



August 2009

Dear Parent(s) and Student(s):

Welcome to Great Bay Academy's "*An 1836 Portsmouth Nutcracker*" 2009! This season is going to be extra special as we will be presenting the 21st annual performance of this holiday tradition at The Music Hall. Attached you will find the audition schedule and registration form, rehearsal information, performance schedule, and facts you will need to consider **before** you decide to participate in this year's *Nutcracker* process.

Please read the enclosed information carefully and consider the commitment requirements in the event that you are selected to perform in *The Nutcracker*. Please understand that while getting a role is an exciting and rewarding experience, there is a considerable commitment on the part of the parent and student and this responsibility may not be for everyone.

Auditions for Great Bay's 2009 production will take place on Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13 and Saturday, September 19 at the studios located at 1 Raynes Avenue, Portsmouth. In order to expedite the audition process, we are requiring that students **pre-register** for auditions. Walk-ins will not be accepted on the day of auditions. To register, please mail the enclosed registration form by Thursday, September 10 to GBAD, 1 Raynes Avenue, Suite 203, Portsmouth, NH 03801. A \$20 audition fee must accompany the registration form. Checks should be made payable to GBAD.

An orientation gathering and costume fittings will be held on Sunday, September 27 from 2-4 pm. Attendance is **mandatory for both dancers and parents. No exceptions.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 603/433-4200.

Sincerely,

Elisa Gerasin
Nutcracker 2008 Director

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Business Administrator