



# Virginia Regional Ballet

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Virginia Regional Ballet, a not-for-profit organization comprised of Virginia Regional Ballet Academy's most promising students and area professionals, will be performing Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" under the artistic direction of Heidi Robitshek. Former Artistic Director of the Chamber Ballet. Heidi Robitshek's Nutcracker production has been a Williamsburg tradition *for over 40 years!* VRB will present an abbreviated version of this Christmas classic at the **Ferguson Center for the Arts** this December. We know that it is difficult to schedule as many cultural arts events for your students as you would like, so let us help you inspire a love for the arts in your students through the magic of this beloved ballet.

**This year, two one-hour performances of "The Nutcracker" are scheduled for Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 and Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at the Ferguson Center for the Arts in Newport News.** This shortened version of the Nutcracker story takes place during the magical party when Klara receives her beloved Nutcracker and then several divertissements from the Land of Sweets entertain us. A lively scene follows with the Nutcracker and his soldiers battling the Mouse King and his mice. Finally, the Snow Queen and her King dance with their Snowflakes. Upon arrival into the theater, children will get the unique opportunity to watch the professional technical crew prepare for the show, have a question and answer session with the director and learn about important audience etiquette. **Additionally, teachers are provided an educational packet about the Nutcracker Ballet and musical score that correlates to the SOL's at the elementary level. All of these aspects combined provide an opportunity to educate and cultivate lifetime arts supporters and to share our passion for the arts to students who otherwise may never see a live performance of the ballet.**

Partial funding from the Williamsburg Area Arts Commission, York County Arts Commission, Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts allows VRB to offer reduced rates for school performances; thereby providing the opportunity for students to attend these performances at the reduced rate of **\$10.00**. Chaperones (1 per 12 students) are \$12 per ticket and teachers (1 per class of 25 students) attend at no charge.

Providing this cultural event for your students is one of the high points in our performing season. This year new choreography and costumes will make this production even more exciting. To make reservations for one of these performances please complete the attached reservation request form and mail it to Virginia Regional Ballet, Attn: School Show Coordinator, 1228 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185 or email to [performances@dancevrb.com](mailto:performances@dancevrb.com) Please email Virginia Regional Ballet at [performances@dancevrb.com](mailto:performances@dancevrb.com) for assistance or more information.

**We must receive your reservation request form by Monday, October 30, 2023. A reservation contract will be emailed to the point of contact as soon as your reservation request has been processed. Full payment is due by November 17, 2023.**

Thank you for supporting the Virginia Regional Ballet and Heidi Robitshek's 44th annual production of "The Nutcracker."

Partners in Dance Education,

*Adelle Carpenter*



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2023 School Performance of **Virginia Regional Ballet's *The Nutcracker***

December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Ferguson Center for the Arts, Newport News, VA.

## SCHOOL RESERVATION REQUEST FORM

Name of School & Group \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate preferred show date below:*

	Thursday December 14 <sup>th</sup> @ 11:00
	Friday December 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 11:00

<b># Students</b>		<b>Grade Level(s)</b>	
<b># Chaperones*</b> <small>*limited to 1 per 12 students</small>			
<b># Teachers</b>			
<b>Total Attending</b>			

Special Seating Requirements Needed?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain.

Point of Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #s \_\_\_\_\_

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