

Notes & Policies

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

We carefully and thoughtfully cast each production. There are many factors to consider, including level/age appropriateness of choreography, costume sizes, highlighting individual students' strengths, how dancers complement each other within a group, and the production as a whole.

Please understand that you may **not** request or refuse a role. Every performance opportunity is a valuable chance to learn and grow. In addition to technique, we are teaching maturity, responsibility, respect, and a positive attitude. We expect all students to support each other and approach all choreography and rehearsals with a strong work ethic.

If you are not or your child is not ready to accept the possibility of being cast in any part or with any group of dancers, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND WAITING TO AUDITION FOR NUTCRACKER AND/OR PYB. We want this to be a positive experience.

Parent Must Initial _____

- **Eligibility:** PYB is comprised of Ballet IIIA, IIIB, IVA, IVB, and V students. Based on who auditions, there are usually two ensembles, a Junior Ensemble and a Senior Ensemble.
- **Fees:** PYB annual membership fee is \$300 (includes Nutcracker fee).
- **Rehearsals:** Throughout the school year. We try to provide each month's schedule a month in advance. Most rehearsals occur on Saturday afternoons between 1pm and 4pm, but Friday and Sunday afternoons are occasionally necessary.
- **Performances:** Nutcracker is one of the larger PYB performances. Below is a schedule of other set and tentative performances. Sometimes only the Senior or Junior Ensemble members are needed for an engagement, but usually both participate. Before each community performance, we send an email asking you to RSVP. Please reply as soon as you can. Our ability to participate depends on how many PYB members can perform.

Set

- Sun 3/15 (2 shows) 4th Annual Concert, Christ Church Neighborhood House (see below)

Tentative

- Winter St. Christopher's Children's Hospital?
- Winter Headhouse Square Winter Wonderland?
- Winter School Assemblies?
- Winter Liberty Place Tree Lighting?
- Between 3/20-4/13? Wash., D.C. for National Cherry Blossom Festival? (see below)
- Spring Seger Park and South Street Spring Festivals?
- Spring Annenberg Children's Festival?
- Summer Liberty Place 4th of July Block Party?

- **March Spring Concert:** PYB will hold a spring performance of both classical and contemporary repertoire. Christ Church Neighborhood House is already confirmed as the venue. This year's show will again feature guest choreographers from Drexel Dance Department. PYB members will audition for these works on another day.
- **March/April Trip to D.C.:** We may apply again to be a part of the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. If we get accepted, details will available at that time. Like last year, this will probably be a day trip, with overnights optional.
- **Welcome Meeting:** In early September for all PYB members and their parents/guardians. We will talk about this year's events, how RSVPing for events works, how casting works, etc. Please attend.

**Please only audition if you understand the level of commitment
required in being a PYB member.**

Policies

Please read all notes and policies on page 1. Then both Student and Parent/Guardian must sign, affirming that they understand all notes and agree to comply with all policies.

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Transportation Permission

I hereby give my permission for my child(ren) to travel to and from Philadelphia Dance Academy (PDA) and Philadelphia Youth Ballet (PYB) events/performances in the following ways (check each allowed):

- Taxi with Lori Lahnemann or another PDA staff member
- Taxi with other students
- Taxi alone
- Public transportation with Lori Lahnemann or another PDA staff member
- Public transportation with other students
- Public transportation alone
- Lori Lahnemann's personal vehicle
- Another parent's or staff member's vehicle

Parent/Guardian (signature) _____ Date _____

Photo/Video Release

By signing below, you acknowledge that you:

- 1) permit your child(ren) to be photographed and/or filmed during class, rehearsal, or performance, and
- 2) permit his/her/their likeness(es) to be used in PDA or PYB marketing materials (print or web).

Parent/Guardian (signature) _____ Date _____