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Congratulations on being accepted into the Nutcracker Dance Ensemble! For those of you new to the Nutcracker, the Gotta Dance team leaders are:

[Caroline Hidalgo](#), Nutcracker Dance Ensemble Director

[Gillian Petersen](#), Nutcracker Dance Ensemble Co-Director and Manager

Office Hour: Wednesday, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Throughout the season, all questions and communications should be made using:

Nutcrackergottadance@gmail.com

Please do not contact the main office with questions:

Important Goals and Purpose

The Nutcracker Dance Ensemble aims to envelop young dancers into a world of culture, tradition, and holiday magic. As a team, we will create cherished moments and the Directors will strive to instill discipline, work ethic, and pursuit of excellence. Our journey will culminate in a production, which is approached and executed with the highest level of professionalism, joy, and pride, from backstage to onstage, in every aspect.

Registration Instructions

[Login to your Gotta Dance portal](#)

Click Find Events

Select **Nutcracker Dance Ensemble as Event**

Register for your assigned group(s) and pay fees of \$205

Your online registration serves as an electronic agreement to abide by the Nutcracker Dance Ensemble 2019 Contract.

Attendance Policy:

Rehearsals are mandatory. We understand that it is a challenge to juggle busy schedules, and that emergencies do arise, but please do NOT ask us for exceptions to these rules. Attendance is taken promptly at the start of rehearsals. Nutcracker rehearsals are planned to have no conflicts with other Gotta Dance companies like Immortal, Edge etc. and minimal dance class conflicts so that you can take advantage of all opportunities that we have to offer. Any dancer who has a class-rehearsal conflict will receive an excused absence from dance class.

Punctuality

- Dancers are allowed ONE excused absence. Subsequent absences are considered unexcused and require immediate dismissal from the cast.
- Missing more than half of any rehearsal is equivalent to a no-show and will result in one absence.

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Rehearsal Attire

Dancers are required to wear [Gotta Dance class attire](#) to all rehearsals.

Shoes and Tights

All dancers will be required to wear a specific style, and color of shoes and tights to ensure a uniform look on stage. The purchase of tights and/or shoes will be necessary if your dancer does not own the required item. We do organize a shoe swap (gently worn) throughout the rehearsal season for dancers that require white or black ballet shoes. Requirements vary based on role and will be addressed during the season.

Nutcracker Dance Ensemble Jackets

All dancers are required to purchase a team warm-up jacket to be worn backstage, for official pictures, and to showcase their team spirit! Dancers will be able to try on jackets at rehearsal for sizing prior to purchasing. Purchase the team jacket for \$60 through your [family portal](#).

Performance Run-Through

The Nutcracker Dance Ensemble Run-through will be held on Monday, November 25th at the Raritan Valley Community College stage. The 1pm cast will rehearse 4-6pm, and the 5pm cast will rehearse 6-8pm. Please mark this on your calendars as many dancers may have holiday concerts (band, choir, orchestra).

Ensemble Fees

There is a \$205 production fee. This fee covers all expenses related to the performance including rehearsal time, logistical coordination by staff, and any other fees incurred by Gotta Dance, and are non-refundable. Costumes are loaned by the Moscow Ballet. Register through your [family portal](#).

Gotta Dance Anti-Bullying Policy

Gotta Dance is committed to providing a safe and supportive community that fosters a lifelong love for dance and creative expression. In order to guarantee that all of our dancers are able to best pursue their passion, we have updated our comprehensive anti-bullying policy applicable to our students, dance families, staff, and employees. We define bullying as any behavior; physical, verbal, written (either electronically or in person), that detrimentally targets another dancer. This behavior is described as bullying if it physically or emotionally harms a dancer, targets a dancer for any actual or perceived characteristic, or creates a hostile environment in the dance studio. These updates to our zero tolerance policy allow for swift dismissal from Nutcracker s at the discretion of the director of Gotta Dance. Please refer to our Anti-Bullying policy at gotta-dance.com/anti-bullying-policy.

Photography/Video Release

By registering for the Nutcracker Dance Ensemble, you give Gotta Dance, Inc. permission to publish in print, electronic, or video format the likeness or image of your child to be used for marketing purposes. You release all claims against Gotta Dance, Inc. and associated photographers with respect to copyright ownership and publication including any claim for compensation related to use of the materials.

Gotta Dance, Inc. will take cautionary steps to provide minimal identifying information and will not use specific street or mailing addresses, email addresses, or phone numbers. Signed release forms are not needed when subjects are in public places, such as fairgrounds, parades, or parks.

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Nutcracker Dance Ensemble Schedule 2019

Snow Princesses

Basking Ridge Studio B

Friday, September 27th 6:45-7:30pm

Friday, October 11th 6:45-7:30pm

Friday, October 25th 6:45-7:30pm

Friday, November 15th 6:45-7:30pm

Friday, November 22nd 6:45-7:30pm

Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC)

Wednesday, November 13th 5:45-6:30pm

Run Through Monday, November 25th 4:00-6:00pm (1pm Cast) & 6:00-8:00pm (5pm Cast)

Performance Day Sunday, December 1st

Snow Maidens

Branchburg Studio A

Saturday, September 28th 6:15-7:00pm

Saturday, October 5th 6:15-7:00pm

Saturday, October 12th 6:15-7:00pm

Saturday, October 19th 6:15-7:00pm

Saturday, October 26th 6:15-7:00pm

Saturday, November 16th 6:15-7:00pm

Saturday, November 23rd 6:15-7:00pm

Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC)

Wednesday, November 13th 5:45-6:30pm

Run Through Monday, November 25th 4:00-6:00pm (1pm Cast) & 6:00-8:00pm (5pm Cast)

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Snow Flakes

Branchburg

Saturday, September 28th 4:30-5:15pm
Saturday, October 5th 4:30-5:15pm
Saturday, October 12th 4:30-5:15pm
Saturday, October 19th 4:30-5:15pm
Saturday, October 26th 4:30-5:15pm
Saturday, November 16th 4:30-5:15pm
Sunday, November 17th 6:30-7:15pm
Saturday, November 23rd 4:30-5:15pm
Sunday, November 24th 6:30-7:15pm

Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC)

Wednesday, November 13th 4-4:45 pm

Run Through Monday, November 25th 4:00-6:00pm (1pm Cast) & 6:00-8:00pm (5pm Cast) **Performance Day** Sunday, December 1st

Mice

Branchburg

Saturday, September 28th 5:15-6:15pm
Saturday, October 5th 5:15-6:15pm
Saturday, October 12th 5:15-6:15pm
Saturday, October 19th 5:15-6:15pm
Saturday, October 26th 5:15-6:15pm
Saturday, November 16th 5:15-6:15pm
Sunday, November 17th 2:30-3:30pm
Saturday, November 23rd 5:15-6:15pm
Sunday, November 24th 2:30-3:30pm

Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC)

Wednesday, November 13th 4:45-5:45 pm

Run Through Monday, November 25th 4:00-6:00pm (1pm Cast) & 6:00-8:00pm (5pm Cast) **Performance Day** Sunday, December 1st

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Russian Page

Branchburg Studio A

Saturday, September 28th 7:00-7:45pm

Saturday, October 5th 7:00-7:45pm

Saturday, October 12th 7:00-7:45pm

Saturday, October 19th 7:00-7:45pm

Saturday, October 26th 7:00-7:45pm

Saturday, November 16th 7:00-7:45pm

Saturday, November 23rd 7:00-7:45pm

Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC)

Wednesday, November 13th 6:30-8pm

Run Through Monday, November 25th 4:00-6:00pm (1pm Cast) & 6:00-8:00pm (5pm Cast)

Performance Day Sunday, December 1st

French Page

Branchburg Studio B

Saturday, September 28th 7:00-7:45pm

Saturday, October 5th 7:00-7:45pm

Saturday, October 12th 7:00-7:45pm

Saturday, October 19th 7:00-7:45pm

Saturday, October 26th 7:00-7:45pm

Saturday, November 16th 7:00-7:45pm

Saturday, November 23rd 7:00-7:45pm

Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC)

Wednesday, November 13th 6:30-8pm

Run Through Monday, November 25th 4:00-6:00pm (1pm Cast) & 6:00-8:00pm (5pm Cast)

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Chinese Page

Branchburg Studio B

Saturday, September 28th 6:15-7:00pm

Saturday, October 5th 6:15-7:00pm

Saturday, October 12th 6:15-7:00pm

Saturday, October 19th 6:15-7:00pm

Saturday, October 26th 6:15-7:00pm

Saturday, November 16th 6:15-7:00pm

Saturday, November 23rd 6:15-7:00pm

Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC)

Wednesday, November 13th 6:30-8pm

Run Through Monday, November 25th 4:00-6:00pm (1pm Cast) & 6:00-8:00pm (5pm Cast)

Performance Day Sunday, December 1st

Spanish Page

Branchburg Studio B

Saturday, September 28th 7:45-8:30pm

Saturday, October 5th 7:45-8:30pm

Saturday, October 12th 7:45-8:30pm

Saturday, October 19th 7:45-8:30pm

Saturday, October 26th 7:45-8:30pm

Saturday, November 16th 7:45-8:30pm

Saturday, November 23rd 7:45-8:30pm

Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC)

Wednesday, November 13th 6:30-8pm

Run Through Monday, November 25th 4:00-6:00pm (1pm Cast) & 6:00-8:00pm (5pm Cast)

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Party Scene

Branchburg Studio A

Branchburg Studio B (10/6 & 10/13 only)

Saturday, September 28th 7:45-8:45pm

Saturday, October 5th 7:45-8:45pm

Sunday, October 6th 2:30-3:30pm

Saturday, October 12th 7:45-8:45pm

Sunday, October 13th 2:30-3:30pm

Saturday, October 19th 7:45-8:45pm

Saturday, October 26th 7:45-8:45pm

Saturday, November 16th 7:45-8:45pm

Saturday, November 23rd 7:45-8:45pm

Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC)

Wednesday, November 13th 8:00-9pm

Run Through Monday, November 25th 4:00-6:00pm (1pm Cast) & 6:00-8:00pm (5pm Cast)

Performance Day Sunday, December 1st

Spanish Variation

Russian Variation

Arabian Variation

Chinese Variation

Branchburg Studio

Exact one-hour rehearsal blocks will be determined at casting time.

Dates and time ranges are listed below

Branchburg Studio B (10/6 & 10/13 only)

Sunday, October 6th late afternoon

Sunday, October 13th late afternoon

Sunday, October 20th late afternoon

Sunday, October 27th late afternoon

Sunday, November 17th late afternoon

Sunday, November 24th late afternoon

Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC)

Wednesday, November 13th 6:30-8pm

Run Through Monday, November 25th 4:00-6:00pm (1pm Cast) & 6:00-8:00pm (5pm Cast)

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New! Nutcracker Ensemble & Sweets Team Celebration

Holiday Skating Party

Bridgewater Sports Arena

Saturday, December 21st, 5:00-7:00pm

Private Gotta Dance Party includes: 2 hours of Skating, Skate Rental, Hot Cocoa & Bagged Snack

Any friends that come are asked to purchase their own snacks

Dancers will be chaperoned by Miss Caroline & Miss Phoebe

Parents of youngest dancers welcome