



# 2025 Nutcracker Auditions

## Saturday, September 13th

Each year, NESD&T ballet students take the stage in our magical holiday production of *The Nutcracker*, featuring dancers from our **Primary through Advanced ballet levels, local NH performers, and professional guest artists.**

**Auditions will be held on Saturday, September 13th, and all ballet students ages 5 & up are invited to attend!**

- Students in our **Primary & Elementary levels** will learn and perform a dance in their weekly ballet classes but are invited to audition for special roles as well!
- **Special featured roles** for all age groups are available **through the audition process.**
- **Class pieces and casting will be announced via email** following the audition.

**Intermediate and Advanced dancers** must attend the audition, as a class piece is **not guaranteed** at these levels.

We are excited to welcome returning and new dancers to be part of this cherished tradition! Our 2025 Dress Rehearsal & Performance will be on **December 13th & 14th, 2025!**

## Schedule

- **Ages 7–9** — 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
- **Ages 10–12** — 12:15–1:15 PM
- **Ages 5–6** — 1:30–2:15 PM
- **Ages 13+** — 2:30–3:30 PM

*Dancers should audition in the group that matches their age as of audition day.*

# Preparing for the Audition

## How to Register

1. Login to your Studio Director Account **OR** click the link below to create an account:  
<https://app.thestudiodirector.com/newenglandschoolofdance/portal.sd?page=Login>
2. Once your child's information is entered select "2025 Nutcracker Auditions" from the drop down menu
3. Select the audition that matches your child's age group
4. Complete registration by paying the \$25 audition fee
5. List any known rehearsal conflicts in the form below:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvm0YnnneG7-jTlvFBQICqUhAUttTzqHtlcmWZguTcDCTWgg/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=105067408401921430684>

## Arrival & Check-In

- Please arrive **15–20 minutes early** to allow time for check-in and warm-up.
- Dancers should be fully dressed and ready to dance upon arrival.
- A parent/guardian must accompany dancers under 13 to check them in.

## What to Wear

- Girls: Leotard, pink tights, ballet slippers & pointe shoes (if applicable). Hair in a neat bun.
- Boys: White t-shirt, black tights or athletic shorts, ballet slippers.
- No jewelry or baggy clothing

## Audition Process

- Auditions will be run in an age appropriate class format, focusing on ballet technique, musicality, and performance quality.
- The faculty will guide, observe and assess dancers during class.
- **All current students enrolled in ballet classes will be cast in the production** — the audition determines role placement only.

## Dismissal

- Dancers will be dismissed at the end of their audition time.
- If a dancer is asked to stay for the next age level we will discuss this with a parent
- Younger dancers will need to be picked up by a parent/guardian inside the building.

## Results

- Casting decisions will be sent via email the week following the audition.
- We appreciate your patience and trust in our faculty to assign roles thoughtfully.

## Rehearsals

*Most rehearsals will be held on Fridays & Saturdays starting 9/26. Certain roles may be rehearsed on weekdays around your child's class time if the schedule allows. Most students will not rehearse more than one day per week. Attending classes and rehearsals is a very important part of the process. Missing several rehearsals not only affects your dancer but the whole group. Any known conflicts should be listed in the google form link provided in the registration section above prior to auditions. Listed below are all possible rehearsal weekends:*

### ✓ September

1. 9/26 & 9/27

### ✓ October

1. 10/3 & 10/4
2. 10/10 & 10/11 — ✗ No rehearsals (Columbus Day Weekend)
3. 10/17 & 10/18
4. 10/24 & 10/25
5. 10/31 & 11/1

### ✓ November

1. 11/7 & 11/8
2. 11/14 & 11/15
3. 11/21 & 11/22
4. 11/24–11/30 — ✗ No rehearsals (Thanksgiving Break)

### ✓ December

1. **12/1–12/6** — *In-Studio Dress Rehearsals & regular classes (any schedule changes will be communicated in the fall)*
2. **12/8–12/14** — Performance Week - Theater Dress Rehearsal & Show 12/13 & 14!

## **Performance Fee**

- The Nutcracker Rehearsal / Performance Fee: \$100 per student (covers 1 costume rental, all rehearsals, choreography, coaching & theater access) Additional Costume Rental Fee: \$20 per costume (beyond the 1 costume rental covered in the \$100 fee above)

**We can't wait to begin this magical journey with your dancer! 🧚✨**