



“Each August I would be brimming with excitement and anticipation for the Mini-Nutcracker rehearsals to start. Being in the show for ten years, I gradually participated in many different roles and learned almost the entire ballet. The rehearsals would be long, but we were all working on a show we loved. **Mini-Nutcracker is an experience that I wish I could give to everyone.** It is one of dancing, friendships, and the Christmas season.”

Katelyn Turner-Leftwich, Class of 2020

“What I really love most about CYB is the kind of community we have. There is a special type of bond among dancers and teachers that forms during Nutcracker season when you spend hours of time together in rehearsals working towards the performance. **It has been my absolute pleasure to be part of a dance organization that gives so much to its community and feels like a community of family at its core.**”

Prudence Mauch, Class of 2022

Dear Friends,

We are as excited as our dancers for 41st year of the Mini-Nutcracker, the beloved annual tradition of the Centennial Youth Ballet! From the first performance at Hickory Hollow Mall in 1981 to the lavish production at Harpeth Hall School for more than twenty years, the Mini-Nutcracker has been heralding the holiday season for family fun in Nashville and has grown to enchant more than 3,000 audience members each 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 our young dancers – aged 9-18 – are delighted to return to the Harpeth Hall School Dec. 2-4 to perform in The Mini-Nutcracker, a shorter, narrated rendition of the Nutcracker that rivals the work of professional companies. 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:

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- **Relevé Sponsor, add \$500 to any of the above sponsorship levels:** donate an additional \$500 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.



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