

NWDA Newsletter

A Modern Nutcracker

We are thrilled to be bringing a timeless tradition back to the stage this winter-- with an NWDA twist, of course. We will be welcoming A Modern Nutcracker to the Byrnes Performing Arts Center for a one-time showing on December 17th, 2016, at 2 p.m. Our dancers and instructors are hard at work creating this holiday wonder and we are so looking forward to sharing it with you. Below, you will find some useful reminders to help smooth the way to a hassle-free holiday performance.



Rehearsals

Such a grand production incorporating each of our participating classes does require extra rehearsal time to orchestrate. Currently, we have two planned rehearsals that will involve all of the classes. The first rehearsal will take place on Friday, December 16th, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the NWDA studio, and the second will take place at the high school on the morning of recital, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We do expect to have an additional November rehearsal but we are still hammering down that date. We will communicate that information via email as soon as it is available.

Recital Photos and Tickets

Part of the excitement of recital is the arrival of the fantastic costumes for each of the routines and we love to offer the opportunity to preserve these memories with recital photos. Recital photos are scheduled on December 10th at the studio. We expect to have the photo schedule released after the Thanksgiving holiday and will also be communicating information regarding photo packages and prices. With only one special show this winter, we know that everyone is wondering about tickets. We don't have ticket information just yet but, never fear, that information will be communicated to you later this month as well.

Showtime

On the day of recital, with time being short between dress rehearsal and the recital itself, please plan on arriving stage-ready with hair and make up done, and plan to have some peanut-free snacks, lunch, and a few activities on hand to help keep little ones entertained. We understand that everyone has busy schedules around the holidays and that it can make for a long day, but we ask that you plan on staying for the duration of the show to support all of our dedicated dancers. The dancers at the end of the show have worked every bit as hard as the dancers at the beginning and, like all of us, will appreciate your presence.

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Emma

Dancer of the Month

Congratulations to our October dancer of the month, Emma Griffith! Emma's teachers love that she constantly challenges herself to try new things and achieve new levels of improvement. Emma's persistence has helped her make great strides in dance and her strength, agility, and winning smile truly shine on stage. Fantastic job, Emma, keep up the good work!

Emma began dancing at the age of 3 and she quickly made the transition to competitive dance at age 4. Augga is her number one inspiration; Emma looks up to her as an instructor and applies her best work ethic to meet Augga's expectations. Critiques and corrections also help motivate Emma to work hard and achieve new goals. When asked what she enjoys most about performing, Emma answers, "Doing what I love on stage for others."

To learn more about Emma, you can view her full bio on our website via the News dropdown menu Dancer of the Month.

Dance Across the USA

One of our talented dancers, Madison Young, was featured in an Everett Herald news article about her recent participation in the Dance Across The USA project! Maddy was chosen out of 3000 applicants from across the country to represent Washington in this artistic endeavour designed to support our national parks and the National Endowment for the Arts, which helps to provide diverse opportunities for arts participation in the United States. Check out the Maddy's interview in the News section of our website and visit danceatusa.com for more information on the project! Congratulations, Maddy, we're so excited for you!



Important Dates

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| November 14 | Recital Fees Charged |
| November 24-25 | Studio Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday |
| December 10 | Recital Photos at NWDA |
| December 16 | Recital Rehearsal at NWDA |
| December 17 | Dress Rehearsal/Recital at Byrnes Performing Arts Center |



Goblins of Goodwill

Our first ever NWDA Halloween Party was a success with fun-- and candy-- had by all! Our teen and senior students were delighted to help organize entertaining games and activities for the dancers as well as the canned food drive. With your help, we were able to collect 40 pounds of canned food which was donated to the Marysville Food Bank! Our dancers were so excited to give back to the community that we have decided to continue these efforts through the holiday season. We will be collecting canned and non-perishable foods as well as socks and other personal care items like toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please bring your donations to the studio and we will collect them in the red bin with deliveries planned before Thanksgiving and after recital! Some of our teen students also plan to volunteer at the Marysville Food Bank on November 11th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. If you would like to join them (ages teen and up suggested), please contact Abby Hau or Sadie Barczynszyn for details. Thank you for helping us give back this holiday season!

Peanut Allergies

Out of respect for our students and family members with severe food allergies, please refrain from bringing snacks containing nuts to the studio. It is our goal to provide a safe and inviting space for our students to explore their love of dance and we appreciate your assistance in helping us do so!

