



## Nutcracker Dance Ensemble Contract 2023

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  
Erin Ford Nutcracker Rehearsal Assistant  
[Olivia Del Duca](#)-Communications

Throughout the season, all questions and communications should be made using:  
[Nutcrackergottadance@gmail.com](mailto:Nutcrackergottadance@gmail.com)

Emails are checked every Monday and Friday during the season. Please do not contact the main office with questions because they don't have information to answer your 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

### **Deadline to register, Wednesday October 4th by 8:00pm**

### **Register for your assigned group(s) and pay fees of \$305**

Your online registration serves as an electronic agreement to abide by the Nutcracker Dance Ensemble 2023 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.

### **One Excused Absence, Punctuality and Consequences**

- Dancers are allowed ONE excused absence. Subsequent absences are considered unexcused and require immediate dismissal from the cast.
- We also have a policy that three tardies equals one absence. If dancers are more than five minutes late or leave more than five minutes early three times that will equal one absence.
- Missing more than half of any rehearsal is equivalent to a no-show and will result in one absence.
- If your dancer tests positive for COVID or another significant illness like strep throat or the flu, then we require that you email a picture of your dancer's doctor's note. Your dancer must rehearse with their group over zoom if they feel up to it or they can watch rehearsal while resting. Their camera needs to be turned on for the entire rehearsal so that the Dance Educator can see them clearly. If they don't turn on their camera then your dancer will be counted as absent. If your dancer doesn't have a doctor's note then it will count as one excused 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. 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 love wearing their team jackets to rehearsals and performances. Dancers will be able to try on jackets at rehearsal for sizing prior to purchasing. Purchase the team jacket for \$75 through your family portal. Dancers will be able to try on jackets at rehearsal for sizing prior to ordering. After dancers try on jackets, they will receive instructions on how to purchase their troupe jacket.

### **Performance Run-Through**

The Nutcracker Dance Ensemble Run-through will be held on Tuesday, November 28 at the [Raritan Valley Community College Nash Theater \(RVCC\)](#) 118 Lamington Road Branchburg stage between 4:00pm and 8:00pm TBD. Please mark this on your calendars as many dancers may have holiday concerts (band, choir, orchestra).

### **Ensemble Fees**

There is a \$305 production fee. This fee covers 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 [Nutcracker Magical Christmas Ballet](#). Performance tickets can be purchased through [Raritan Valley Community College Nash Theater \(RVCC\)](#)

### **Gotta Dance Behavior 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 adhere to a [Gotta Dance Behavior Policy](#). Sometimes we experience a situation that appears to be rude or insensitive, but wouldn't necessarily qualify it as bullying. In this case we ask dancers to complete our [I Don't Know What To Do Form](#) which will allow us to begin a discussion with parties involved.

Should dancers feel that they are being bullied then we ask them to complete our [Report an Instance of Bullying form](#). 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. Gotta Dance will not tolerate bullying in any form; physical, emotional, social or otherwise. As such, we have implemented a Zero Tolerance Bullying Policy. Dancers who bully others will be dismissed from Nutcracker s at the discretion of the director of Gotta Dance. Please refer to our [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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#### Snow Princesses

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Saturday, October 28, 6:45pm-7:45pm [Basking Ridge Studio](#) at 69 South Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge

**\*Note time change for this 10/28 only**

Saturday, November 4, 6:45pm-7:30pm [Basking Ridge Studio](#) at 65 South Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge  
Wednesday, November 8, 6:45pm-7:30pm [RVCC](#) at 118 Lamington Road, Branchburg  
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#### Snow Maidens

Saturday, October 7, 7:30pm-8:15pm [Basking Ridge Studio](#) at 69 South Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge  
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#### Mice

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#### **Party Scene**

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#### **Arabian Variation**

*Variations will have five or six, semi-private, 45 minute rehearsals. These rehearsals will be scheduled for a weekday that does not conflict with the dance classes you are registered for. These rehearsals will likely be scheduled on Fridays between 3:00pm and 8:30pm in [Martinsville](#). Some may be scheduled for Sundays.*

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#### **Chinese Variation**

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#### **Spanish Variation**

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