



# To the Pointe

## Nutcracker Season Arrives

Ah, it is here.

Saturday rehearsals in full gear. Costuming, measuring, fittings a'happening. Posters are printed and ready to be put up all around the St. Croix Valley. As the narrator of the Nutcracker says at the beginning of every Nutcracker, "the children are abuzz with excitement". What is more exciting than being a part of the Stillwater Nutcracker?

Enjoy the season!



*Nutcracker on-line ticket sales begin Monday, October 21st!*

Ticket sales for the 23rd annual Stillwater Nutcracker begin Monday, October 21st @ 9:00 am!

SCB will again utilize the highly professional customized ticket-buying system that was rolled out for Sleeping Beauty this past spring. The system, known as Vendini, will allow you to purchase tickets on-line and choose your own seats.

Heidi Franke ([hfranke04@gmail.com](mailto:hfranke04@gmail.com)) and Susan Peterson ([shawnantsusanp@comcast.net](mailto:shawnantsusanp@comcast.net)) will again head up the ticket sales for this year's Nutcracker. If you have any questions regarding tickets, please feel free to contact them.

*Volunteer opportunities abound*

Elaine Kannas is reprising her role as Volunteer Coordinator for the Nutcracker. Her email address is [jekannas@msn.com](mailto:jekannas@msn.com) and phone is 612.508.9273. Stay tuned for further correspondence from Elaine.

## **New on-line tuition payment system available for 2nd Quarter**

Later this week, we will be sending out information that will allow you to sign up and make tuition payments on-line for 2nd quarter, which begins the week of November 4th. We believe this on-line payment service will be a great convenience for many of you.

## **New SCB website arrives/SCB Facebook Page thrives!**

By now, you've all no doubt seen SCB's beautiful new website. We've received rave reviews from many of you. Thank you. In addition, there is much activity on the studio's very active Facebook. Please feel free to 'Like' and 'Share'.  
BTW, St. Croix Ballet just passed 500 'Likes'!!!

## **Christin Beaurline's photos available on website**

A huge shout out to Christin Beaurline for her many great photos on our new website. Also, please note that there is a 'Photos' section that links to her studio, *bozidar photography*, where you can purchase and download photos from Sleeping Beauty and other studio events/activities.

## Calendar

**Nutcracker tickets** go on sale.

October 21

**2nd Quarter begins. Tuition due**

November 4-8

**Stillwater photo session at studio (CHANGE FROM AUDITORIUM)**

Saturday, November 23rd

**Stillwater Move-In, Staging, Dress Rehearsal**

November 24-26

**Thanksgiving**

November 28

**23rd Annual Stillwater Nutcracker**

November 29-December 1

# Notes from Ms. Susan

**Nutcracker Final Schedule:** Nutcracker is getting closer! Rehearsals are going well and I am grateful for everyone's enthusiasm and commitment to the Stillwater Nutcracker. Just a reminder that on Saturday November 23rd we will be doing a run through at the studio. See attached schedule. In addition, new this year, we are planning to take professional pictures at the studio after the run-through on the 23rd and not during stage rehearsals at the high school, as we have done in previous years.

**St. Croix Ballet's Staff:** Something very special and unique is happening in a little church, just outside of Stillwater, Minnesota, that teaches ballet and dance. This year, as we move into the next phase of development of the St. Croix Ballet, a ballet faculty has come together, all of whom are alums of the studio! Laura Daugherty, Abbie DeFiel, Gloria Wahlroos, Lindsey King, and Caitlyn McDermott (not quite an alum) have all been deeply trained in the Vaganova Method. We are also most fortunate to have been able to add Pilates with Cherlyn Wichser to our program. I am so excited to lead this wonderful group. Please take a moment to review our staff's backgrounds on SCB website. It is quite impressive. [http://stcroixballet.com/faculty\\_and\\_staff.aspx](http://stcroixballet.com/faculty_and_staff.aspx)



**New Master Class with Wilor Bluege:** We are honored to welcome Master Teacher Wilor Bluege ('Ms. Wilor') to the studio. She will be teaching our most advanced dancers, Level VII-2, on Tuesday evenings. Here is a link to her own website which showcases her remarkable background. <http://www.wilorbluege.com/>

# 2013 Nutcracker Rehearsal Schedule

Beginning Saturday, September 21st

\*Party Scene, Pages, and Ladies-in-Waiting Start September 28th

8:30 - 9:15	Waltz of the Flowers
9:15 - 11:00	Act II Variations and Pas de Deux (Tree Spirits, Spanish, Arabian, Mirliton, Dolls, Snow Pas, Sugar Plum Pas)
11:00 - 11:30	Finale
11:30 - 12:00	Chinese
12:00 - 12:30	Russian
12:30 - 1:00	Candy Canes
1:00 - 2:00	Snow
2:00 - 2:30	Jesters Pages and Ladies-in-Waiting join Sept. 28th
2:30 - 3:00	Angels
3:00 - 3:30	Gigionne
3:30 - 4:00	Winter Fairies
4:00 - 4:45	Soldier and Mice (combined beginning October 26th)
5:00 - 6:00	Party Scene - Begin September 28th

## SPECIAL RUN -THROUGH REHEARSAL AT THE STUDIO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd.

Please note your rehearsal time may change on this date.

<b>Act 1 Party Scene</b>	<b>11:00 - 12:00</b>	Clara, Prince, Drosselmeyer, Party Parents, Party Children, Maids, Dolls, Dancing Mistress
<b>Act 1 Battle Scene</b>	<b>12:00 - 12:45</b>	Clara, Prince, Drosselmeyer, Mouse King, Mice Soldiers, Tree Spirits, Candy Canes
<b>Act 1 Snow Scene</b>	<b>12:45 - 1:30</b>	Clara, Prince, Drosselmeyer, Snow Queen & King, Winter Fairies, Snow, Sleigh Angels
<b>Act 11 Kingdom of the Sweets</b>	<b>1:30 - 3:00</b>	Clara, Prince, Angels, Jesters, Pages, Ladies-in-Waiting, Spanish, Arabian, Chinese, Mirliton, Russian, Gigionne, Waltz, Sugar Plum and Cavalier