



Hyde Park School of Dance
Presents
Pre-Ballet Holiday Show
December 11 and 12, 2011

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2011 PRE-BALLET HOLIDAY SHOW PACKET

Dear Pre-Ballet parents,

Every year Hyde Park School of Dance presents a *Pre-Ballet Holiday Show* that opens each *The Nutcracker* weekend matinee performances. The Holiday Show is a fun, short dance for our younger students and always delights the audience. We encourage all dancers in Pre-Ballet I, Pre-Ballet II, and Pre-Ballet III to join us for this fun opportunity! **To participate in the *Pre-Ballet Holiday Show*, dancers must meet the level requirement, attend the audition on September 30th from 4:00 – 5:30 pm in Studio B, and attend all rehearsals and performances.** Auditions are for placement purposes, as all interested dancers who meet the level and rehearsal schedule and performance requirements will receive a part.

The performance workshop fee for *Pre-Ballet Holiday Show* is \$95, and is due no later than the first rehearsal on November 5.

This year the *Pre-Ballet Holiday Show* will be performed twice: on Saturday, December 10 at 2:00 pm, and on Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 pm. Performances will be in Mandel Hall on the University of Chicago campus. There will be five rehearsals, including a Dress Rehearsal. Rehearsals begin on Saturday, November 5 at 3:15 pm in Studio 2 (Union Church, 3rd Floor, 1169 East 56th Street). The *Pre-Ballet Holiday Show* Performance and Rehearsal Schedule is attached.

This year, Pre-Ballet dancers will only be cast in the *Pre-Ballet Holiday Show*. *The Nutcracker* performance workshop is for dancers in Ballet I and up only. For more information on *The Nutcracker*, please refer to the packet for that show.

Please note: all casting decisions are final and cannot be disputed.

Questions? Contact Terra at admin@hydeparkdance.org.

We look forward to a great performance!





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Pre-Ballet Holiday Show Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Location	Regular Rehearsals, Dress Rehearsal, and Performances
Saturday	November 5	3:15-4:00pm	Studio 2	Rehearsal
Saturday	November 12	3:15-4:00pm	Studio 2	Rehearsal
Saturday	November 19	3:15-4:00pm	Studio 2	Rehearsal
Saturday	December 3	3:15-4:00pm	Studio 2	Costume Fitting/Rehearsal**
Friday	December 9	4:00-4:45pm	Mandel Hall	Dress Rehearsal**
Saturday	December 10	1:15pm	Mandel Hall	2:00pm Performance**
Sunday	December 11	1:15pm	Mandel Hall	2:00pm Performance**

Please note: there is no rehearsal November 26.

****Costume Note:** *Pre-ballet Holiday Show students must wear their own pink, white, or black leotard, pink footed tights, and pink shoes. Costumes will go over dancers' uniforms.*

Studio 2 is located in the Union Church, 1169 East 56th Street.
Mandel Hall is located on the University of Chicago campus at 1131 East 57th Street.





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Dress Rehearsal, Costumes/Hair/Make-up and Performance Information

Dress Rehearsal

The Pre-Ballet Holiday Show Dress Rehearsal will be on Friday, December 9 from 4:00 – 4:45 PM at Mandel Hall. **This is a closed rehearsal, meaning no one is allowed to watch from the auditorium other than faculty and artistic staff.**

Performance Weekend Call Times

Dancers should be at Mandel Hall by 1:15 PM. The Pre-Ballet Holiday Show dancers perform at the 2 PM matinees on December 10 and December 11.

Pre-Ballet Holiday Show dancers do *not* perform at the 10 AM December 10 or 7 PM December 11 *Nutcracker* shows.

Costumes, Hair and Make-up

Dancers should be dressed in their class leotard when they arrive. For girls: pink, white, or black leotard, pink footed tights, and pink shoes. For boys: white t-shirt, black tights, dance belt, and black shoes. **Dancers' hair and make-up should be done as well.** For girls, hair should be in a tight, slicked back ballet bun with no 'frizzies'. Instructions on how to make a ballet bun can be found on the HPSD website or in the Student Handbook. For stage make-up, girls should wear red lipstick, blush (pink, rose, or peach depending on what best matches their skin tone), earth-tone eye shadow, black eyeliner, and black mascara. For boys, hair should be neatly combed and slicked back off of the face. For stage make-up, boys should wear blush (pink, rose, or peach depending on what best matches their skin tone).

Dropping off

Dancers must be dropped off at the ENTRANCE to the backstage area by the backstage check-in table. Please take your dancer's coats, clothes, bags, and street shoes with you. **Pre-Ballet Holiday Show dancers should not bring anything backstage with them.** Dancers should eat before the performance, as we are unable to provide snacks backstage.

Please be advised that no one is allowed backstage other than dancers and volunteers who have been assigned prior duties.

Picking up

Pre-Ballet Holiday Show dancers may be picked up once the Pre-Ballet Holiday Show is finished (before *The Nutcracker* begins). Parents will be advised where to go for pick-up when dropping their dancer off. Your purchased ticket will allow you to stay for *The Nutcracker* as well, and your Pre-Ballet Holiday Show dancer may also stay and watch the performance.



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ORDERING TICKETS

Performance tickets may be purchased online at www.hydeparkdance.org or in the HPSD office starting on November 1st. You must purchase tickets to any performance(s) you wish to watch. Your ticket will allow you into both the Pre-Ballet Holiday Show and *The Nutcracker*. Your dancer may watch *The Nutcracker* with you once the Pre-Ballet Holiday Show has concluded. **We recommend purchasing tickets in advance, as performances often sell out.**

General Admission: \$20

Students and Seniors: \$8

Children under 5 years old: Free

Groups of 10 or more receive a 10% discount*

**Group tickets must be purchased in-person in the HPSD office to receive 10% discount.*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need your help to make this performance a success! Please consider lending your talents to one of our wide range of jobs:

- Costume care
- Backstage assistance
- Hauling and moving props, costumes, and scenery
- Selling merchandise
- Marketing
- Dress rehearsal dinner set-up and clean-up
- Financial contributions

To learn more about volunteer opportunities and sign-up visit the *Nutcracker* page on our website (www.hydeparkdance.org). If you have any additional questions, please contact us via email (admin@hydeparkdance.org) or phone (773-493-8498).