



2026 Nutcracker — Rehearsal Template

Exact times for each role (i.e. Soldiers, Bluebells, etc.) will vary weekly, but this is what to expect (approximately) for each *Scene.

You are responsible for checking the schedule online (*posted each Wed or earlier, if possible*) for the upcoming weekend.

All rehearsals take place at Ballet Arts Academy.

Studio 1

Friday

6:15 - 7:15pm Act One: Mice (Hench, Lead, Little) (Marie)
(will eventually join Fight Scene and move to Sat)
 TBD Clara, Prince, Fritz, etc. *(as needed)* (Marie)

Saturday

12:30 - 1:30 Clara and Nutcracker Prince (Marie)
 1:30 - 3:45 Act One: *Fight Scene (Marie)
 3:45 - 4:45 Act Two: Coffee from Arabia (Marie)
 4:45 - 5:45 Act One: Snow King and Queen (Marie)

Sunday

11:00 - 12:00 Act Two: Shepherdesses and Sheep (Colleen)
 12:00 - 1:30 Act One: Snow Demis and Corps (Marie)
 1:30 - 2:15 Act One: *Opening Scene (Marie)
 2:15 - 4:45 Act One: *Party Scene (Marie)
 4:45 - 5:30 Act One: Dolls *(will eventually join Party)* (Marie)
 5:30 - 6:00 Clara *(as needed)* (Marie)
 5:30 - 6:15 *Finale (Marie)

Studio 2

Questions? Caroline@gardencityballet.org

Saturday

11:15 - 1:30 Act Two: Waltz of the Flowers (Haley)
 1:30 - 2:30 Act Two: Mother Ginger and Gingersnaps (Haley)
(may have Cast A and Cast B for Gingersnaps)
 2:30 - 3:15 Act Two: Trepak from Russia (Haley)
 3:15 - 4:45 Act Two: Moonflower Fairy (Michele)
 3:45 - 4:45 Act Two: Angels (Michele)
 4:45 - 7:00 Act Two: *Welcome Garden (Michele)

Sunday

11:00 - 12:00 Act Two: Tea from China (Jen)
 4:30 - 5:30 Act Two: Chocolate from Spain (Ashley)

***Opening Scene:** Delivery Boy, Mistletoe Vendors, Ice Skaters, Carolers, Families TBD

***Party Scene:** Drosselmeyer, Drosselmeyer's Assistant/Nutcracker Prince, Clara, Fritz, Mother, Father, Party Adults, Party Children, Maid, Butler, Dolls, Grandmother, Grandfather, Governess

***Fight Scene:** Clara, Nutcracker Prince, Rat King, Hench/Lead/Little Mice, Soldier General/Captains/Corps, Ornaments, Drosselmeyer

***Welcome Garden:** Butterflies, Royal Attendants, Bluebells, Violets *(note: select soloists, TBD, will join rehearsals in November)*

***Finale:** Select soloists, TBD, will likely begin rehearsing in mid-October.

Attendance will be taken. Please communicate *planned* absences **via email** ASAP (or at least one full week in advance) to director@gardencityballet.org and caroline@gardencityballet.org. Your absence may dictate cancelling a rehearsal for all dancers in the variation. No absence is "excused" — every absence is marked, including illness or injury.

Every rehearsal after Thanksgiving weekend, including all of Tech Week, are mandatory for the cast.

Thank you for committing to the success of our Nutcracker season!