

You are invited!
International Ballet Exchange
The (Virtual) Nutcracker Workshop!
14 sessions: October 4–December 20 (includes viewing party)
Sundays 10am–1pm Eastern Time, via Zoom
(with two additional sessions to be scheduled)
All ages (6 through adult) and ballet levels welcome!



Do you miss The Nutcracker?

So do we! In fact, we miss it so much that we decided to make our own Nutcracker and perform virtually for family and friends!

Please join us! All ages 6 and up (including adults) are welcome, as are all levels. You will dance to the beloved music of Tchaikovsky and learn new choreography with teachers Christina Castro-Tauser, Michele-Olivia François, and Coralie François as we create excerpts from The Nutcracker just for you, the workshop participants.

No auditions or audition fees! No tickets or tickets to sell! The focus will be on fun and creativity as together we make a unique Nutcracker to share with our friends and family and celebrate our love of ballet.

See the workshop details below.

We need a minimum of 10 participants, so please share this invitation with friends and family who might want to join.

Christina, Michele-Olivia, and Coralie

DETAILS

\$190 for the 14-session workshop (= \$13.50/session) includes choreography, video recording, and costuming, plus educational materials for school-aged participants.

All sessions will be held via Zoom with optional studio time for local participants at Wissahickon Dance Academy for recording. The 10am–1pm workshop period will be divided into time slots for groups of participants by dance/scene, with periodic full-group information meetings. On October 4, the adults participants and the adults caring for minors will meet together at 10am via Zoom for a short orientation. (Note that adults and minors will meet in separate sessions throughout the workshop.)

Participation by registration only. To register, please complete and submit the registration form at <https://forms.gle/aY4ZpNcc6RcP8hsW7> by September 28th. (Registrants will receive a follow-up email regarding payment information and waiver.) The balance of payment will then be due by October 4th.

About the workshop leaders:

Michele-Olivia and François and Coralie François trained at Wissahickon Dance Academy and through intensives with such companies as the Ballet Nacional de Cuba. Together, they danced every youth role in the Donetsk Ballet's Nutcracker presented by IBE, and since 2015 have led rehearsals for the youth cast of the ballet. Graduates of Drexel University, they dance, teach, choreograph, and perform locally.

Christina Castro-Tauser is a dancer, teacher, choreographer, and arts administrator. She trained with Laura Alonso and was formerly the director of the Gainesville Ballet (GA) junior company. With a BA from Point Park University and MFA from Temple University, she has choreographed numerous full-length ballets, often blending students and professionals. A teaching artist for Taller Puertorriqueño, she teaches at WDA and is executive director of IBE.

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