

# San José Dance Theatre

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Dear Educator,

San Jose Dance Theatre would like to invite your school to participate in our 2009 Arts Education Program. **Participation in the program is available on a first come, first serve basis.** The focus of the program will once again be on *The Nutcracker*, which will be performed in a special matinee performance for the schools on Friday, December 4th at 10:30AM at the Center for Performing Arts (CPA) in downtown San Jose. If your school is interested in sending students to the performance, a letter detailing the event will be sent out to you.

Elements of the San Jose Dance Theatre Arts Educational Program may include:

1. **A scheduled visit to your school.** This can be done in a classroom, a gymnasium, or in an assembly setting if several classes are interested in participating in the program.
  - viewing of videos of past *Nutcracker* performances
  - demonstration of ballet by children/dancers who are participating in *The Nutcracker* (often these are children from your own school)
  - costumes/props
  - back stage pictures
  - story telling
2. **An opportunity for the children to attend a special *The Nutcracker* Matinee on December 4th** at the Center for Performing Arts for \$8.00/person. If students from your school are unable to attend the Matinee, tickets can be purchased for our Friday, Dec.4th performance at 7:30PM, Saturday, December 5th performances at 2:00PM and 7:30PM or Sunday, December 6th performance at 1:00PM for \$2 off our \$20 - \$50 regular ticket prices.
3. **A Workbook for the teachers** participating in our Arts Education Program will include:
  - The story of *The Nutcracker*
  - Information regarding your attendance at *The Nutcracker* Matinee
  - Notes on Theatre Conduct to discuss with the children prior to the Matinee
  - Activities for the children

We invite your participation in this unique program. Please contact Ellen Polito at The San Jose Dance Theatre to set up a time for us to visit your school and indicate your interest in attending *The Nutcracker* Matinee on Friday, December 4th. You can reach us by phone at (408) 286-9905, or by email at [GoDance@sjdt.org](mailto:GoDance@sjdt.org). You can also check us out on the Web at [www.sjdt.org](http://www.sjdt.org).

Best Regards,

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