



Dear SBFB Families, Dancers, and Friends,

It's that time again to start preparing for Santa Barbara Festival Ballet's *Nutcracker at the Arlington Theater*. I am looking forward to directing the show again this year and I hope that you can join me in carrying on this SBFB tradition! This year our performance dates are Saturday December 9th and Sunday December 10th.

Attached to this letter you will find audition information, a registration form, a photo release form, and a calendar with important dates including rehearsal days. To be cast in the *Nutcracker* SBFB requires each dancer to pay a \$300.00 participation fee that is due at the time of the audition. This fee covers the cost of all coaching up to the show and helps provide our cast with the rare opportunity to perform with a live orchestra. This is a non-refundable fee that guarantees participation in the show. The fee is the same for all student dancers regardless of skill level or number of roles in which they are cast.

All dancers interested in participating in this year's production must attend a *Nutcracker* Participation Meeting for dancers and parents. I will be holding two separate meetings to accommodate everyone's busy schedules. Information detailing the audition process, time commitments, as well as what to expect throughout the rehearsal season and *Nutcracker* weekend. This year's volunteer coordinator, Judith Wing, will also be present to discuss the important role volunteers play in making our production happen. It truly takes a village to get our beloved *Nutcracker* up on the stage, your participation is essential. Dancers & parents need only attend one of the two meetings scheduled, the information provided will be the same at both. Dancers who attend the Company Meeting do not need to attend a *Nutcracker* Meeting.

If you or your dancer cannot attend a participation meeting or their audition please contact me at the email listed below. I look forward to working with you and your dancer to make our 43rd year of *Nutcracker at the Arlington* the best one yet!

Sincerely,

Aimee Lopez
Artistic Director, Santa Barbara Festival Ballet

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Santa Barbara Festival Ballet
Nutcracker at the Arlington
2017 Audition Information

The purpose of the auditions are for placement and casting in the show. Casting is based on many factors including the dancer's level of skill, their ability to act, their age & height, and the needs of the production. Dancers will take a ballet class appropriate to their skill level, which may also include pantomime, and improvisation exercises.

On Audition Day:

- Please show up **no later than 15 minutes** prior to your scheduled audition time.
- Make sure to register first and get a number before heading into your audition. All auditions will take place in studio 'A'. If there is another audition still going on please do not enter the studio until it has finished. Auditions are closed to observers, parents cannot watch the audition.
- Girls should wear a nice leotard, clean tights (over the feet) and ballet slippers. Dancers in the Advanced audition will have a pointe section at the end. **No skirts allowed in the audition.** No jewelry or watches, however small stud earrings are ok. Hair should be neat, in a classical style such as a bun or French twist. **Make a good impression and look your best!**
- Boys should wear a fitted white or black shirt or leotard, black tights or black leggings with white or black socks and ballet slippers. No watches. Hair should be neat and out of the face. No baggy clothing. **Make a good impression and look your best!**

The cast list will be posted on the SBF B website as soon as it becomes available. The Artistic Director makes all final casting decisions. Casting decisions will not be discussed or negotiated. Dancers are expected to accept the role(s) in which they are cast and to be supportive of their fellow cast members. Negativity in the form of gossip and/or complaints will not be tolerated.

Make sure to smile ☺ and have fun!

2017 Nutcracker at the Arlington Audition Registration

Name: _____

Age: _____ Height: _____

Phone: _____

Parent (minors only): _____

Parent Email (minors): _____

Dancer Email: _____



Ballet /Dance Training

Are you a student at SBFB? Yes _____ No _____

If 'No' where are you currently training? _____

Years of ballet training: _____ Years on pointe: _____

Number of dance classes you take per week: _____

Please list other forms of dance training: _____

Are you involved in any other activities that may conflict with Nutcracker rehearsals? Yes _____
No _____

If 'Yes' please explain: _____

Girls: Would you be opposed to playing a boy in the Party Scene? Yes _____ No _____

Have you been in SBFB's *Nutcracker* in the past? Yes _____ No _____

If 'Yes' what roles have you performed over the last 3 years?

*** Please attach a recent headshot to the front of this form.**

The participation fee of \$300.00 is due on or before your audition, checks can be made payable to Santa Barbara Festival Ballet. The participation fee is waived for SBFB alumni and university students.



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2017 Photo Release Agreement

Dancer's Name: _____

I, the undersigned, grant to Santa Barbara Festival Ballet, its representatives and employees the right to take photograph's of the above named dancer. I authorize Santa Barbara Festival Ballet, its assignees and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

I, the undersigned, agree that Santa Barbara Festival Ballet may use such photographs of the above named dancer with or without my/their name and for any lawful purpose, including for exmple such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, web content, and social media such as Facebook and Instagram.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the above.

Dancer Signature (over 18) _____ Date _____

Dancer Printed Name (over 18) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
(dancers under the age of 18)

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____
(dancers under the age of 18)