

The Carolina Strut Performing Arts Center presents



# The Nutcracker

**Your class can experience the most popular ballet in history!**

## SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

Friday, December 1

9:00 am | 12:00 pm

West Carteret Auditorium

\$5 students/\$7 chaperones

teachers/assistants - free

This holiday classic, takes students on a spectacular journey exploring dances inspired by other cultures. Appropriate for grades K-12, students are sure to enjoy the colorful sets, intricate costumes and engaging story.

This program offers remediation and enrichment within the parameters of the NC Dept of Education curriculum in Dance, Music and Theater, and Common Core Standards in English Language Arts with a focus on character studies that falls within the following standards:

NCRL 2.2 (also 3.2, 4.2, and 5.2) - recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures and determine their central message/lesson moral

NCRL 2.3 (also 3.3, 4.3, and 5.3) - describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges

NCRL 4.7 - make connections between the text of a story and visual presentation, identify where each version reflects specific descriptions and directions in text

NCRL 5.5 - explain how scenes provide overall structure to a particular drama

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## This ballet is based on a Russian short story

by ETA Hoffman with music by famed composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. It has become a holiday tradition here in America, with ballet companies, both big and small, performing this holiday ballet in almost every city in the country.

What many audiences, children especially, find most appealing is the storyline of a little girl named Clara who receives a Christmas gift of a nutcracker doll from her magical Uncle Drosselmeyer. When Clara falls asleep in her living room that night her precious nutcracker doll comes to life to save her from the life-size mice that frighten her. He fights and wins a battle with the Mouse Queen after Clara saves him. As a reward for her bravery, the Sugar Plum Fairy asks all of the different treats in the Land of the Sweets to dance for Clara. She wakes on Christmas morning to find it was all a fantastical dream!

Your students can be a part of this cultural experience by attending our performances (**Friday, Dec 1 at 9:00 am or 12:00 pm**) staged for school children. If interested in reserving your space, **please return this form with check made payable to:**



**Carolina Strut Performing Arts Center**

**2900 Arendell St, Suite 12**

**Morehead City, NC 28557**

**Teacher Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Assistant** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for supporting the performing arts in Carteret County. We look forward to seeing you in December!

**please circle:**      **9:00 am**      **12:00 pm**

**Number of students @ \$5** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of chaperones @ \$7** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_