

Protocol for Casting Adults in Party Scene

August 2019

The following guidelines should be followed when casting Party Scene adults, including the roles of Father, Mother, party ladies, party gentlemen, Butler, and Maid.

Required age: 21 years or older

Rehearsal commitment: 2-5 hours per week during the 12-week rehearsal season

Required skills and duties:

- Ability to communicate clearly and appropriately with children
- Being ready, willing, and able to have fun with other adults
- Aptitude for learning ballroom dance steps, hearing music, and partnering
- Understanding “blocking” (moving on the stage where you need to be)
- Being able to perform on stage using simple acting and pantomime skills
- Being available to participate in Tech Week (including long evening hours Sunday-Thursday)
- Performing in all six shows during performance weekend
- Being willing to complete assigned backstage jobs (moving sets and props)
- Being able to stand for long periods of time

Note: No formal dance experience is required.

While all dancers who audition for a ballet role are required to pay tuition, all party adults (excluding hired professional actors) are invited and expected to make a donation to GCB that is *personally meaningful*. Income from adult performers helps defray huge expenses related to instruction, costuming, production crew, and theater rental.

Garden City Ballet appreciates your time and willingness and talent. Thank you so much!