



Dear Dancer/Family of The 2017 Moscow Nutcracker Auditions,

The Pennsylvania School of the Performing Arts is very excited and honored to be the host studio again of The Moscow Ballet's performance in Philadelphia on Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Annenberg Center in Philadelphia. We are so happy to be offering this opportunity for young dancers to dance side-by-side with a professional ballet company!

*Nutcracker*: While this is a wonderful experience and performance opportunity, it will require a commitment to rehearsals once a week on Saturdays and two full company full run rehearsals from October 14<sup>th</sup> and the performance December 18<sup>th</sup>. It is very important that dancers attend all rehearsals. It is also important that students are taking ballet lessons in addition to the *Nutcracker* rehearsals, either at PSPA or their home studio. Please take the time to look over all of the information in this packet and ask any questions you may have before committing to the performance.

In this letter, you will see The Moscow Ballet's rehearsal and performance dates, payment and fee information, a studio rehearsal schedule, and an audition sign-up/waiver form to be filed out FIRST and given to the front desk to audition.

The day of the show, PSPA will have a backstage team that will oversee all of the children and make sure that they are having an amazing time! For many children, this is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity, and we couldn't be more excited to have you child as a part of this!

If you are auditioning during the August Summer Workshops for the PSPA Dance Company, the director may ask you to come back to the *Nutcracker* auditions on September 9<sup>th</sup> as a call back if needed. The cast will be announced the week after, September 16<sup>th</sup>, via e-mail.

If you have any questions, please call us at 215-598-8513 or e-mail [pspastudios@gmail.com](mailto:pspastudios@gmail.com)

Thank you,  
PSPA Staff

## 2017 PAYMENT/FEE INFORMATION and REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

**Audition Fee: FREE!!!**

**PSPA Rehearsal fee: \$150**

**Moscow Ballet Performance/Costume rental Fee: \$50**

**Total: \$230**

Fees will be due before Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> with your contract.

Cast will be announced via email by September 16<sup>th</sup>.

What's included in your fees: Moscow costume, studio rentals, studio rehearsals, teachers, director, and performance fees. \*Does not include tickets, transportation to performance venue or simple costume needs, make up (black or white leotards, pink or black tights, pink or black ballet shoes, etc. – but most of you all have these items.)

**Mandatory rehearsals with our Moscow Ballerina are on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, between 11:30 and 4:00 pm, each group for 1 or 2 hours at the most. You may not be needed on Sunday, TBA.**

These 2 days are very important; students will be learning choreography and rehearsing their variations from the Russian soloist.

Rehearsals are usually 1 hour per piece and will take place on Saturdays. Times are TBA. The full rehearsal schedule will be released once the show has been cast.

REHEARSALS (Saturdays for snowflakes, mice, and party children):

October: 14, 21, and 28

November: 4, 11, and 18

*(Off for Thanksgiving on November 25)*

December: 9

December 16<sup>th</sup>: Full Run at PSPA

**Show:** Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the Annenberg Center in Philadelphia, PA.

Call Time will be announced but it is about: 5 hours before performance. The Moscow ballet will give you a form to give to your child's school to be taken out of school early that day.

Rehearsals will be scheduled by variation/part. **Younger dancers (age 6-10) will have rehearsals always first** for 1 hour between the hours of 5-6 pm if on Wednesday or if on Sat 11:30-12:30 noon. Call times can be 15 min earlier. There will be a parent meeting to help with ballet buns and makeup during your child's rehearsals!

Older dancers (age 11 and older) will have rehearsal for 1 to 2 hours depending on how many numbers you are in. –Times: If Wed: between the hours of 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm. If on Saturday's 12:00 -3:30 pm.

*Students are permitted 1 excused absence from rehearsals. Please notify PSPA if you are unable to attend a rehearsal.* We will know by September 16<sup>th</sup> the days and times of rehearsals of who is cast, and you should

GOOD LUCK!

Tickets for The Nutcracker Annenberg Center in Philadelphia can be purchased online at [www.nutcracker.com](http://www.nutcracker.com)

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