



We are excited to share our 2023 Nutcracker Information with you! Each year, NESD&T puts on a full Nutcracker production starring our Primary through Advanced level students, local NH dancers & professionals!

Auditions are **Saturday, September 9th** and all ballet students ages 5 & up are invited to attend! NESD&T Performing Company auditions will immediately follow each age group for those who are interested in more performing experiences throughout the year!

Ballet classes in our Primary & Elementary Levels will have one class piece in The Nutcracker that will be choreographed during their class time. Special roles for each age group can be attained by attending the audition! Class pieces will be announced along with casting via email following the audition! Pre-Intermediate - Advanced Ballet students are required to attend the audition in order to participate in this performance.

September 9th Audition Schedule

Ages 5-10:

- Nutcracker Audition: 12:15-1:15 (Ballet)
- Performing Company Audition: 1:15-1:45 (Jazz, Contemporary/Lyrical & Tap)

Ages 11+:

- Nutcracker Audition: 2:30-3:30 (Ballet & Pointe)
- Performing Company Audition: 3:30-4:30 (Jazz, Contemporary/Modern & Tap)

Audition Cost

**The cost of the Nutcracker audition is \$25.00 per dancer or \$40 per family
(Performing Company Audition is included free of charge)**

What to expect

We approach our auditions from an educational standpoint. Dancers as young as five years old will be provided with age appropriate guidance on audition etiquette and presentation as they learn exciting movement combinations from a variety of roles in the ballet. Our goal is for each student to exit the audition with a sense of pride in themselves!

- Arrive fifteen minutes prior to your audition time to get your number & warm-up
- hair in a neat bun secured with bobby pins and hairnet, pink tights, solid color leotard, ballet shoes & pointe shoes (if on pointe - wear pointe shoes into the studio & bring ballet shoes in hand)
- OR
- fitted black shorts or tights with a white T-Shirt, ballet shoes
- Bring a water bottle
- If staying for the Performing Company portion, bring jazz & tap shoes (If you don't own these, there are many shoe sizes available in our second hand boutique for \$5. Proceeds go to our Performing Company!)

Nutcracker Rehearsals & Performance(s):

Potential rehearsal days/times for dancers who auditioned are listed below (subject to change based on casting)

Fraturdays	Saturdays	Sundays
<p>September only:</p> <p>Dancers ages 5-10: Between 4:00 & 6:00 pm</p> <p>Dancers ages 11+: Between 4:00 & 7:00 pm</p> <p>*Friday Master class times will be taken into consideration*</p>	<p>September - December:</p> <p>Dancers ages 5-10: Between 12:00 pm & 4:00 pm</p> <p>Dancers ages 11+: Between 9:00 am & 4:00 pm</p> <p>*Friday Theater Acting & Singing Classes & Master class times will be taken into consideration*</p>	<p>Possible Professional & Advanced Lead rehearsals</p>

- Rehearsals will begin the weekend of 9/18. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be sent after the audition when casting is complete.
- **Theater Dress Rehearsal & Performance Dates are 12/16 & 12/17 2023 at The Stockbridge Theater in Derry, NH. Exact Dress Rehearsal & show time(s) will be announced after casting is complete.**
- There will be no rehearsals November 23rd-27th for Thanksgiving Break
- **Known conflicts must be mentioned on the audition form!**

Nutcracker Performance Fees:

Rehearsal & Performance Participation Fee: \$100 per student (covers 1 costume, all rehearsals, choreography, coaching & theater access)

Additional Costume Rental Fee: \$20 per costume (beyond the 1 costume covered in the \$100 fee above)

Please Complete & submit the online audition form below no later than September 7th:

Nutcracker Audition Form: <https://forms.gle/VhXarDZnYVEu4m6t9>