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River Region Ballet *Nutcracker Auditions*

The River Region Ballet will once again perform the full length ballet *The Nutcracker*. The ballet, with music by P.I. Tchaikovsky, will be staged by Artistic Director Susan Ferrara. Performances will be at Destrehan High School Auditorium December 10 and 11.

Open Auditions for ALL Roles

Sunday September 11

River Region Performing Arts & Cultural Center

15146 River Road, Norco

12:00 - 12:30 pm Girls 6 – 9 years old
 Boys acting roles
 Adults Party Scene

12:30 - 1:30 pm Girls 10 - 12 years old

Images Dance Studio

105-A River Point Drive, Destrehan

2:00 - 3:30 pm Dancers 13 and Older
 Dancers must be intermediate
 to advanced level.
 Female dancers must audition
 on pointe

Audition Fee \$10.00

All dancers must sign-in half hour prior to audition time. Audition forms must be completed and signed by the responsible adult. Dancers will not be admitted once the audition is started!

For More Information: 985-764-7678
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www.rropa.org

River Region Ballet Announces Season

The River Region Ballet's 17th cultural season will begin with their annual production of *The Nutcracker*. This full length version is a seasonal classic with its large cast, colorful costumes, and timeless music by Tchaikovsky. The Spring Ballet Concert will feature original pieces by artistic director Susan Ferrara showcasing the diversity of ballet in contemporary works: poetry in motion - *The Fairy Garden*, human emotions and values - *Passages*, and folk influence - *Tarantella*.

The Fairy Garden is inspired by the poetry and water colorings of Cicely Mary Barker whose Flower Fairy books were first published in 1923. Fairies and other ethereal creatures have always been perfect fodder for the grace and elegance of ballet. This colorful ballet will introduce both young and old to the Flower Fairies and the remarkable young artist who achieved international acclaim at age 15. Some ballets tell a story while others simply portray an idea or emotion. *Passages* is a touching look back to one's own life with the only constant being "time". This is a moving piece for the mature audience member and dancer. From classicism to folk dance, *Tarantella*, represents yet another face of dance. Lively and fun, the Italian Tarantella showcases the colorful and vibrant influences native dances have in ballet. Versatility of style and technique is imperative to a good dancer and enhances audiences' enjoyment.

The River Region is committed to ensuring that the arts survive in the river region. RRB does not only produce a yearly Nutcracker and Spring Concert, but also is dedicated to community outreach through special children's performances, library events and nursing home shows. This season besides their "Sugar Plum Matinee", they will offer a "Fairy Gathering Matinee". These matinees are designed to introduce the very young to the dance arts. They incorporate a shortened performance followed by a character meet and greet and offer special treats to their guests. Our dancers are provided many opportunities to enhance their knowledge of dance not only through performances but also by attending performances by the country's most renowned ballet companies, attending various workshops given by dance professionals, and building camaraderie through company socials designed as both an educational and social event.

The Future is Here

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- Choryphee (\$100) Soloist (\$250)
- Principal (\$500) Etoile (\$1000)

Make checks payable to River Region Ballet Inc.
105-A River Point Drive, Destrehan, LA 70047



- Member (\$25) Benefactor (\$50)
- Angel (\$100) Silver Angel (\$500)
- Gold Angel (\$1000)

Make checks payable to River Region Drama Guild Inc.
PO Box 845, Destrehan, LA 70047

RRB's Junior Company

Auditions for Junior Company members were held in May. The following dancers comprise RRB's 2011-12 Junior Company. They are: Rose Coats, Caroline Genius, Rebecca Helm, Kaela Hymel, Lianne Keller, Kate Lougon, Ashley Payne, Caroline Payne, Taylor Pradat, Grace Raymond and Shelby Walls.

In keeping with our endeavors to reach out to the community, and under the direction of **Juanita Marino**, RRB Jr. Company dancers performed at both the Luling Living Center and Ormond Nursing and Care Center on July 9. The days devoted to rehearsing show were well worth the smiles and applause. Of course, the exhausted dancers still had enough energy to enjoy an ice cream/snowball treat.

Any dancers interested in becoming a member of the Junior Company may call the artistic director at 985-764-7678 to schedule an audition. Jr. Company members must be ten years old by Dec. 31 and dance at an intermediate level. All junior company dancers perform in The Nutcracker and Spring Concert. For complete membership requirements and benefits see www.rrpa.org.



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| Sept. 11 | RRB - Nutcracker Auditions |
| Dec. 10-11 | RRB - The Nutcracker |
| Jan. 7-28 | RRDG - Saturday Workshop |
| Mar. 24-25 | RRB - Spring Concert |