The Petite Nutcracker Suite

FAQ

1. How can my child participate?

Enroll in a PreBallet class at EBA or community partnership class with the City of Mercer Island or the City of Bellevue during Fall 2018. Pay the $35 "EBT Petite Nutcracker Suite" production fee. Fill out and turn in participation form to the EBT office at 12368 Northup Way, Bellevue, WA 98005.

2. What should participating dancers wear to the theater?

Girls should wear pink tights, pink ballet shoes and a nude- or light-colored tank/cami leotard (if they have one). At the theater, dancers will put on a costume over these items. Boys should wear a white t-shirt with white tights and black ballet shoes under their clothing. Their costume will include pants and a top. Parents should bring a small bag for their children's street clothes and shoes. Dancers will change on the stage area behind a curtain. Dancers should have hair pulled off their face, and may wear light make-up if they desire.

3. When should my child arrive at the theater and where do we enter?

On **December 9th**, we recommend arriving 15 minutes before, at 9:45 a.m. Parking in front of NPAC is abundant and free. Please enter at the lobby door of NPAC. First your child can go to the restroom and get a drink in the lobby. Then enter the theater and acclimate to a new place. Dancers will be invited onto the stage at 10:00 a.m. to change into their costume. The child's teacher and advanced EBT teen students involved with the Teaching Institute will be there to assist.

4. How much do tickets cost?

Admission is *free* for family and friends of participating dancers.

5. What should parents/audience members do?

Talk to your child about taking a special Nutcracker class and performing on a stage with their friends. Assure them that you will be there in the room/theater the entire time. Make sure your dancer knows that this is a low pressure event. When invited walk your child up to the stage. Return to your seat and enjoy watching their special time on the stage. Friends and family are invited to support young dancers who sign up and pay their performance fee. There is no additional cost for tickets to this informal performance. Please no flash photography during PNS. You may photograph your child and their class at the conclusion of the event with EBT ballerinas. Clap and celebrate your dancer after the show.

6. Can we attend EBT's full-length Nutcracker?

Yes, please do! Petite Nutcracker Suite dancers are welcome to purchase a ticket and attend one of our four matinee performances on December 1, 2, 8, and 9 with their family. Every seat at NPAC offers clear views of the stage and orchestra pit. After dancing on the stage themselves and meeting some of the performers, young PNS dancers are well prepared to watch a full-length production complete with live music, sets, costumes, and dancers from as young as six years old up to professional adults. Participation in PNS is a joyful introduction to live theater. Purchase tickets at npacf.org.