

[2022-23 DANCER AGREEMENT—SCHEDULE A]

FALL 2022 DATES

*Note: Dancers rehearse weekly for The Nutcracker (for a total of 12 weeks)
beginning September 30 through Performance Week (December 12-18)*

Company/Nutcracker Auditions Saturday, Sept. 24 & Sunday, September 25*
Results emailed to parents by Wednesday, Sept. 28
Signed Dancer Agreement and dancer fee payment deadline by noon, Thursday, Sept. 29*
Mandatory Company Meeting (dancers and parents) Thursday, Sept. 29 at 8:00 pm on Zoom
First 3 mandatory rehearsals for each role Sept. 30 through October 22**
Columbus Day weekend..... rehearsals scheduled, but not mandatory
First mandatory “spacing” rehearsals at venue (pointe roles) Monday, October 17*
Second mandatory “spacing” rehearsal at venue (pointe roles, plus Party Scene)... Monday, November 21*
Thanksgiving weekend..... no rehearsals
Mandatory rehearsal period..... from Dec. 1 to final performance on Dec. 18**
Dress rehearsals Thursday, December 15*
Performance #1 Friday, December 16 at 10:00 am*
Performances #2 & #3 Saturday, December 17 at 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm*
Performances #4 & #5 Sunday, December 18 at 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm*

**All dates and times subject to change.*

***indicates mandatory periods, when dancers may not request absences*

2023 SPRING DATES

Spring Repertoire Auditions January 21, 2023
Mandatory rehearsal period First three rehearsals for each role
Mandatory rehearsals at the venue Tentative: Wednesday, May 17
Spring Repertoire performances..... Tentative: Thursday, May 18

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS

- Eight volunteer hours per child in the Company during the *Nutcracker* season.
- An additional requirement exists for parents with dancers 12 and under to supervise a dressing room during one weekend performance of the *Nutcracker*.
- Four additional volunteer hours per child are required for Spring Repertoire if your dancer is cast in that performance.
- In lieu of volunteer hours, parents may opt out by paying an extra fee. The fee to opt out of the 2022-23 season is \$500. Please contact info@westchesterballet.org if you would like to do this.

SPRING REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS FOR DANCERS

All Spring Repertoire dancers must:

- Attend the first three mandatory setting rehearsals for their role(s)
- Be available for all performances
- Attend all mandatory rehearsals in the two-week period prior to the performance dates
- Miss one day of school for the dress rehearsal (date TBD)

MANDATORY INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS FOR DANCERS AND PARENTS

Fall 2022 Thursday, Sept. 29 at 8:00 pm on Zoom
Spring 2023 to be announced

NUTCRACKER PARTICIPATION FEES

Student Dancers	\$350
Junior Company Dancer	\$475
Junior Intermediate Dancer	\$500
Senior Company Apprentice Dancer	\$525
Senior Coryphée Dancer	\$550
Senior Company Dancer	\$575

Note: Families with more than one dancer in the Company receive a \$100 discount in participation fees for each additional dancer in the Company.

SPRING REPERTOIRE PARTICIPATION FEES

Spring Repertoire auditions have historically been open to only Senior Company Apprentice, Senior Coryphée, and Senior Company dancers. Participation fees are set in January.

DIGITAL DOWNLOADS OF PERFORMANCES

Each family will receive complimentary access to high-definition digital downloads of the *Nutcracker* and Spring Repertoire performances. Non-Company members may access these downloads for a fee.

OTHER PERFORMANCES

WBC may hold auditions throughout the year with the purpose of casting ballet pieces for the Company to perform in local festivals or other public events. Dancers cast in these pieces are not charged any fees for their participation.

LEHMAN COLLEGE (CUNY) CAMPUS HEALTH AND SAFETY MANDATES

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts is located on the campus of Lehman College, which is part of the CUNY system. As of August 1, 2022, proof of COVID-19 vaccination must be provided to enter the Lehman College Campus. Westchester Ballet Company must adhere to and adapt to CUNY’s COVID-19 protocols.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Westchester Ballet Company requires that all of its dancers be engaged in weekly ballet training throughout the season. The required intensity of training relates to company rank and roles.

Dancers placed in the following ranks are required to be enrolled in a minimum of one ballet class per week.

- Student Dancer** (e.g., *Nutcracker* Mouse)
- Junior Company Dancer** (e.g., *Nutcracker* Party Child, Clown, Page)
- Junior Intermediate Dancer** (e.g., *Nutcracker* Angel, Soldier)

Dancers placed in the ranks below are required to be enrolled in an “intensive” ballet training program approved by the Artistic Directors that includes a minimum number of ballet technique, turn, pointe, and jazz or modern classes.

- Senior Company Apprentice Dancer** (Intermediate pointe-level roles)
- Senior Coryphée Dancer** (Advanced Intermediate pointe-level roles)
- Senior Company Dancer** (Advanced pointe-level roles)

Westchester Ballet Company’s Artistic Directors oversee the specifics regarding the type and number of classes a dancer must be taking in order to be eligible to be a Company member. Westchester Ballet Company will work with you to make sure that all requirements are being met at the school where your dancer trains.