

Sunrise Ballet - 2022 Nutcracker Cast Handbook

Welcome! We're so excited you've chosen to participate in a little holiday magic, and be part of our Nutcracker 2022 Production!

Participation has its commitment requirements. We want all performers to have a great experience and to look their best. You will be required to attend dance lessons during the rehearsal period. This is a commitment you must make for yourself, the rest of the cast and to the general public attending the performances. If you are not able to make the full commitment, or have other commitments that will conflict or interfere, please choose to not participate.

Working as a team we'll make this year's production the best in O.C.– something we can all be proud of!

The Sunrise Ballet Nutcracker is a TEAM EFFORT. Every part is important. The “same part” is never the same part! We focus on designing the dances to fit the strengths and capabilities of each dancer each season. It's one of the ways the Sunrise Ballet is unique. All parts will be a demanding challenge– there is no such thing as an easy role in this production.

Production Fees: What the Costs Are

PERFORMANCE FEE: \$150 per family. Performance fee and signed form are due by Saturday, Sep. 10th. The performance fee includes one performance DVD (or flash drive: +\$4) plus one Nutcracker 2022 T-shirt (per performer). Costume rentals, photos and tickets are separate and not a part of this fee.

COSTUME RENTAL FEES: We will give you a written invoice with specific information & payment deadlines. The Costume department will transport all costumes to & from the theater. Due to wear & tear, cleaning, new inventory, storage fees, non-included accessories, modification costs, maintenance & replacement costs, obsolescence and administration fees, rental prices change from year to year. We will purchase and/or construct costumes, then rent them to you at a fraction of that cost, usually between 20%-35%. If you would like to rent a costume to get “outside” photos, we will gladly rent them to you. Check with Mr. Hirschl for details.

PERSONAL WEAR: each dancer will be responsible to purchase particular tights and have particular shoes and make up for their roles. More information will be forthcoming, but new tights and properly fitting shoes are the dancer/family responsibility.

PARENT VOLUNTEERING DUTIES: ALL families must contribute to the production volunteer efforts. **Please read, complete and turn in page 6 of this packet at auditions.**

Make checks out to SUNRISE BALLET. We only accept cash or checks for performance fees and costumes.

Audition Registration Form: Please scan the QR code on page 5 to fill out the form.

General Performance Information:

Where: Servite Theater, 1952 West La Palma Ave in Anaheim, between Euclid and Brookhurst St.

Show times and dates: See Rehearsal Schedule. **Shows are December 3rd & 4th.**

IN-BETWEEN SHOWS ON SATURDAY: All performers get out of costume, bring & eat a small and easy-to-digest meal & relax. Performers STAY ON CAMPUS during this time (on the campus lunch area). After they get out of costume from show #1, they will only have about 45-50 minutes until they will be getting back into costume.

BACKSTAGE PARENTS are required to stay with their groups during this time!

Length of the performance: 2 hours & 5 minutes, including 15-minute intermission.

Pre-Order your flowers in-advance through the Sunrise Ballet– it's the ONLY way you can get flowers backstage to performers! There will be an opportunity to purchase a flower and "telegram" for your dancer! The forms can be found in the studio and online through sunriseballer.dance. **All flowers and food** concessions sold at the theater during performances are through Servite and profits go to Servite school. Please tell friends about this and plan accordingly.

Ticket information:

Ticket prices: \$25. All seats, all ages. Tickets are all the same price, whatever the age of the person. Yes, "babies-in-arms" must still pay full price, even if they only sit on someone's lap. It is suggested children under 2 year do not attend the performance.

All seats are "assigned" seating. Usually tickets are still available at the door the day of the shows.

Late seating: Late comers will be seated at the back of the theater (if seating is available) until an opening in the performance.

Where to buy tickets: Tickets may be purchased online through Servite Theater only. Once tickets go on sale, the link will be sent to all participant families with an email on file with Sunrise Ballet.

Tickets go on sale Saturday, October 15th, 2022.

If you're a member or know someone who is a member of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, PTA & PTO, church youth groups, high school drama clubs, Boys & Girls clubs, Elks, Rotary, Jobes, Daughters, Indian Maidens, etc., **MAKE SURE TO GET THEM A FLIER!!** If you know of a place where you can put up a flier, then **PLEASE DO SO!!**

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Photography and Videotaping:

Photography and videotaping are not allowed in the theater AT ANY TIME. It's distracting to the audience and performers. An accidental flash going off during a performance could easily become a safety issue for a performer. Copies will be available to the public through the Sunrise Ballet. Tell friends and family in advance. They will be asked to return recording devices to their car, and will be escorted from the audience if caught. We hope you share the concern for the safety of the performers, and for the success of the production.

Photographic and videotaping disclaimer: All photos and videos (authorized or not) taken of any participants during any rehearsal or performance, candid or posed, whether at the theater or studio facility, become the sole property of the Sunrise Ballet. Photo and videos are not to be sold or reproduced in any manner without specific written permission by the director in advance. Any monetary gains or profits from sale of photos or videotapes are the sole property of the Sunrise Ballet.

The cast photo shoot is mandatory for all participants of the production. Even if you do not plan on purchasing photos. Costume department does the final check of costumes, to see what's done, and what might still need work.

This is a ballet production, not a "studio dance recital". Many studios put on a "Nutcracker" recital this time of year, but for most, it's just a dance recital. A dance recital shows off the talents of students and what they have learned in the last year, and gives them the opportunity to perform in front of an audience. Our ballet production is to enrich and entertain the public with a cultural experience.

REHEARSAL POLICIES

1. OBSERVERS and unauthorized persons are not allowed in the studio during rehearsals. Do not bring friends & relatives to rehearsals.
2. Do not make any overlapping/conflicting commitments (time or energy wise) during this time: Make the commitment to yourself and others in the cast.
3. Arrive and be prepared 10+ minutes before all rehearsals.
4. FOOD & DRINK (at studio) are allowed in the lobby only. Only water is allowed on dance floors.
5. MEDICAL CONDITIONS. If any cast member has any medical condition, Mr. Hirschl should be notified in advance.
6. EXPULSION: We reserve the right to expel any cast member or volunteer who is creating a hindrance to the production, has been continuously late, or has missed too many rehearsals. Depending upon circumstances, you may be expelled without refund.

7. AT THE THEATER: Cast members are not allowed into the audience or intermission areas prior to or during performance or intermission. The audience is not allowed to go into any cast member area during these same times.
8. GET PICKED UP ON TIME! Rehearsal times are clearly marked in this book. We will make every effort to start and end rehearsals on time.
9. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS? Ask a member of the Sunrise Ballet Guild, your group leader or the administrator in the studio lobby. If you need to speak with Mr. Hirschl, e-mail or use your Remind app. Do not disturb teachers or students during lessons or rehearsals. Sunrise Ballet Guild Email: SunriseBalletGuild@gmail.com; Mr. H Email: Info@HirschlBallet.com

QUICK NOTES:

1. Visit the cast information page on the company website at: www.sunriseballet.dance.
2. Make up: If you have skin that requires special make up, let us know *in advance*. Some make up will be supplied by SB and put on by the make-up crew. For purposes of hygiene, we will be providing the make up for the cast (SB members excluded, as they put it on themselves). We will put on participants' make up on at the theater. We will use disposable one-use items and take every health and safety precaution. Don't do it at home.
3. Dance shoes are to be worn inside studio and stage areas only. Do not wear dance clothing (without a coverup) to or from the theater or studio.
4. Hair and clothing for rehearsals: Hair is to be in proper fashion (ballet bun for ladies, with no extra items) and the appropriate dance attire (black leotards/pink tights) should be worn.
5. Mark your belongings where it won't be seen (e.g., put your name inside your shoes). Don't bring anything of value to the studio or theater. We are not responsible for lost items.
6. What participants should bring to the theater: dance bag, towel, extra hair supplies, extra tights and shoes, bottle of water, something quiet (like a book) to keep them busy. A beach towel would be preferred for you to sit on backstage. Be dressed in comfortable clothing (sweatpants and T-shirt) with tights underneath.
7. Make sure tights and shoes are in good condition. Have extra shoes and tights with you at all times.
8. Backstage and lobby volunteer parents are not required to purchase tickets for the performance they are working backstage.
9. Only authorized persons will be allowed backstage areas before, during, and after performances. After performances, participants will be picked up from the

backstage door. If you are not authorized as a backstage parent, you will NOT be allowed to go into the backstage area.

10. The SB corps de ballet members (in groups) & party adults will be allowed to go into the lobby area after each performance. For the safety of the rest of the cast, no one else will be allowed to leave the backstage area.
11. BEFORE SHOW #1 AND #3 DROP OFF: at the theater backstage door by the parking lot. Do not use the front doors or any other entrance to drop off performers.
12. AFTER THE 2ND SATURDAY AND THE SUNDAY PERFORMANCES: the audience area will be cleared, then the parents picking up the young performers will be let back in. The curtains will be raised, and the performers will be picked up at that time. Performers must be out of costumes and in street clothing to be picked up after each performance. DO NOT ask to make exceptions! *This is for the safety of our cast and your children!*
13. Members of the Sunrise Corps de ballet will go into the lobby area (under supervision) immediately after performances. This is done for public relations of the Sunrise Ballet.
14. All volunteer sign-ups are at the director's discretion. There's no guarantee you will be doing a particular duty.

Registration Form(s): Link [Here](#) or scan the QR code below.



Nutcracker Parent Volunteer Duties
Sign up included in online registration form

PARENT VOLUNTEERING DUTIES: Many hands make light work! As a non-profit, we can function only with the help of volunteers. One parent/guardian of each participant under 18 years old must volunteer for a duty. Make sure you fully understand the duty you are signing up for. **You can choose to “buy out” of the volunteer duties by donating \$250.00 to the Sunrise Ballet.**

You will select one of the following:

- I will volunteer for a Nutcracker duty (see below)
- I will perform in the Party Scene (this counts as your duty - THANK YOU!)
- I will “buy out” of the volunteer duties by donating \$250 to Sunrise Ballet.

Volunteer Duties

You will choose your top four choices and be assigned based on choices, performance needs and preference.

Performance Logistics

- ___ Costumes - sewing and constructing
- ___ Costumes “non-sewing” - organization, preparation, steaming
- ___ Transportation - costumes, props, and drops to and from the theater
- ___ Backstage supervision - commit to photoshoot, dress rehearsal, and at least 2 shows
- ___ Make-Up - application and check for uniformity, pre-performance for all 3 shows

Production Logistics

- ___ Props - set/scenery repair, repaint, create
- ___ Ushers - check tickets, distribute programs, monitor theater, commit to at least 2 shows
- ___ Videographer - video the show using Sunrise Ballet equipment
- ___ Photographer - take pictures at dress rehearsal
- ___ Cast party - organize, decorate, set up/clean up

Public Relations/Marketing

- ___ Mailers - assemble and mail advertising materials
- ___ Distribute Fliers - distribute hard copy and digital fliers

Fundraising

- ___ Flowers - purchase, put together, distribute at the shows
- ___ Step & Repeat - Supervise the step and repeat after each show
- ___ Box lunches - collecting orders and money, place orders, pickup and distribute

Sunrise Ballet Nutcracker 2022 Cast Commitment Form

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This signifies that:

(PRINT name of adult parent/caregiver or cast member/dancer over 18 signing)

for

(PRINT name of participating cast member/dancer)

has received, read, understands, agrees to, and is responsible for adhering to the information and policies set forth within the **Sunrise Ballet - 2022 Nutcracker Cast Handbook** and any subsequent updates that may be posted. Signing & returning of this page does not guarantee that you/your dancer have received a part in the production, only that you agree to the policies set forth if you do get a part. You may return this prior to getting the casting notification, and you will not be held to or obligated to accept any part, if you so choose, but non-acceptance or non-participation after you submit this must be done in writing no later than September 10.

I have received information about and understand my commitment to, among other things, Production Fees & Costs, General Information, Rehearsal & Performance Policies, Ticket Information, Rehearsal Schedule, Quick Notes & Reminders, Videotaping & Photography Disclaimer, Parent Volunteering Duties, Program Advertisement Order Form, Flower & Message Order Form.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY: I acknowledge that participation in the 2022 Sunrise Ballet Nutcracker may involve a test of my/my child's physical and mental limits and carries with it the potential for death, serious injury, and property loss. The risks include, but are not limited to, those caused by facilities, temperature, weather, condition of participants, equipment, lack of hydration, and actions of other people, including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers, monitors, and/or producers of the activity. These risks are not only inherent to participants, but are also present for volunteers. I hereby consent that I/my dancer can receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident, and/or illness during this activity.

PHOTO RELEASE: I understand while participating in this activity, I/my child may be photographed or recorded on video. I agree to allow my/my child's photo, video, or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the activity holders, producers, sponsors, organizers, and assigns of Sunrise Ballet.

This Release of Liability and Photo Release will be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law. I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Parent/Guardian or Dancer (if over 18) signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE PRINT, SIGN, and RETURN THIS ONE PAGE FORM BY SATURDAY, SEPT. 10, 2022

Copies of this signed form will be on file at the HSDA studio.