

PDM PRODUCTIONS, INC FAQs

Thank you for your interest in PDM PRODUCTIONS, INC, "*The Nutcracker Sweet*"
This FAQ packet includes some general information about auditions, rehearsals and performances.

1. WHERE AND WHEN ARE THE 2019 AUDITIONS/REHEARSALS/PERFORMANCES?

The auditions take place:

- 10402 Leadbetter Rd. Ashland, VA 23005, on Sunday, June 2nd, Ages 5-10, 2-3pm/ Ages 11-Adult, 3:15-4:30pm.
- 6915 Chital Drive, Midlothian, Va. 23112, on Sunday, September 8th, Ages 5-11, 2-3:30pm / Ages 12-adult, 3:30-5pm; Saturday, September 14th, Ages 5-8, 2:30-3:30pm / Ages 9-12, 3:45-4:45pm / Ages 12-adult, 5-6:30pm; Sunday, September 15th, Ages 11-adult, 1-2:30pm. Call Backs are Sunday, Sept. 15th, 2:45-4:00pm.

Rehearsals will be held on the weekends at 6915 Chital Drive, Midlothian, Va. beginning Saturday, September 21st.

Performances #1-4 will be at Manchester High School, 12601 Bailey Bridge Rd., Midlothian, 23112, Friday thru Sunday, December 6th thru 8th

Performance #5 will be held at Armstrong High School, 2300 Cool Ln, Richmond, 23223, Sunday, December 15th. (More details TBA)

2. WHO CAN AUDITION?

Please note that these auditions are open to anyone who has ever had a desire or dream to perform in a production such as "*The Nutcracker Sweet*". The auditions are for dancers, non-dancers, actors, non-actors ... the experienced and the novice. Everyone within the ages of 5 to adult are welcome. Please remember, you are not auditioning for a "specific role." You will be cast for role(s) according to the following: age group, skill and experience.

3. WHAT ROLES/PARTS ARE AVAILABLE?

Possible Roles for Ages 5 to 10yo

Marie, Fritz, Party Children, Little Mice, Small Soldiers, Angels and Polichinelles

Possible Roles for Ages 9 to Adult

Clara, Fritz, Party Children, Maids, Harlequin Dolls, Soldier Doll, Ribbon Doll, Little Mice, Big Mice, Rat Queen, The Nutcracker Prince, Snow Queen, Snow King, Angels, Polichinelles, Spanish, Arabians, Arabian Lead, Chinese, Russians, Russian Lead, Mirlitons, Flowers, Dew Drops, Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier

Possible Roles for Actors, Non-Dancers and The Novice for Ages 9 to Adult

Big Mice, Party Children, Small Soldiers, Big Soldiers, Mother, Father, Drosselmeyer, Maids and Mother Gigogne

4. WHEN SHOULD WE ARRIVE FOR THE AUDITION?

Arrive at least **30 minutes** prior to your audition time. This will allow time to register, complete all forms and to warm-up. Arrive dressed in proper dance or movement attire. Bring appropriate footwear. Hair (males and females) must be pulled back, or off from the face. Once the doors are closed to the audition, no one will be admitted. VERY IMPORTANT:

Please bring a 4x6" head shot to the audition. This must accompany your application along with your audition fee.

5. ARE THERE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH BEING IN THE PERFORMANCES?

Yes. All fees include production costs, costume rental, and volunteer background checks. You may pay by check, Visa, or MasterCard. (Checks made to PDM PRODUCTIONS, INC.)

Performance Fee = \$280.00 (Cash / Check Discount = \$270.00)

All costumes and accessories must be returned in the original condition, or an additional 90.00 fee is charged. Costume fees include the creation or purchase of costumes, accessories, alterations, repairs, replacement, and cleaning of existing pieces. Additionally, depending on the role, you may need to supply dance shoes, tights and/or leg wear specific to the part.

6. IS THERE FINANCIAL AID OR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Yes. There are both opportunities available. Financial aid is by request. You will need to complete the required forms. (Maximum amount of this aid is 50% for tuition). We also offer the opportunity to file for a "Need" scholarship. (Maximum is up to 100%.) An individual may be awarded a "Merit" scholarship. (Details regarding scholarships can be found on our website, www.PDMproductionsva.com)

7. WHEN ARE THE RESULTS OF THE AUDITIONS POSTED AND HOW ARE WE NOTIFIED?

Results will be posted on Wednesday, September 18th, by midnight. These results, as well the Cast lists, and other information, will come as an attachment in your email. If you accept a role(s), YOU MUST make sure we have your correct email and contact information in order to receive all information pertaining to "THE NUTCRACKER SWEET".

8. FURTHER INFORMATION?

There will be a very important parent/guardian informational meeting on Friday, September 20th, 6:30-8:30pm, at Lakeside Presbyterian Church 7343 Hermitage Rd, Richmond. At that time, all forms and payments are due, if a role(s) is being accepted. If you are applying for financial aid or a "Need Scholarship", all necessary forms must be received by Sunday, September 15th.

9. ARE PARENTS AND OTHERS PERMITTED TO WATCH THE AUDITIONS OR REHEARSALS?

Only parents and others who are assisting as volunteers will be permitted into the audition/rehearsal space. There are eating and shopping establishments near the studio.

10. ARE PARENTS REQUIRED TO VOLUNTEER?

Without the aid of volunteers, we would not be able to produce a show of this size and quality. It is required that a parent or family member volunteer in some capacity. If you are unable to donate your time and talents to the production, you have the option of paying our "Volunteer Fee of \$200.00." We prefer to have your time and talents!! No amount of time is too small.

11. HOW WILL PARTICIPANTS BE MONITORED WHILE IN, OR OUT, OF REHEARSALS?

During each rehearsal and performance, each performer will be required to sign in and out. When a participant's rehearsal is scheduled to end, a parent or appointed guardian will need to pick him/her up. Once a participant leaves the building, PDM PRODUCTIONS is no longer responsible for him/her. More information about this in the parent/guardian meeting on Friday, September 20th, 6:30-8:30pm.

12. ARE PARENTS REQUIRED TO STAY ONSITE IF THEY ARE NOT A REHEARSAL VOLUNTEER?

No. However, they will need to follow the procedure for signing out, as stated above.

13. WHAT IS THE PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF PROCEDURE?

To be discussed in the parent/guardian informational meeting on Friday, September 20th, 6:30-8:30pm.

14. WHAT IS THE PROTOCOL IF WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY?

Any questions, please contact us at info@pdmproductionsva.com.

For emergencies call or text Norvell / Tristi at (804)874-2195 or (804)874-2196.

15. REMINDERS

- A. A 4"x6" head shot.
- B. "Audition Application and Contract of Commitment Form".
- C. Audition Fee - \$15 for June Audition / \$20 for September Audition (Cash or Check)

For questions and comments, please contact us info@pdmproductionsva.com.

THANK YOU AGAIN, FOR YOUR INTEREST IN PDM PRODUCTIONS, INC.

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