

NUTCRACKER & BALLET COMPANY INFO

Please thoroughly read ALL recital info in this document!

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PLEASE FILL OUT SIGNUP FORM, ONE PER DANCER/SIBLING [HERE](#)

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PLEASE REVIEW RECITAL CONTRACT AGREEMENT [HERE](#)

The Nutcracker and Guests

Showtimes: Friday December 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM & Saturday December 12, 2026 at 2:00 PM

*Location: Ethel Pope Auditorium (Santa Maria High School)
901 S Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454*

No studio classes will be held on Saturday December 12, 2026!

Nutcracker is an audition and casting process, with rehearsals separate from class time that consist of dancers from different classes performing together.

Spring Recital is an in-class rehearsal process, with classes performing together.

REHEARSALS

- In-studio rehearsals will aim to be held every Saturday, scheduled after 1:00 PM, beginning August 8, 2026, ending December 5, 2026 and excluding November 28, 2026 & October 31, 2026 - a total of 16 in-studio rehearsals.
- Rehearsal times will be determined depending on performer availability.
- Each rehearsal will average 60 minutes, meaning each role equals one rehearsal per week. Example: 1 role=1 hour of rehearsal, 2 roles=2 hours of rehearsal. Younger dancers may be scheduled for shorter rehearsals. As we get closer to Recital Day, rehearsal durations may shorten.
- There will be 4 in-studio full show run-throughs throughout the rehearsal timeline at 6:00 PM - September 26, October 24, November 14 & 21. All performers must be present.

- For 6:00 PM full show run-throughs, performers will ***ONLY*** be allowed to leave after their dance(s) are done, excluding KleinDance Ballet Co members, who must stay until the end to receive notes afterwards.
- There will be three ***MANDATORY*** on-stage full dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 8 (first act), Wednesday, December 9 (second act) & Thursday, December 10 (entire show), 2026 at 5pm with hair, makeup and costume. **Not all dancers will need to be present for all three dress rehearsals, depending on roles.**

SIGNING UP YOUR PERFORMER

- By signing up your performer, they are required to be at all specified rehearsals, run-throughs, dress rehearsals and performances.
- All rehearsals and run-throughs are ***MANDATORY*** unless previously excused by the director. Please state in your signup form any scheduling conflicts to be reviewed.
- All on-stage dress rehearsals and performance times are ***MANDATORY*** for all performers. ***NO EXCEPTIONS.***
- [Join our Band App group, "KDA Nutcracker 2026" HERE for important communications.](#) Turn on your notifications and check updates regularly.
- Please message Admin & Ms Lyrric in the Band App group with any questions or if your performer will be absent, due to an emergency situation. Multiple absences may result in extra fee charges to your account.

RECITAL DAY

STANDARD PERFORMANCE HAIR: [High Ballet Bun](#) (unless choreographer requests a different style)

STANDARD PERFORMANCE MAKEUP: Red/pink lips, brown eyeshadow, pink blush, mascara (unless choreographer requests a different look).

- Performers age 6 & below are only required to wear pink blush, red lipstick and/or whiskers and nose, depending on role.
- Please ask your performer's choreographer how they would like male performers to style their hair and to discuss stage makeup.

ON RECITAL DAY: ***ALL*** performers must arrive in costume, hair and makeup at Ethel Pope Auditorium. PLEASE FOLLOW SIGNS when you arrive at the front of the building to check in at the performer holding area. Performer pickup location after the show will be the *same* as performer check-in location before the show.

Performer Check-In Times:

- ONE HOUR BEFORE each showtime (check in at 5:30pm on Friday & 1pm on Saturday)

Add a special message in the Recital program for your performer/s!

Please submit [HERE](#) and Venmo @kleindancearts or Zelle 805-268-2530 \$20

CUT-OFF DATE TO SUBMIT A SPECIAL MESSAGE IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2026

VOLUNTEERS

Each family is required to sign up for at least one volunteer assignment. Examples: Backstage monitors, set-up crew, truck usage for prop transportation, lobby sellers, ticket greeters, decorations crew, prop builders, costume management, etc...

Select your family volunteer assignment [HERE](#)

KLEINDANCE BALLET COMPANY

Dancers age 11-18 may be considered for KleinDance Ballet Company (KDBC), in addition to the Nutcracker. Company grants highlighted roles to members in performances. Company typically meets once per week, for one hour. Scheduling will be determined by studio, director and dancer availability. Please specify in the signup form above if your dancer wants to audition for company.

Weekly training will aim to start the *week of* August 8, 2026. Company's season usually ends after our Spring recital of the next year. Company fee is \$75 per month.