



CHRISTMAS BALLET AUDITIONS for THE NATIVITY AND "THE POLAR EXPRESS"
The 26TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BALLET- December 14, 2013

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 9:00am (ages 8-10) 9:45am (ages 11+)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 7:30pm (ages 8 and older)

Audition Requirements: Dancers must be currently enrolled in a ballet class at our school, with a minimum of two years ballet training. Dancers must be a minimum of eight years old (3rd grade) and attend one of the auditions. Dancers must pay an audition/participation fee of \$25. (\$15 for a 2nd child in the same family). This fee helps defray the cost of the auditorium rental and production.

All students who audition and can commit to weekend rehearsals will be given a part. Auditions are to cast roles. Dancers will be chosen by ability and size; after all, they must fit into the costumes! The cast will be posted on Friday, October 11, along with the first rehearsal schedule. Rehearsals will begin promptly on Sunday, October 13.

Attendance Policy: Participants may miss TWO, but ONLY TWO practices this year. Save your absences for unexpected illness. The rehearsal on Friday, December 13, and the morning dress rehearsal December 14 are MANDATORY. If the dancer cannot attend these practices, she should not audition. Dancers who miss a practice should try to find a fellow cast member to help them learn the choreography they missed. Please do not ask to miss a third rehearsal.

Practice

Rehearsals will fall on the following weekends. Groups will practice for approximately ONE HOUR, Soloists for 30 minutes, depending on their role during October. Rehearsal times can vary each week and may increase as we get closer to performance running scenes.

Practice Dates:

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| 1. Sunday, October 13 | 1:30PM-5:00PM |
| 2. Saturday, October 19 | 9:00AM- 3:00PM |
| 3. Saturday ,October 26 | 9:00AM – 3:00PM |
| 4. Saturday, November 2 | 9:00AM - 3:00PM |
| 5. Saturday, November 9 | 9:00AM – 3:00PM |

No Practice on Convention Weekend

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| 6. Sunday, November 24 | 1:30PM – 5:00PM (<i>Parade Weekend</i>) |
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Thanksgiving Weekend – No Rehearsal

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| 6. Saturday, December 7 | 9:00AM - 3:00PM |
| 7. Friday, December 13 | 6:00PM – 8:00PM (<i>mandatory</i>) at the dance studio |
| 8. Saturday, December 14 | 10:00AM – 12:30PM (<i>dress rehearsal mandatory</i>) <u>Jay M Robinson</u>
7:00 PM - PERFORMANCE |

The ballet is given as a benefit for the Coltrane LIFE Center. You will not be asked to purchase a costume. You will be expected to purchase your own tights. Parents will be needed to assist backstage with costume changes, and to collect costumes at the end of the performance. All soloists will be assigned an understudy where possible. If the soloist becomes ill or unable to fulfill the rehearsal responsibilities, the understudy will take over the part.