



Dear Friend,

In a world that can feel constantly in flux, artistic traditions are an anchor. The Mini-Nutcracker, the beloved annual performance of the Centennial Youth Ballet, is one of those traditions. Last year we pivoted and created a completely new rendition of this classic ballet, filming it outdoors in various parks and city locations and producing a stunning film. As we turn back to the classic live theater setting this year, **we invite you to be a part of this rich tradition as a sponsor.**

Centennial Youth Ballet is the hallmark program of Nashville's Metro Parks Dance Division and this year marks the 40th anniversary of The Mini-Nutcracker, a shorter, narrated rendition of the Nutcracker that rivals the work of professional companies. The first performance was held at the Hickory Hollow mall in 1981 and featured a Santa at the mall manager's request. Over the years it was performed at the Cumberland Museum, Nashville City Bank, and even in the Showmobile that was parked on 2nd Avenue downtown. The performance has grown to enchant more than 3,000 audience members each year and our young dancers in the program – aged 9-18 – are delighted to return to the Harpeth Hall School Dec. 3-5. It also acts as the primary fundraiser for Friends of Metro Dance, a non-profit organization that provides supplemental funds for the city's dance programs, including scholarships that cover the cost of classes and attire.

Your tax-deductible sponsorship will help us sustain and advance this mission, with all proceeds supporting Metro Parks Dance and Centennial Youth Ballet. As a sponsor, your company name will gain exposure and recognition in our printed materials as outlined below:

- **Angel Sponsor \$100:** name on 2021 commemorative t-shirt
- **Soldier Sponsor \$250:** name and logo on 2021 commemorative t-shirt and in performance program
- **Candy Cane Sponsor \$500:** name and logo on 2021 commemorative t-shirt, in performance program and on signage at performance
- **Snowflake Sponsor \$750:** name and logo on 2021 commemorative t-shirt, in performance program, on signage at performance and projected onto curtain each performance night, viewed by more than 3000 guests
- **Nutcracker Sponsor \$1000:** name and logo on 2021 commemorative t-shirt, in performance program, on signage at performance, projected onto curtain each performance night, and on website
- **Relevé Sponsor, add \$250 to any of the above sponsorship levels:** donate an additional \$250 and your name and logo will appear in the Spring Concert program and on the back of the Summer Intensive t-shirt



Thank you for considering a gift, which will help sustain this family holiday tradition and the arts in Nashville for years to come.

**YES! Count me in as a Sponsor to support
Friends of Metro Dance!**

_____ Angel (\$100) _____ Soldier (\$250) _____ Candy Cane (\$500)

_____ Snowflake (\$750) _____ Nutcracker (\$1000)

_____ Relevé (an add'l \$250)

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(As you would like it to appear in Friends of Metro Dance materials)

Address _____

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Please send your high-res logo (at least 300 dpi at 3 inch; EPS, png or jpeg) to
friendsofmetrodance@gmail.com by **November 1, 2021**.

Please mail your check made out to Friends of Metro Dance and your sponsorship form to:

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