



## Nutcracker Sweets Troupe Contract 2026

Congratulations on being accepted into the Nutcracker Sweets Troupe!

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

[Nutcrackersweetsgottadance@gmail.com](mailto:Nutcrackersweetsgottadance@gmail.com)

Emails are checked consistently during the season. Your questions will be answered quickly and efficiently through our dedicated Nutcracker Sweets email and all questions should be directed there instead of the Gotta Dance Office email.

### **Important Goals and Purpose**

The Nutcracker Sweets Troupe will be performing in an original, magical, and immersive experience hosted by Gotta Dance. As a team, we will create cherished moments and develop discipline.

When Jack Frost, the keeper of winter, decides she's had enough of people ruining her perfectly crafted snow, she makes a bold decision: there will be no First Snow this year and without it, there can be no Winter Ball. But as Jack journeys through the magic of winter, she begins to rediscover everything she once loved about the season, from snowball fights and snowmen to winter roses, warm cookies, and the joy of coming together. When winter itself is threatened, Jack realizes that snow was never meant to belong to her alone. With the help of her friends and the audience, Jack learns that the true magic of winter isn't in keeping things perfect, but in sharing them. Together, they bring back the First Snow and discover that sometimes the most beautiful things are meant to be played in, danced in, and shared.



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### Registration Instructions

Please register for Nutcracker Sweets Troupe by Wednesday September 30th at 8pm

How to register: [Log into your portal](#)>Browse> Events>Nutcracker Sweets Troupe>Cart Checkout

Registration Fees: \$360

### 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.

### Excused Absence Form

If your dancer needs to use their one excused absence, please complete this form in advance.

[Click here for the excused absence form.](#)

### 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.



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### **Nutcracker Sweets Troupe Jackets**

All dancers are required to purchase a team warm-up jacket to be worn onstage, 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. After dancers try on jackets, they will receive instructions on how to purchase their troupe jacket. The cost of the jacket is \$80.

### **Team Day**

Team day includes, group rehearsal, team building and run through of dances for the entire team.

### **Performance Day**

Nutcracker Sweets Troupe 2026 will be performing in an original, magical, and immersive experience hosted by Gotta Dance on Sunday, December 13th at our Bridgewater studio. Show times will be announced at a later date. Dancers should be available the entire day.

### **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 Sweets Troupe, 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.



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**Rehearsal Schedule**

| <b>Saturday Rehearsals</b><br><b>October 3, October 10, October 17, October 24</b><br><b>November 14, November 21</b> |                                    |                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Time</b>                                                                                                           | <b>Bridgewater Studio A</b>        | <b>Bridgewater Studio B</b>     |
| 1:15pm-2:45pm                                                                                                         | Winter Rose Ballet                 | Freeze Crew HipHop Jazz         |
| 2:30pm-4:00pm                                                                                                         | Winter's Past Acro                 | First Snowfall Ballet           |
| 4:00pm-5:15pm                                                                                                         | Running Out of Time<br>HipHop/Jazz | Tonight Belongs to You Broadway |
| 5:00pm-6:30pm                                                                                                         |                                    | North Wind Acro                 |



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| Sunday November 1 |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Time              | Martinsville                    |
| 9:45am-10:45am    | Winter Rose Ballet              |
| 10:15am-11:15am   | Freeze Crew HipHop Jazz         |
| 10:45am-11:45am   | Winter's Past Acro              |
| 11:15am-12:15pm   | First Snowfall Ballet           |
| 11:45am-12:45pm   | Running Out of Time HipHop/Jazz |
| 12:15pm-1:15pm    | Tonight Belongs to You Broadway |
| 12:45pm-1:45pm    | North Wind Acro                 |



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| Sunday November 22 and Sunday December 6 |                              |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Time                                     | Bridgewater<br>Studio A      |
| 10:00am-1:00pm                           | All Nutcracker Sweets Troupe |