

NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS 2022

Saturday, September 10

All auditions held at CAD.

AUDITION TIMES

11:00-11:45 Beginner and Level I Dancers

12:00-1:00 Level II and III Dancers

1:15-2:30 Level IV and V Dancers

2:40-3:15 Dancers auditioning for Sugar Plum Fairy



AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:

- Dancer must be currently enrolled in ballet at CAD. Level II through Level V dancers must be enrolled in both ballet classes offered for their level.
- Dancer must bring completed audition form and audition fee to their audition.
- Dancer must wear required attire. See below.

ATTIRE:

- Dancer's should follow the CAD dress code appropriate to their class level including leotard color, tights, and shoes. Pointe shoes are required for any dancer auditioning for a role en pointe.
- Hair must be pulled back in a classical ballet bun. No flyaways or bangs please!
- No jewelry may be worn with the exception of small stud earrings.
- BOYS should wear solid black shorts or pants and a solid white fitted tee/shirt. Please secure/style any longer hair out of the face.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- All dancers enrolled in Beginner through Level V ballet at CAD will perform in an ensemble role. This choreography will be taught and rehearsed during their weekly class time. Dancers performing ensemble roles only will not have extra rehearsals outside of their weekly class time until show week.
- Auditions are for dancers wishing to have an additional role only.
- Casting is at the discretion of director and staff.
- Casting may include a mixture of levels and roles do not have minimum age or level requirements.
- Due to the nature of this production roles are separated into categories. Categories and the applicable roles are provided on the next page. Some roles will be categorized after auditions as our show differs each year and these changes are determined and dependent upon the dancers that audition.
- Due to the nature of this production roles are limited. Casting options may not be available for every dancer pending the number of auditioning dancers.
- Understudies will be cast during auditions. Understudies are vital and serve to replace casted dancers if they cannot complete the commitment of their role for any reason including but not limited to illness, injury, and/or absences. Understudies must attend all rehearsals for that role.
- Dancers cast by audition will learn choreography and rehearse on Saturdays. Rehearsals will be scheduled every Saturday, September through November. Exception: Nutcracker Rehearsals will not be scheduled the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Detailed rehearsal schedules with specific roles and times will be provided closer to each date.
- In addition to rehearsals and show week, other event dates are required for specific roles. These will be provided on the next page. If a dancer is unavailable on these dates they should not list the applicable role on their audition form.

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Role Categories

If dancer is cast in role marked with * below will have mandatory events in addition to Saturday rehearsals and show week dates.

Mandatory Event Dates:
October 29
December 3

CATEGORY	EXPLANATION OF CATEGORY
Ensemble	Group dance performed with weekly class.
Corps	Group dance cast through audition.
Soloists	Duet or trio cast through audition.
Principal	Individual dancer cast through audition.

ACT I

Clara*.... Principal
Fritz*.... Principal
Drosselmeyer.... Principal
Nephew.... Principal
Maids.... Soloists
Nannies.... Soloists
Party Parents.... (Parent/Adult Volunteers Needed)
Party Girls.... Corps
Party Boys.... Corps
Doll.... Soloists
Nutcracker*.... Principal
Mice.... Corps
Knights of the Rat King.... Corps
Soldiers.... Corps
Snow Queen*..... Principal
Snowflakes.... Corps

ACT II

Christmas Angels.... Ensemble or Corps
Sugar Plum Fairy*.... Principal
Sugared Figs.... Soloists
Marzipan.... Principle
Court of Cupcakes.... Ensemble or Corps
Arabian Coffee.... Soloists or Principal
Chinese Tea.... Ensemble, Soloists, or Principal
Sugar Cubes.... Corps or Soloists
Russian Peppermints.... Ensemble, Soloists, or Principal
Spanish Hot Chocolate.... Soloists or Principal
Court of Spanish Chocolate.... Ensemble, Soloists, or Principal
Ginger Snaps.... Soloists
Gingerbread Children.... Ensemble
Dew Drop Fairy*.... Principal
Court of Flowers.... Ensemble