



2026 Nutcracker — Open Auditions

Location: Ballet Arts Academy, 1620 Rodgers St

Friday, August 28

6:30 - 7:15pm — Ages 9-10

6:45 - 7:30pm — **Mandatory meeting for parents of new auditioning dancers (and new adults who audition)!**

(attendance will be taken)

Saturday, August 29

10:15 - 10:45am — Ages 7-8

[10:45 - 11:15 — Choreographers Meet Adjudicator]

11:15 - 1:15pm — Ages 13-14

Dancers with at least 1 yr of pointe should bring pointe shoes if they'd like to be considered for a pointe role.

[1:15 - 2:00 pm — Casting Committee Lunch]

2:00 - 4:15pm — Ages 15 and older

(This is not for Party Scene adults - please see Sunday.)

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Sunday, August 30

10:30am - 12:00pm — **Master Class with Adjudicator**

Pay \$20 fee in GCB Store online — this class is for 15 and older, plus 14-year-olds with special permission.

12:30 - 1:45pm — Ages 11-12

No pointe shoes will be needed.

2:00 - 3:00pm — **Open Auditions — Ages 21 and older**

For roles of Drosselmeyer, Maid, Butler, Mother, Father, Governess, Grandmother, Grandfather, Party Guests (four couples), and Mother Ginger — dance or theater experience is ideal, but definitely not required.

3:00 - 3:45pm — **Callbacks for Ages 21 and older**

Instructions

Attend audition according to dancer's **exact** age.

Arrive (15) minutes early to check in.

Required: 1) Headshot (Party Scene adults are exempt); 2) Liability and Performance Waiver; 3) Communicable Diseases Waiver; 4) Consent for OTC Medication; 5) Thank You Note to Donors (this is a requirement for all returning Nutcracker dancers; please closely follow instructions online)

Important Details

An independent adjudicator will attend auditions for (Ages 13-14) and (Ages 15 and older).

Auditions are closed and may not be viewed.

A professional GCB photographer may be onsite.

Final cast list will be posted online by Labor Day.

Rehearsals will start September 11-13.

All cast meeting will be Friday eve, September 11, at Ballet Arts Academy (exact time TBD).

A non-refundable \$300 performance tuition fee is due Friday, September 11 (payable online or by check; \$50 late fee applies after October 1). GCB offers optional fundraisers for families who wish to offset part or all of this performance tuition fee.

Ballet instruction is a requirement of Nutcracker — GCB will verify all dancer enrollment. (*Party Scene adult performers are exempt.*)

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