



# Nutcracker 2010

Tustin Dance Center

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **When is my contract and participation fee due?**

The deadline to turn in your contract, including participation fee is Monday, August 2nd. We have scheduled a second audition for dancers from our community. If we have not received these forms from you by 8/2, we will assume you have decided not to participate, and we will recast your parts at our second audition.

### **Are rehearsals mandatory?**

Yes, Absolutely! As you can see from the attached rehearsal schedule, each group has a limited number of rehearsals before we begin to run the entire show. Be sure you can commit to all rehearsals before turning in your contract.

### **What do I wear?**

To all rehearsals, dress rehearsals, costume fittings, etc. you should wear pink tights, pink or black leotard, ballet shoes, and your hair in a neat, secure bun. Boys need to wear white t-shirts, black tights, black shoes.

### **Do I get to keep my costume?**

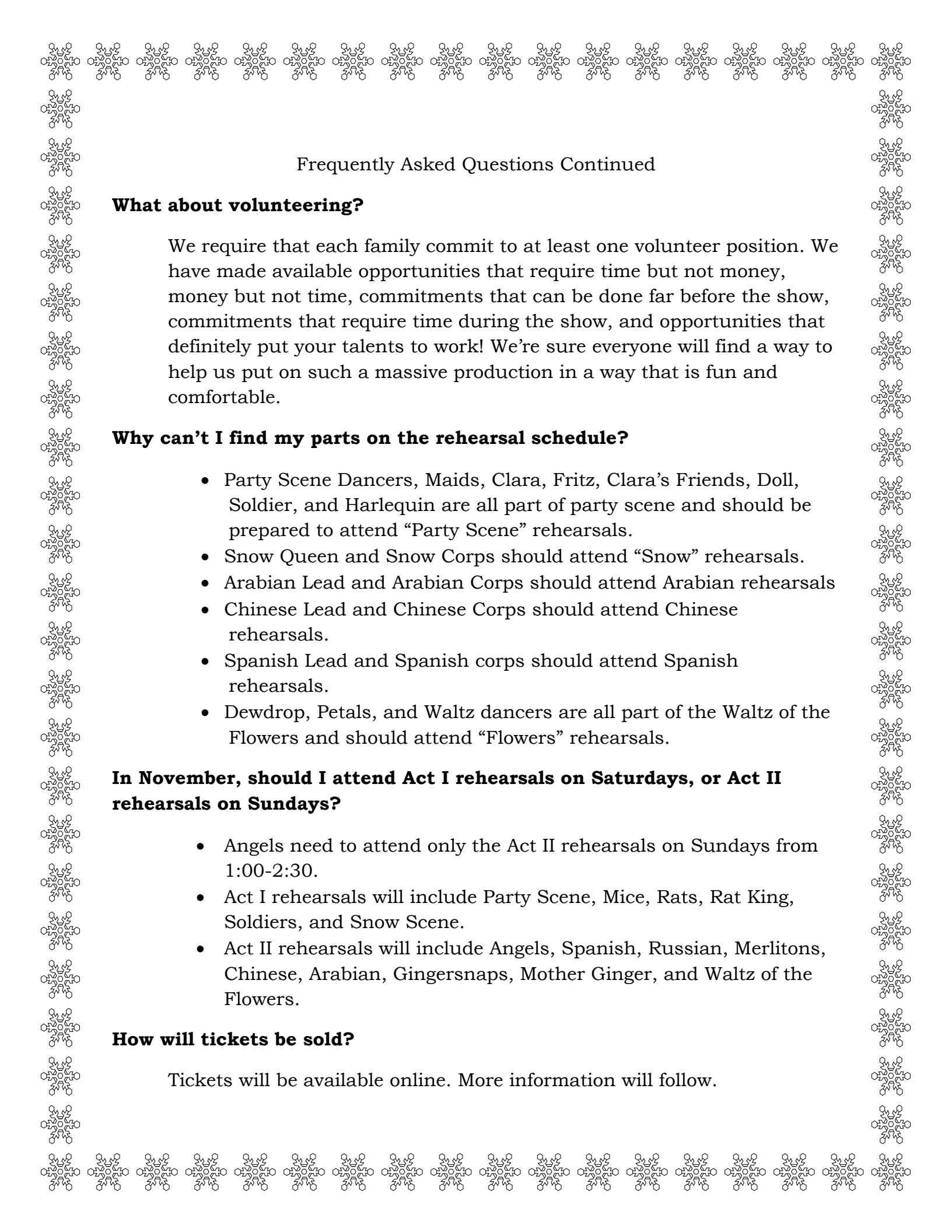
No. The cost of the elaborate Nutcracker costumes is far too much to ask parents to purchase costumes year after year. Instead, we are assembling a set of high quality costumes that will be carefully cleaned after each show and used year after year.

### **Where will the shows be?**

We are tentatively scheduled to perform on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and 7pm at Servite High School Theatre.

### **How many shows will there be?**

We have planned for 2 shows.



## Frequently Asked Questions Continued

### **What about volunteering?**

We require that each family commit to at least one volunteer position. We have made available opportunities that require time but not money, money but not time, commitments that can be done far before the show, commitments that require time during the show, and opportunities that definitely put your talents to work! We're sure everyone will find a way to help us put on such a massive production in a way that is fun and comfortable.

### **Why can't I find my parts on the rehearsal schedule?**

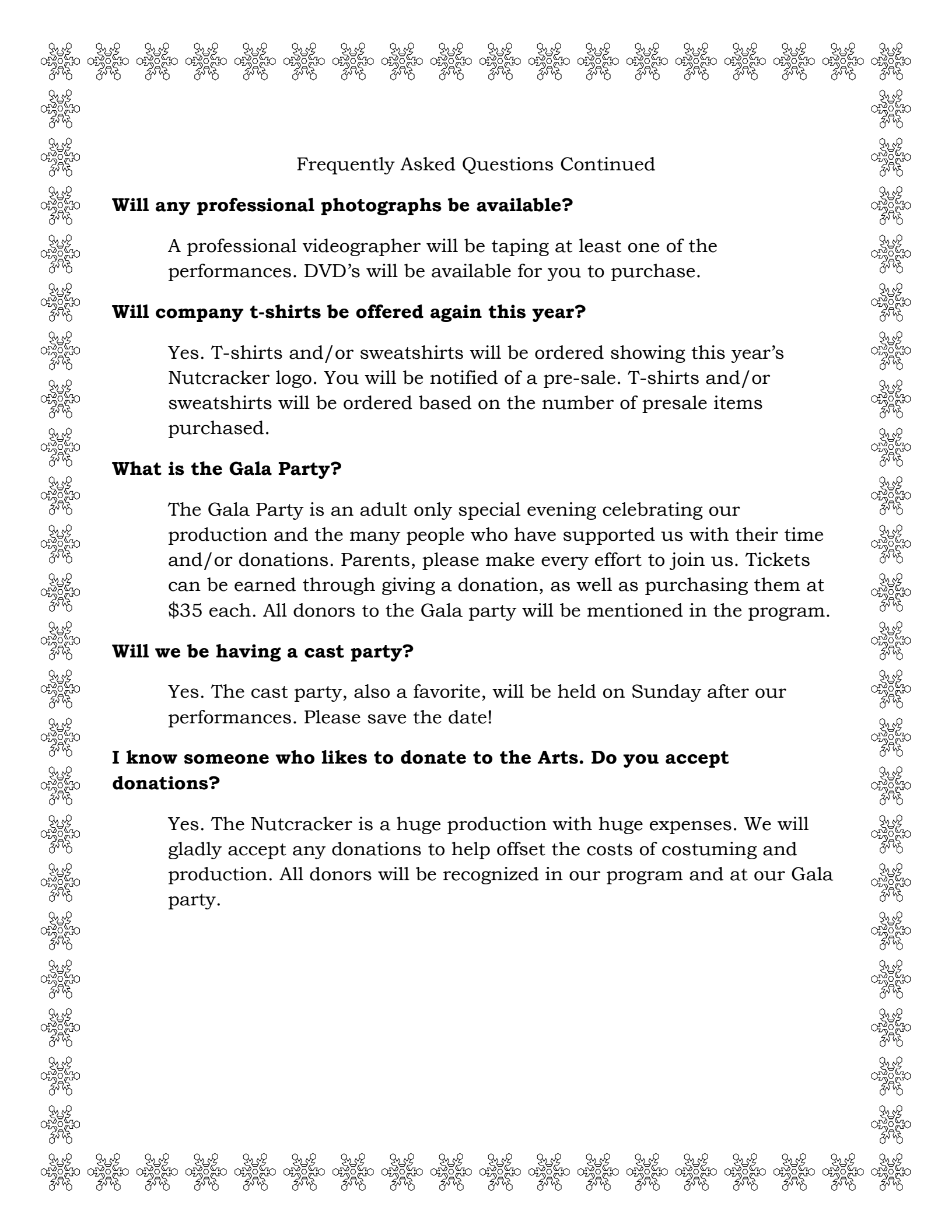
- Party Scene Dancers, Maids, Clara, Fritz, Clara's Friends, Doll, Soldier, and Harlequin are all part of party scene and should be prepared to attend "Party Scene" rehearsals.
- Snow Queen and Snow Corps should attend "Snow" rehearsals.
- Arabian Lead and Arabian Corps should attend Arabian rehearsals
- Chinese Lead and Chinese Corps should attend Chinese rehearsals.
- Spanish Lead and Spanish corps should attend Spanish rehearsals.
- Dewdrop, Petals, and Waltz dancers are all part of the Waltz of the Flowers and should attend "Flowers" rehearsals.

### **In November, should I attend Act I rehearsals on Saturdays, or Act II rehearsals on Sundays?**

- Angels need to attend only the Act II rehearsals on Sundays from 1:00-2:30.
- Act I rehearsals will include Party Scene, Mice, Rats, Rat King, Soldiers, and Snow Scene.
- Act II rehearsals will include Angels, Spanish, Russian, Merlitons, Chinese, Arabian, Gingersnaps, Mother Ginger, and Waltz of the Flowers.

### **How will tickets be sold?**

Tickets will be available online. More information will follow.



## Frequently Asked Questions Continued

### **Will any professional photographs be available?**

A professional videographer will be taping at least one of the performances. DVD's will be available for you to purchase.

### **Will company t-shirts be offered again this year?**

Yes. T-shirts and/or sweatshirts will be ordered showing this year's Nutcracker logo. You will be notified of a pre-sale. T-shirts and/or sweatshirts will be ordered based on the number of presale items purchased.

### **What is the Gala Party?**

The Gala Party is an adult only special evening celebrating our production and the many people who have supported us with their time and/or donations. Parents, please make every effort to join us. Tickets can be earned through giving a donation, as well as purchasing them at \$35 each. All donors to the Gala party will be mentioned in the program.

### **Will we be having a cast party?**

Yes. The cast party, also a favorite, will be held on Sunday after our performances. Please save the date!

### **I know someone who likes to donate to the Arts. Do you accept donations?**

Yes. The Nutcracker is a huge production with huge expenses. We will gladly accept any donations to help offset the costs of costuming and production. All donors will be recognized in our program and at our Gala party.