BALLET REPERTORY THEATRE
2019-20 43rd Season – A Short Guide

What it means to be a company member

- Every year, you will need to fill out a dancer information form to help us keep our records current.
- Special days: you will be able to participate in BRT's Valentine's Day red and pink day, Halloween costume day, Nutcracker pajama day, secret Santa, dressing room holiday decorating
- Gifts: you will receive performance earrings when you are invited into company and another gift of jewelry when you graduate.
- Outing: you will receive one free ticket for yourself to a musical or dance performance at a major theater.
- Year-end party: you will be invited to a group photo opportunity, buffet, slide show, and speeches at Meadowlark Banquet Hall, after Coppelia on Sunday, April 5th.
- Volunteering: when you are not scheduled to perform, you can sign up to help at the theater with boutique sales, candy gram sales, flower sales, raffle table, raffle ticket sales, refreshments sales, and ushering. You will receive a certificate showing your service hours to the non-profit Ballet Repertory Theatre Association.
- All season photos by Sylvie Nguyen: you can download them from the BRT Facebook page, or view them on Instagram, and Twitter. You may also receive Google photo album invitations.
- Annual company photos: schedule set by Terri Sellars. You will be asked to wear your black company leotard, pink tights, pointe shoes, and have your hair in a neat bun. Male dancers should wear a plain white t-shirt and plain black tights or athletic pants.
- Nutcracker photos by Alex Kemp: you can buy them on headshotsbykemp.com.
- Company apparel: you will be able to buy company clothing once a new vendor is chosen.

What it means to be a company parent

- **Volunteering:**
  - o You can become part of the Ballet Repertory Theatre Association: it is a non-profit organization, operated separately from the OC Dance Center, that follows by-laws and currently has 5 executive officers, 11 year-round chairpersons, 8 Nutcracker coordinators, and 4 assistants.
  - o You can attend the BRTA monthly meetings. In those meetings, the association coordinates events, outings, fundraising, purchases, volunteers, and many other items needed for the Ballet Repertory Theatre to continue to perform; major decisions always come from a team effort.
  - o You can respond to the signup.com email from the BRTA at Nutcracker time and choose volunteering time slots to help with boutique sales, candy gram sales, flower sales, souvenir program sales, raffle table supervision, raffle ticket sales, refreshments sales, and ushering.
  - o You can sign up for ongoing studio and theater duties with Terri Sellars such as costume cleaning, costume and prop transport, fixing of props, handling of props during shows, sewing, supervision of dancers, etc.
  - o You can respond to the BRTA's email request to help Terri Sellars with the annual costume/prop closet cleanup at the studio.

- **Donating:**
  - You can <u>contribute a minimum of $15</u> towards the company basket displayed at the theater on the raffle tables, during Nutcracker performances. Volunteer Suzi Ito will collect all donations. Please make your check payable to Suzi Ito (not BRTA) and drop off in the white folder of the BRTA box at the OCDC front desk. There is a special envelope inside the box labeled "Company Raffle Basket Donations". For questions, email Suzi Ito at pspbito@yahoo.com.
  - You can <u>buy a Nutcracker sweatshirt</u>; the absolute last deadline for all orders is November 6th.
  - You can <u>place a personal or business ad in the Nutcracker souvenir program</u>; the deadline for all ad submissions is November 10th.
  - You can <u>become a Ballet Repertory Theatre sponsoring member</u>; starting at $25, the deadline for this tax-deductible donation is November 10th. At every donation level, there are specific gifts.
  - You can <u>donate goods or services to the Nutcracker raffle</u>; all donations of new, unused items are needed starting with $5 gift cards. These tax-deductible donations are due November 10th.
  - You can <u>donate baked goods or drinks for sale at the theater</u>. Go to the email link sent to you through signup.com and select the time and date on which you would like to bring your baked goods or donations.
  - You can <u>donate funds towards a Christmas gift for the Sellars</u>; a volunteer will be assigned in December to collect these during the shows at the theater.
  - If your company issues gifts to non-profits, you can <u>apply for corporate gifts on behalf of BRTA</u> (federal tax ID no. 33-0873296) and let Sylvie Nguyen know.
- Outing: you will be able to <u>buy one or several ticket(s)</u>, based on availability, at the BRTA's discounted group rate, to a musical or dance performance at a major theater, once all BRT dancers have received their ticket. You will receive an email from the BRTA when the tickets are available.
- Year-end party: <u>one accompanying family member for each dancer</u> will be invited to attend the party for free at the Meadowlark Banquet Hall, after Coppelia on Sunday, April 5th. Any additional attendees will have to pay the banquet fee; such requests will depend on seating availability. Seniors will be able to bring more than one family member, also depending on seating availability. You will receive an invitation at least one month before the scheduled date of the party.

<u>Information Resources</u>

- Contact Heather Tremper, BRTA President, at heathertremper08@yahoo.com or 714-599-2022.
- Write to helpbrta@gmail.com to be added to the private BRTA Shutterfly page; you will receive association by-laws, forms, meeting minutes, and announcements.
- Refer to 2019-20 BRTA directory for individual volunteer roles (available on Shutterfly).
- Email helpbrta@gmail.com if you have questions regarding the BRT or BRTA.
- Visit orangecountydancecenter.com, under The Nutcracker Ballet tab.
- Attend the BRTA's Annual Open House at the end of September.
- Attend BRTA meetings, 3rd Tuesday of every month except June.

Your generosity alone allows the BRT to perform. Thank you!