



2020 Virtual Storybook Nutcracker Movie!

Cornerstone Studio presents its first-ever animated Nutcracker movie starring YOUR DANCER! Open to all students at the studio, this winter production is one experience you can count on not to be canceled. We're bringing over 10 years of Nutcracker magic into your home and onto your screen for the first time, and we're really excited!! Not only will your dancer get cast in a role, learn choreography, and be filmed in front of a green screen like a real movie star, but they'll also be able to watch their debut during our live-screening premiere. This is a special 2020 memory not to be missed!

Who can participate?

All Cornerstone Studio dancers enrolled in at least 1 class.

Will my dancer have to do ballet?

No! Ballet will be the main style of dance showcased but we have creative ideas for ways to incorporate a variety of dance styles into this year's production.

What will the show be like?

It will be a condensed version of The Nutcracker, featuring music from the entire original score, produced like a movie. Dancers will be featured on screen in groups and as soloists, dancing in front of virtual scenery and highlighted by exciting effects. The film will come to life like an animated storybook!

When will rehearsals be?

Rehearsals will be on Saturdays and/or Sundays from mid-September through November. Ages 3 – 6 will only have a few rehearsals. All filming will be complete before Thanksgiving so you can fully enjoy the holiday season. There are no commitments after Nov. 22nd for the first time ever!!

Where will rehearsals and filming happen?

Rehearsals will be at the studio, and a live-stream option will be available for those not yet comfortable meeting in person. Filming will also be done at the studio, which will be set up with a green screen backdrop and flooring. No more than 4 dancers and 1 choreographer will be present at any given time.

Will there be costume fittings?

Dancers will be costumed for filming and will not be issued a costume to take home like in years past. This also means that you will no longer have to incur the cost of dry-cleaning or responsibility of returning the costume! New costumes may be purchased for some roles, and dancers will be given the option to keep them.

What are the benefits of participating?

Besides being a part of the most magical production of the year, this year's Nutcracker brings a unique element that will enrich the lives of any dancer. Being a part of the process of learning, filming, and then seeing the vision come to life on screen is an incredible thing to take part in at such a young age. Many professional dancers have experiences in front of cameras for commercials, music videos, TV shows, or even theater productions, so the process of our virtual Nutcracker is a stepping stone towards that. Beyond the enrichment, dancers will also be able to invite their family and friends from near and far to tune into the live-screening

premiere! This means that grandma and grandpa who live far away and are usually not able to see the show will get to experience it from the comfort of their living room.

How will you guarantee the show will happen?

That's the beauty of a virtual production! No Stay-at-home Order nor snowstorm will stop us! Rehearsals can continue even if we're in a strictly virtual environment and filming can too. We already have a plan in place to be able to equip dancers to film from home if it became absolutely necessary. The show must go on!

Are you ready to audition?

Apply today: <https://forms.gle/HUTBbJEQJHnVvSgr6>
Audition Forms must be submitted by Monday, Sept. 14th.