirt/bodysuit, shorts or tights, ballet or jazz slippers, neat hair

REHEARSALS

NOTE: All rehearsals will be held at the Scotiabank Dance Centre at 677 Davie Street, unless otherwise noted

FIRST REHEARSAL & ORIENTATION is SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

Students invited to participate in the production will receive a detailed rehearsal schedule.

Starting the week of October 28, students must be available for Sunday rehearsals.

Starting December 6, students must be available for afternoon and evening rehearsals with the Company.

Students may be needed during school hours for Company rehearsals.

(Please note that schedules are Subject to Change)

PERFORMANCES

Friday, December 7, 7:30pm

Saturday, December 8, 1:00pm & 6:30pm

Sunday, December 9, 1:00pm & 6:30pm

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Casting

The results of the auditions will be relayed to the parents via email. There is no need for dancers or their families to contact the RWB or Ballet BC to inquire if they are cast.

Information Packages

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet and the Vancouver Rehearsal Assistant will prepare an information package to be provided to parents of the selected children on the first day of rehearsal. The information package will include:

- The Rehearsal Assistant's contact name and phone number
- Make-up, hair, and rehearsal/performance uniform requirements
- Detailed rehearsal schedule, including technical and dress rehearsals and performance schedules
- Drop off/Pick-up times and locations for rehearsals and performances
- Dressing room information, Theatre Etiquette and Procedures Information sheet
- Suggested list for what to bring to the theatre for performances
- Ticket information for Nutcracker 2018 performances

Request for Chaperones

We are also looking for parents for each rehearsal and performance at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre to help chaperone the children. Instructions of duties will be available at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

Signup sheets will be available at all rehearsals at the Scotiabank Dance Centre and we encourage everyone to participate to the best of their abilities.

Please note that you will not be able to watch the show for the performance that you are chaperoning, but you will have an opportunity to participate in the behind-the-scenes action of a major ballet performance!