

## **North Country Ballet Ensemble Nutcracker Rehearsal Absences**

The North Country Ballet Ensemble (NCBE) is committed to providing our audiences with a *Nutcracker* ballet of the highest quality. Ballet is an extremely complex art form, and requires lots of practice to make it perfect. This means the dancer must be committed to attending all rehearsals.

Absences from rehearsals really throw the whole team off. It affects the timing and spacing of other dancers. The rehearsal mistress must change her rehearsal plan and choreography to compensate for the absence. It also puts the dancer behind the rest of the group because changes are made at every rehearsal.

Ms. Schonbek requires written notification of absences not related to illness for review. Please follow the procedure for notification outlined below. Injured dancers are expected to attend all rehearsals and observe the rehearsal.



### **Absence Notification Procedure**



- 1) *Absences known ahead of time.* Submit in writing, BY SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, to Ms. Schonbek via e-mail to [adncbe@yahoo.com](mailto:adncbe@yahoo.com) or mail to NCBE, PO Box 2871, Plattsburgh, NY 12901
- 2) *Absence due to illness.* Please call Ms. Schonbek at (518)569-3274 to report the illness.

Keep in mind that the Artistic Director, Ms. Schonbek, reserves the right to recommend to the Board that a dancer be removed from a role due to excessive absences or consistent tardiness.

***Thank you for being responsible about your rehearsal schedule and courteous  
to all fellow 'team' members!***