

# INDIANA BALLET THEATRE

## 2026 THE NUTCRACKER — PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTRACT

Performer Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please read each expectation carefully.** By signing this agreement, you acknowledge that you understand Indiana Ballet Theatre's expectations and the important role dancers, parents/guardians, and volunteers play in creating a safe, successful, and enjoyable production.

### SAFETY & FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Indiana Ballet Theatre studios, classes, rehearsals, and performance venues are PEANUT- AND TREE-NUT-FREE ZONES.** Items containing peanuts or tree nuts may be confiscated and disposed of by IBT.
- 2.** Parents/guardians agree to be prompt when dropping off and picking up performers.
- 3.** The production relies heavily on volunteers. Parents, guardians, dancers, and volunteers are expected to treat all volunteers, staff, dancers, and families with courtesy and respect.
- 4. EVERY FAMILY MUST VOLUNTEER** for at least one assigned position. Failure to fulfill the family's volunteer obligation may result in the performer being removed from the production.

### THEATRE, BACKSTAGE & MEDIA RULES

- 5.** The following rules apply at dress rehearsals and performances:
  - a.** No videotaping is permitted during dress rehearsals or performances.
  - b.** Only individuals with the appropriate authorization/pass may be in restricted areas during dress rehearsal.
  - c.** Only volunteers assigned to a specific performance and issued the appropriate backstage pass may enter backstage areas.
  - d.** Backstage access rules apply to everyone; exceptions will not be granted.
  - e.** Audience photography is not permitted in the auditorium. IBT-contracted/authorized photographers are exempt.
  - f.** Parents/guardians must pick up performers promptly after each performance.
  - g.** Volunteers will not be required to remain more than 20 minutes after a performance. IBT cannot provide supervision for performers who are not picked up on time.
  - h.** If asked by IBT staff or an authorized volunteer to leave the auditorium or another restricted area, you agree to do so promptly and respectfully.
- 6.** If assigned a volunteer task, you agree to perform it to the best of your ability and follow all instructions and guidelines for that position.
- 7.** Performers must attend rehearsals in appropriate dancewear. No T-shirts, sweatpants, jeans, or street shoes. Hair must be secured off the face in barrettes, a ponytail, or a bun, as appropriate.
- 8. YOU MUST NOTIFY IBT** if your performer chooses not to accept their assigned role(s) or withdraws from the production.
- 9. Parents/guardians and volunteers may NOT take photographs** from the wings, backstage, or during the official cast photo session. Violation of this rule may result in removal from a backstage volunteer assignment.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

**By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this Parent/Guardian Contract.** I agree to follow these expectations and understand that they are in place to support the safety of the dancers, respect the work of our volunteers and production team, and help IBT's The Nutcracker run smoothly.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Parent/Guardian Name

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Best Contact Phone

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Performer Name(s)

**Thank you for helping make IBT's 2026 The Nutcracker a safe, positive, and magical experience for everyone.**