



## Maryland Youth Ballet's 2016 VIP Nutcracker Experience



What is it?

The VIP Nutcracker Experience is the perfect holiday gift for the most devoted Nutcracker fans! It offers an extra special experience to the award-winning production of Maryland Youth Ballet's full length Nutcracker.

What is included?

The Adult VIP Nutcracker Experience ticket includes:

- Reserved premium seating and early access to your seats for the matinee show
- Pre-performance reception
- An exclusive meet and greet with the Sugar Plum Fairy
- A behind-the-scenes look at the production
- A keepsake Maryland Youth Ballet VIP Pass lanyard
- Early access to the Nutcracker boutique

The Child VIP Nutcracker Experience ticket includes:

- Reserved premium seating and early access to your seats for the matinee show
- Pre-performance reception
- An exclusive meet and greet, plus a photo with the Sugar Plum Fairy
- A behind-the-scenes look at the production
- A keepsake Maryland Youth Ballet VIP Pass lanyard in a special gift box\*
- A special Nutcracker gift, exclusive to VIP ticketholders
- Early access to the Nutcracker boutique

\*The gift box with the VIP Pass will make a great holiday gift and will be available for pick-up at the Maryland Youth Ballet studios from December 10<sup>th</sup> through December 20<sup>th</sup>, or can be picked up at will-call at the theater the day of the show.

What does "behind-the-scenes" look mean?

VIP Ticket holders will have a special tour before the house opens to learn unique aspects of the production of the Nutcracker. Guests will get an up close look at sets, props, and costumes, learn about the history of the ballet and rehearsal process, plus have an opportunity to watch the production crew in action. The tour will conclude with a question and answer session with available cast members.

What ages?

The VIP Nutcracker Experience is for ages 4 and up.

Can I just buy a ticket for a child?

Children 10 and under will need an accompanying adult, and both must have a VIP ticket. Please note the lobby does not open until 12:00pm unless guests have a VIP Pass.

When and where is it?

The VIP Nutcracker Experience will be available for the December 26<sup>th</sup> and December 27<sup>th</sup> performances. The pre-performance event will run from 11:30am-12:30pm and the performance begins at 1:00pm. Both shows run approximately 2 hours. All performances are at the Robert E. Parilla Center for the Arts located at 51 Mannakee Street in Rockville, Maryland.

What is the cost?

Tickets are \$50 for the VIP Nutcracker Experience and may be purchased at [www.marylandyouthballet.org](http://www.marylandyouthballet.org).

What is the difference between the Sugar Plum Party and the VIP Nutcracker Experience?

The Sugar Plum Party is a fun celebration at the Maryland Youth Ballet studios on November 26<sup>th</sup> to kick off the Nutcracker season. Guests will enjoy crafts, snacks, games, and dancing, as well as meet and get their picture taken with the Sugar Plum Fairy. The Sugar Plum Fairy will dance her variation, but it is not a formal performance. For more information or tickets for this event, please see our website [www.marylandyouthballet.org](http://www.marylandyouthballet.org).

The VIP Nutcracker experience is inclusive of our full length Nutcracker performance at Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center in Rockville, Maryland on December 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$50/person and include reserved seats to the matinee show, a pre-performance reception, behind-the-scenes tour, a picture with the Sugar Plum Fairy, and a few fun surprises.