



Audition for The Nutcracker

Saturday, May 13th at the Montgomery Location

Level II Ballet: 9:30am - 10:00am
Level III – V Ballet 10:00am - 11:00am
Level V and Up Pointe 11:00am - 12:00pm



ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING ARE REQUIRED TO AUDITION. LEVELS ARE BASED ON PLACEMENT FOR 2023-2024 DANCE YEAR

All participants in The Nutcracker must be enrolled in Ballet for 2023-2024. Dancers cast in the roles of Clara, Party Girls and Variations must enroll in summer ballet (and pointe if applicable). If you have a conflict with summer or technique classes, you must get approval from Cindy for private lessons as a substitute. See the “Nutcracker Information Packet” for additional information.

The production will be in November or December (based on venue availability) and will not be announced until September or October.

Roles to be Cast:

This list of roles is for reference only. Backstage will assign the roles based on the audition and teacher recommendations

1. Clara
2. Party Children
3. Party Girls
4. Carolers
5. Maids
6. Party Adults
7. Rat Queen
8. Mice
9. Soldiers
10. Nutcracker
11. Snowflakes
12. Candy Canes
13. Bakers
14. Gingerbread Girls
15. Angels
16. Flowers
17. Clowns
18. Mother Ginger
19. Variations (Spanish, Arabian, Chinese, Russian, Reed Flutes)
20. Sugar Plum Fairy
21. Snow Queen
22. Dew Drop Fairy

Additional roles as necessary

The Nutcracker Information Packet

“The Nutcracker”

Venue: TBD

Tentative Dates: Saturday and/or Sunday in November or December, TBD on venue availability

Tentative Times: 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Each applicant must do the following:

1. **Attend Required Classes:** Register for and be present for all required classes (requirements below). If you miss more than two classes, you will need to meet with Cindy to discuss absences before the next rehearsal. It is very important that you keep up with your class attendance to continue to improve your technique before the production.
 - a. All participants in The Nutcracker must be enrolled in a Ballet class for the 2023-2024 dance year.
 - b. Dancers in level three and up must also be enrolled in Ballet Technique.
 - c. Dancers cast in the roles of Clara, Party Girls and Variations must enroll in summer ballet (and pointe, if applicable). If you have a conflict with summer or technique classes, you must get approval from Cindy for private lessons as a substitute. Summer Ballet and/or camps are recommended for all other cast members, but it is not required.
2. **Attend Rehearsals:** Be present for all rehearsals (except for illness).
 - a. Most rehearsals will take place at the Montgomery Location on Saturday mornings from 9:00-1:00 PM, but there may be occasional rehearsals on other days of the week and/or at the Conroe location.
 - b. If you miss more than two rehearsals, you will need to meet with Cindy personally to discuss absences the following week before the next rehearsal.
 - c. If you miss more than three rehearsals, you are subject to being removed from the performance.
 - d. Unexcused absences will not be tolerated. If you are going to miss a rehearsal due to conflict or illness, you must communicate by e-mailing Nutcracker@backstagedancestudio.net ahead of time - NO “no-shows!” We need a strong commitment from our students to make this a successful production.
3. **Advertise:** Distribute flyers and postcards to local businesses/schools/local establishments and promote on your social media.
4. **Sell Tickets:** Sell 15 tickets. Tickets are \$15 each, plus sales tax and fees, and must be purchased online beginning in October. If your dancer does not sell all 15 tickets, the remaining amount will be drafted within 10 business days after the performance.
5. **Volunteer:** Have a parent fulfill the volunteer requirements which includes at least one volunteer activity prior to performance weekend and two on the performance weekend. Options include helping with props/costumes, chaperoning level two students at one of the dress rehearsals or performances, handing out programs/tickets, etc. Please select your preferences on The Nutcracker application form. Final volunteer placements will be decided and communicated by Backstage at a later date.

Nutcracker Fee:

There will be a monthly Nutcracker fee that includes the costs of choreography / rehearsals, costume rental fees, and The Nutcracker DVDs. This fee will be automatically drafted along with your Tuition (August-November).

The monthly fees will depend on what group you are in:

- Mice/Clowns/Party Girls/Soldiers/Bakers/Angels/Candy Canes: \$50.00 per month
- Clara/Flowers/Snowflakes/Variations: \$65.00 per month
- There is no fee for Fritz, Party Boys, Drosselmeyer, or parents.

Program Ad:

Program Ads are optional. If you choose to purchase a Program Ad, you must follow the requirements below:

1. Complete the Ad Order google form which will be e-mailed out in October. The Program Ad fee will be drafted from your Backstage Account (half page is \$75 and a full page is \$110).
2. John David from Rio Printing will then be in touch directly to obtain the text and images you'd like in your ad. He will then design the ad for you and reach out directly for approval of the ad. Please respond to him as promptly as possible so he can create everything with plenty of time for the printing deadline.
3. Ads are tentatively due by Wednesday, November 1st (date will be confirmed after the performance dates are decided).

A note to students and parents:

This is a big commitment, but we hope it will prove to be rewarding. That is why we need your full cooperation in this. Our staff will be doing our part to make this a beautiful and professional performance. This production will only be a success if everyone is 100% committed to it.

Thank you,

Cindy Thompson and Backstage Staff

Nutcracker Application

Please [click here](#) to fill out the Nutcracker Application by Friday, May 5th, 2023.