



OCDC FAMILIES: WELCOME TO THE 2018 NUTCRACKER!

Your child will perform with Ballet Repertory Theatre (BRT), OCDC's pre-professional ballet company, an educational **non-profit** entity that is run separately from OCDC. To dance in the 42nd Nutcracker season, he/she will receive mostly free instruction in rehearsals on weekends (please refer to the handout from your child's teacher for detailed information; the \$75 performance fee is the only money due).

BRT ticket sales cover technical crew, insurance, storage and moving costs. For costumes, props, sets, and special events, BRT receives **no other funding** than what is raised by the Ballet Repertory Theatre Association (BRTA), also a **non-profit** entity made up of parent volunteers. BRT stages 3 annual productions (Fall Festival, Nutcracker, Cinderella this season) at the Golden West College Theater. Because of the number of performers involved (nearly 300) and patrons attending (about 5,000), the Nutcracker season is BRTA's most important fundraising period.

There are 4 direct ways to help the BRTA: 1) buy a Nutcracker sweatshirt, 2) place an ad in the souvenir program, 3) make a membership donation, and/or 4) donate goods or services to the raffle. To do your part, please download the needed forms at **orangecountydancecenter.com** ("The Nutcracker Ballet" tab, "Ballet Repertory Theatre Association (BRTA) Fundraising Forms" section):

- ❖ Sweatshirt Order Form: **due Thursday, October 11th**
- ❖ Souvenir Program Order Form for Personal Ads: **due Sunday, November 11th**
- ❖ Souvenir Program Order Form for Business Ads: **due Sunday, November 11th**
- ❖ Membership Donation Form (tax deductible): **due Sunday, November 11th**
- ❖ Raffle Donation Form for Parents (tax deductible): **due Sunday, November 11th**
- ❖ Raffle Donation Form for Businesses (tax deductible): **due Sunday, November 11th**

Blank forms can also be found in the BRTA box at the OCDC front desk. You may turn in your completed forms with payments/donations **in the BRTA mailbox at the OCDC front desk by the deadlines listed above.** BRTA volunteers will regularly collect the forms from the mailbox.

You can also donate to the **"role basket"** that will be raffled off at the theater during the last show. There will be a specially labeled box in the OCDC lobby to collect your monetary donations; **any amount helps.** BRTA volunteers will collect donations and create a themed basket with the money raised.

If you cannot contribute financially, you can **go to smile.amazon.com**, enter "Ballet Repertory Theatre Assoc" as your preferred charity in the search box, and shop as you normally would. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases to Ballet Repertory Theatre Association. You must go to smile.amazon.com every time you shop for the donation to happen, but will not have to re-enter your choice of our association.

You can volunteer your time. Before Nutcracker performances begin, you will receive an email from BRTA's sign-up.com account asking that you volunteer for at least one hour as a boutique seller, raffle ticket seller, refreshments server, or theater usher. These are all easy tasks for which a BRTA member will quickly train you at the theater.

Your generosity alone allows the Nutcracker to happen. Thank you!

For all Nutcracker questions, please write to **helpbrta@gmail.com**.

To view photos/videos of Nutcracker rehearsals, visit Ballet Repertory Theatre on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.