

VACAVILLE BALLET COMPANY PRESENTS

Nightmare Before Nutcracker

MAY, 2021

We are excited at the prospect of this new venture for VBC. We understand there will continue to be questions and we will do our best to keep all participants and families up to date on changes. This is all new for us as well and we are continuing to work out all the logistics. In the meantime, here are answers to some initial questions.

Will Nightmare Before Nutcracker be performed at VPAT?

No. Based on the trends over the past year, we do not anticipate VPAT will be open in a way that will allow us to present a production in the spring. We've decided instead to invest our resources in creating a performance space at the studio to film and present a production. Dancers should consider this an opportunity to be a part of a film or movie production. It will be a unique learning experience for us all!

Will a live audience be allowed?

No. We anticipate continued capacity restrictions into the Spring. The performance space will be open only to dancers and production crew (Artistic Director, film, lighting, wardrobe, props).

How will the production be presented?

We are still working on these logistics. We anticipate it will be a ticketed stream available for purchase. Each household would only need to purchase one ticket. Tickets will still be available to the public. Stay tuned for more information.

What safety protocols will be in place?

All VBC COVID protocols can be found on our website. In compliance with State orders, masks will be required. Everyone involved will complete pre-rehearsal screenings and same-day temperature scans. In-person rehearsals will only begin once permitted by public health ordinances. Roles will be single cast only, with the goal to keep dancers in "pods" based on roles and eliminate any costume sharing.

Why is this production open to Company dancers only?

In order to comply with anticipated capacity restrictions and to ensure we are not putting our dancers at risk for increased exposure, we have made the decision to limit participation to dancers in Company. This is not our ideal situation and while we love offering performance opportunities to dancers of all ages, we feel this decision is in the best interest of our organization. We are hopeful we will be able to open up productions to all dancers again in the future.

Will there still be production fees if we are not performing in the theater?

Yes. There will still be costs to VBC for this production, including director pay, storage rentals, drapery and lighting rentals, film crew, etc. Production fees will allow us to present the highest caliber production possible. We understand this last year has impacted each family differently. We encourage you to reach out to us prior to auditioning if you find yourself in a position of economic hardship during this time. We will do our best to offer assistance.

An informational meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, January 16th at 11:00am. This meeting is optional but may help to answer any questions prior to auditions. Questions can be submitted in advance to info@vacavilleballetcompany.org. A Zoom link will be sent via email prior to the meeting.