

# **Sayers Dance Centre 2024 End of Year Concert:** **Nutcracker**

## **Concert Times: - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

Times to be confirmed. St Peters Lutheran College, Harts Road, Indooroopilly,  
Performing Arts Centre (Pac)

Performances are so exciting for students, giving them the opportunity to perform on stage in a theatre. For many, our 2024 End of Year Concert will be an opportunity to gain some wonderful memories that will last them a lifetime. For others it may be the beginning of a fabulous career.

This year, ballet students will be performing in Nutcracker. Every year we alternate between a display or full traditional ballet like Nutcracker, Coppelia and Sleeping Beauty. Every class except Tiny Toes, Toddler, Dance Foundation Junior, Junior Boys and Adult Ballet will be involved. Dance Foundation Junior and Junior Boys will do a performance in class at the end of the year.

Performing in the concert is **optional**.

We do need you to confirm, as soon as possible, your child's participation so that we can allocate costumes and choreograph appropriately. Please check your diary for holidays and other events before you commit. The concert is a team effort and if someone misses too many classes or rehearsals, he or she lets the whole team down.

For those children that cannot take part in the performance, they will still fully participate in all classes and will learn the concert dance like everyone else. They will learn many important performance skills, develop their ability to retain choreography and have the especially vital role of being a rehearsal understudy.

***We try to give you as many of the facts and figures in advance so there are NO HIDDEN SURPRISES. This will enable you to make an informed decision as to whether you are able to participate. We will consider you are fully committed when you have paid your concert levy which is NON-REFUNDABLE.***

***The form must be returned by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024.***

***If your child is not available for the concert, please email us to let us know, otherwise we will continue to send you email reminders.***

### **Backstage Helpers:**

As you can imagine, we need a lot of help backstage with so many children. Without parents help we could not put on such a wonderful show and experience for all our families. **Those who have a child in multiple shows doing the same item are required to help or pay a backstage levy** so we can employ others to help. More information will be emailed closer to when tickets go on sale in term 4. For the safety and security of all students, only parents who are rostered on are allowed backstage.

### **Concert Rehearsals:**

Concert work will be incorporated into your child's class. If you are a more senior student, you have already been advised of your concert class times. This gives us approximately 16 -18 classes to choreograph, teach and polish items. It is essential that, if you commit to this show, your child is only absent if he or she is ill, otherwise we will expect you at every class even if injured - you can still learn by watching. If your child is absent without explanation or for multiple classes, it may be necessary to exclude them from some or all the choreography.

There will be rehearsals at the theatre in the week leading up to the concert. The day and time may be different to your usual class time. There is one rehearsal per class. Rehearsals are **COMPULSORY**.

### **Everyone Will Receive a Link to Watch and Download the Concerts:**

A professional company will film all shows. You will receive a link to the concert which you can share with family and friends who live interstate or overseas. The cost of this is included in your concert levy. You will be able to use the downloaded link to gain your own copy and save it to a hard drive or USB. You cannot re-edit, change or on-sell this product. The video licence is for a single private household use so there is no public online publishing or public sharing allowed. Personal video recorders or filming on your phone are not allowed due to copyright, privacy, and licensing laws.

### **Photographs:**

(More information to come in Term 4.)

We will be having professional photographers take individual and group photos of each class in costume during normal classes in the week of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to Saturday 9th Nov. These will be available to order and pay through Elite Photographics. There is no obligation to purchase these. By committing to the concert, you will be giving us permission to give your contact details to Elite, for the purpose of them sending you a link to order and buy photos only.

### **Tickets:**

(More information in Term 4.)

Tickets are sold through Try Booking online - Adults - \$46.00 & Children - \$26.00

Performing students will NOT require a ticket.

If your child/children are in more than one show doing different dances e.g. Ballet in Show A and Jazz in Show B we will provide you with a maximum of two complimentary tickets to one show when two or more tickets to the other show have been purchased. Information on how to order complimentary tickets will be available in term 4.

### **Costumes:**

For you, there is **NO costume making** as we supply all costumes. Please note that many dance schools require you to purchase the materials and sew all your costumes or purchase all your costumes outright. We include costume hire as part of your concert levy. The levy goes toward new costumes, replacement of damaged costumes, repairs, and cleaning of costumes.

You will also receive a Sayers Concert T-shirt as part of the concert levy price.

### **Student Uniform Requirements: Available from our ballet shop**

Creative Dance students need pink ballet shoes and pink ballet socks.

All other ballet students need our preferred MDM ballet shoes, or your PW leather shoes if these are in good condition and fit. All students need ballet tights. (Please make sure you purchase these from our shop or come and show us your tights if they are from elsewhere as we ask that all students wear the same colour tights.)

Jazz students need tan coloured jazz shoes. Tap & Bop and Levels A-C Tap require tan tap shoes, Level D Tap require black tap shoes. Some students will need Tan or fishnet tights. Further information on what you exactly need will be in an email that will come out in term 4.

### **Parents of students doing your first concert with us:**

We would like to put your mind at ease. Once you drop your child to us, they will be carefully supervised by Sayers staff and parents of our senior students. All children will be well cared for and if your child is in any way unsettled and we feel you should be contacted we will do so over the PA system. If you do not hear from us, it means your child/children are having the time of their lives.

**If you need longer than the 2nd of August to pay this, please contact the office with a date you can pay by. The form still needs to be returned by the 2nd of August.**

If you photograph this form and email to us, use the larger format, as we cannot read the form in the smaller format.

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY: FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST**

I wish to confirm that my child.....

Ballet grade if applicable. ....

Jazz, Tap, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Dance Foundation or Repertoire class/es .....

**Will/Will Not** (please circle) be available to take part in the end of year performance. And will attend their rehearsals in class and at the theatre.

Included in the Concert Levy:

1. A downloadable link to the video of the concert you can watch and download. You will be able to share this link with your family and friends who live interstate or overseas.
2. Costume hire, and cleaning
3. Special Sayers Concert T-Shirt

Concert Levy prices depend on how many items your child is in (Please tick box):

One item in concert e.g., Ballet **OR** Jazz = \$140

Two items in concert e.g., Ballet and Dance Performance = \$210

Three items in concert e.g., Ballet, Jazz, and Dance Performance = \$280

Four plus items in concert e.g., Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary & Dance Performance = \$350

Family Cap – 2 or more children = \$460 (this is the maximum a family pays)

**T-Shirt, Please Circle Size Required: -**

We do not have samples. Please order the size your child normally wears in clothing. If you do not choose a size, we will make a guess on your behalf

Child:  4  6  8  10  12  14  16

Adult:  8  10  12  14

**PARENT/ GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: .....**

**PAYMENT OPTIONS –**

1. You may return form and pay directly **in the office** using Debit Card, Credit Card (+ surcharge) or Cash.

2. Use our **secure credit card facility** via our web page. <https://www.sayersballet.com.au/secure-payments>

Put child's name and the word concert as reference. Please still return this form to the office with a copy of your receipt of payment (you can scan and email)

**3. Internet Bank Transfers-**

Put child's name and the word concert as reference. Please still return this form to the office with your receipt of payment (you can scan and email):

Account Name – Sayers Dance Centre.

BSB: 064 123

Account Number: 0011 4217