

School Show of *The Nutcracker* Ballet, December 12th at 9:30 AM

A perfect opportunity for young people to encounter professional classical dance and a wonderful, traditional story, in a real theatrical experience.

The Asheville Ballet, North Carolina's oldest professional ballet company, has built a reputation on the belief that dance plays a vital role in the education and culture of the community. As a key component of its Educational Outreach Program, The Asheville Ballet will perform its production of the holiday classic *The Nutcracker* for school children on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at the Diana Wortham Theatre at the Wortham Center for the Performing Arts, at 9:30 AM. Seating is limited and confirmed on a first come, first served basis. Thanks to generous patronage, we are able to offer children's tickets at \$8 this year. This popular opportunity fills up quickly.

For reservations call Wortham Center for the Performing Arts at 828-257-4530.

The show, including intermission, lasts two hours. This is the real professional deal: original Russian choreography, men leaping, women twirling, jazzy rats, waltzing flowers, and a magical snow scene. We use full sets and elaborate costumes to create the theatrical experience we want young people to have. Those of you who have come before, please spread the word to others in your school, and other schools, so a maximum number of children can participate in this remarkable production.

The Asheville Ballet's *Nutcracker* has been a holiday tradition in Asheville for well over forty years. Children will be charmed yet again by ballet's greatest classic. This all-time favorite story of Clara's magical midnight trip to the Land of Sweets is classical ballet at its best. Snow will fall in the Snow Queen's kingdom, the exquisite Sugar Plum Fairy and her handsome Cavalier will dance their eternally lovely pas de deux, and beautiful flowers will waltz, and waltz, and waltz.

Best to all,

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To book your seats, please call the Box Office at 828-257-4530 or email the information below to boxoffice@worthamarts.org.

To book a group for a School Matinee of the *Nutcracker*, the Wortham Center Box Office will need the following information:

Number of Students:

Number of Chaperones*:

Special Assistance Needs (wheelchair, ASL, etc.):

School Name:

Teacher Name:

Teacher Contact Email:

Teacher Contact Phone:

Bookkeeper Name:

Bookkeeper Email:

**Limit of 3 chaperones per 20 students*