



NUTCRACKER PRINCIPAL ROLE AUDITIONS

Saturday, August 8, 2020

Who can audition?

Dancers in Pre-Pointe (6th grade & up) and Pointe 1-4 are eligible to audition for Principal Roles in the Nutcracker. Ballet students 6th grade & older and boys 3rd-9th grade may audition for character feature roles such as Mother Ginger (for girls) and Fritz (for boys), and others. *

*Please note: As with all auditions, there will be some dancers who are not cast in principal roles in the production as there are only a limited number of roles to be cast. It is important to understand this before auditioning and for parents to help prepare their children for this possibility.

Principal Roles to be cast at the audition include:

Sugar Plum Fairy, Clara, lead and ensemble divertissement (Chinese, Spanish, Marzipan), and many others. Principal understudies will also be cast at the audition.

It is important for all students to understand the level of commitment required for Principal roles:

- Dancers cast in a role en pointe will be required to attend a Nutcracker Choreography Workshop August 21-23. In addition, any dancer cast in a principal role will rehearse on Saturday or Sunday afternoons and often other rehearsal times during the week as the performance date nears.
- Principal roles do not incur additional fees and therefore provide immense value to the dancer in performance experience and additional instruction time.
- Dancers in principal roles will be allowed two absences. If a dancer misses more than two rehearsals, she/he may be removed from the role.
- While it is our goal to provide additional performing opportunities to all dancers interested in taking on additional roles, it is important to note that not all students that audition will be cast in a principal role.

If cast as an understudy, rehearsal attendance is extremely important. If you are not assigned an understudy role, but would like to learn a part, please speak with the director.

Audition Information:

Due to enhanced COVID-19, precautions, we are modifying our audition procedure this season to allow for smaller groups of dancers at a time!

- Dancers should fill out the Nutcracker Audition Form via the link on the studio website. This will signify he or she intends to audition. www.centerstageacademy.org/nutcracker2020
- Each dancer will then be notified of an audition time approx. one week prior to August 8th.
- Auditions will begin at 10 am and run most of the day.
- If a dancer does not fill out the form, they will not be given an audition time.

All audition forms are due no later than July 29th!

- Auditions begin promptly at your appointed time. Please arrive early enough to prepare to dance.
- Dancers should be properly groomed for ballet class and bring both pointe (if en pointe) and flat shoes.

We look forward to seeing you Saturday, August 8th and are excited to begin another wonderful season of *The Nutcracker*!

If you have any questions, please email Miss Maggie prior to auditions.

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