



“Centennial Youth Ballet / Metro Dance has given our daughter far more than a high-quality dance education at an affordable cost; it’s given her a community of belonging. As a parent, it’s a joy to be backstage during the Mini-Nutcracker and see older dancers encouraging younger dancers in a genuinely positive atmosphere. These character-building experiences are made possible through the generous giving of Friends of Metro Dance.”

-Kari Essenpreis, parent of student in Ballet: Advanced II

Dear Friends,

Celebrations bring us together. They give the opportunity to share achievements, support each other, and sometimes enjoy something magical. **For hundreds of dancers over the years, Centennial Youth Ballet’s Mini-Nutcracker has been an exciting and vital milestone in their dance journey.** From dancing as an Angel or Toy Soldier to gracing the stage as Snowflakes, being a part of the Mini-Nutcracker is a celebration of their growth and hard work. This year marks the 44th year of this beloved annual tradition.

The Mini-Nutcracker is enjoyed by more than 3000 audience members each year. This splendid production rivals the work of professional companies, with ticket prices that are more affordable. For many families, attending The Mini-Nutcracker is a cherished custom to usher in the holiday season, and has become not only a tradition for dancers, but for audience members far beyond the scope of a typical recital. **We invite you to be a part of this rich tradition as a sponsor as The Mini-Nutcracker returns to Harpeth Hall December 12-14, 2025.**

Centennial Youth Ballet is the hallmark program of Nashville’s Metro Parks Dance Division, offering high-quality and affordable dance training. The highlight of the CYB season, The Mini-Nutcracker is a shorter, narrated rendition of the Nutcracker. 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:

- **Kingdom of the Sweets Sponsor \$150:** name on 2025 commemorative t-shirt
- **Waltz of the Flowers Sponsor \$300:** name and logo on 2025 commemorative t-shirt, in performance program, and in video credit
- **Snowflake Sponsor \$500:** name and logo on 2025 commemorative t-shirt, in performance program, in video credit and on signage at performance
- **Soldiers and Mice Sponsor \$1000:** name and logo on 2025 commemorative t-shirt, in performance program, in video credit and on signage at performance, on website, personalized thank you from participants, option for a company-branded giveaway during performance
- **Angel 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 2026 t-shirt

Corporate Sponsorships are also available at Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Premier levels. For more information, please contact board member Sonja McCord at 646.820.9229 or dance@thesonjamcordx.com.

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

Friends of Metro Dance is proud to support high-quality dance education in the public sector to students and families from diverse backgrounds and regardless of race, gender identity, body type, socio-economic status, disability, political or religious beliefs.



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or fill out the form below to indicate your level of interest.**

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___ Kingdom of the Sweets \$150 ___ Waltz of the Flowers \$300 ___ Snowflake \$500
___ Soldiers and Mice \$1000 ___ Angel (add \$500)

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

Contact Name _____
(if different from Sponsor Name)

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Friends of Metro Dance • Attn: Centennial Performing Arts Studios • P.O. Box 196340 • Nashville, TN 37219-6340

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Please send your high-res logo to friendsofmetrodance@gmail.com by **November 15, 2025**.

Ideal file specs, include B&W and color:

- Illustrator EPS, vector from Illustrator
- Illustrator PDF, vector from Illustrator

Optional file specs, include B&W and color:

- JPEG, 300 dpi, logo should be a minimum of 5 inches (approx. 500 pixels) either horizontal or vertical
- PDF, 300 dpi, logo should be a minimum of 5 inches (approx. 500 pixels) either horizontal or vertical
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