



2016 Nutcracker Auditions

Auditions will be held at the BalletNova studios:
3443 Carlin Springs Road, Falls Church, VA 22041

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

6:45 – 8:00 pm: **OPEN AUDITION***

- Male & Female Advanced ballet dancers Age 14 - 18
 - BalletNova students - Conservatory Division 2 and 3
- All female dancers must audition on pointe.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

12:30 – 1:15 pm: **OPEN AUDITION***

- Male & Female Advanced ballet dancers Age 12 - 16
- BalletNova Junior Division 6

All female dancers must audition on pointe.

2:30 – 3:30 pm: **OPEN AUDITION***

- Male & Female Intermediate ballet dancers Age 14 - 20
- BalletNova Conservatory 1 and Senior Division

All female dancers must audition on pointe.

3:30 – 4:00 pm: BalletNova students only - Junior Division 2

4:00 – 4:30 pm: BalletNova students only - Junior Division 3

4:30 – 5:00 pm: BalletNova students only - Junior Division 4

5:00 – 5:30 pm: BalletNova students only - Junior Division 5

5:30 – 5:45 pm: **OPEN AUDITION*** Boys ages 7-18

Dance experience is preferred.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

6:30 - 7:15 BalletNova students only - Junior Division I

*Auditions are open to intermediate/advanced level dancers from the community who meet eligibility requirements.

Visiting Dancers: Email lnaidu@BalletNova.org for registration information and proof of current training (letter from teacher and/or dance resume) - students should be in a full time training program.

MANDATORY REHEARSALS FOR ALL DANCERS:

Thanksgiving Weekend (November 26 & 27) AND the weekend prior (November 19 & 20)

Performance Dates and Times: December 1 and 2 (7:30pm), December 3 and 4 (1:00 and 5:00 pm)

No absences after November 1st!

Please be sure you can commit to ALL rehearsals and performances and level of commitment required before auditioning (please read all info on next page).



IMPORTANT NUTCRACKER 2016 INFORMATION

PERFORMANCE DATES AND TIMES: December 1 and 2 (7:30pm), December 3 and 4 (1:00 and 5:00 pm) at the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, Arlington.

Additional Performances (for Act 2 cast members): Petites - December 9 at 5:00 pm and December 10 at 11:30am and 2:00pm. Nutcracker Tea (Act 2, Mice & Soldiers) – December 11 at 10:30am and 2:30pm.

Mandatory Rehearsals: Thanksgiving Weekend (November 26 & 27) AND the weekend prior (November 19 and 20).

CHECK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for schedule conflicts with rehearsals - school activities, family events, etc. We hate to have to dismiss anyone from the cast, as it's very disappointing for a child to have to lose their role.

CLASS. All dancers must be actively training and have regular attendance in their weekly classes – consistent absence from class will result in loss of role.

NUTCRACKER REHEARSALS:

This is a professional production of BalletNova. All rehearsals are mandatory - with the exception of 1 excused (but discouraged) absence before November 1st (no excused absences allowed after November 1st) and sickness. One absence is for one rehearsal only, or partial rehearsal - not a weekend of rehearsals. Rehearsals begin the weekend of September 18th for some groups.

Rehearsals are scheduled on November 19, 20, 26 and 27 - No absences allowed - no exceptions. If you know you will be traveling for the Thanksgiving Holiday please do not let your child audition, they will be dismissed from the cast if they miss any of these rehearsals. There will be no rehearsals on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. Dancers will be at the theatre every evening during production week (November 28-December 2 after 5pm). All cast members must adhere to the production week schedule and arrive at the scheduled time. Absences or tardiness are not allowed - roles will be given to alternate cast or understudies.

Please be sure you can commit to ALL rehearsals and performances, and the level of dedication required before auditioning.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE GUIDE:

Conservatory and Senior Divisions	Friday evenings, Saturday afternoons/early evenings (some Sunday afternoons in Nov) beginning September 16
Mice (usually chosen from JD 2, 3)	Saturday afternoons after 2pm beginning September 17
Soldiers (usually chosen from JD 4, 5, 6)	Saturday afternoons after 2pm beginning September 17
Bakers (chosen from Various levels)	Saturday late afternoons/early evenings beginning September 24
Party Girls and Boys, Clara's Friends (usually chosen from JD 3, 4, 5, 6)	Costume fitting prior to rehearsal TBA - Rehearsals begin Sunday afternoons (after 1pm) October 9
Faeries (usually chosen from JD 3, 4)	Saturday afternoons beginning September 17 and some Sundays
Snow Sprites (usually chosen from JD 4, 5)	Saturdays after 3pm and some Fridays after 6:30 beginning Oct 8
Angels (usually chosen from JD 1)	Friday early evenings beginning October 7
All Cast Members (no absences)	Saturday November 19, Sunday November 20 Saturday November 26, Sunday November 27

PARENTS:

Mandatory parents meeting on Saturday, 9/24 at 1:30 pm. All families involved are required to volunteer in some capacity. For more info see the online Sign-Up Genius (link on website) or Volunteer Sign-Up Board. Performance fee of \$100 and signed contract are required before rehearsals start (Conservatory dancers excluded).

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