



2020 Nutcracker Auditions are THIS Saturday 9/19/20!

We are now welcoming children ages 6.5 and up to audition!

- Ages 6.5 – 9: 10:00-11:00
- Ages 10 - 12: 11:30-12:30
- Ages 13 +: 1:00-2:30

COVID Guidelines for Auditions

- **Audition Form:** Please complete the attached audition form and bring with you!
- **Arrival:** Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your audition time. **Please note!** Parents may bring their child upstairs and quickly drop them off at the office door where Miss Haley will take their completed audition form, hand sanitize and assign a warm-up spot for them! Students who are old enough to be dropped off or drive may also come upstairs to the office and wait until greeted by Miss Haley. All should wear a mask into the building and will be asked to remove it for dancing.
- **Dismissal:** To avoid groups of parents waiting in the hall, we will bring each group down the back stairs and outside to meet their parent or guardian. If parents could wait outside by the back door or walk to the door when you see the group come outside it would be greatly appreciated!

Ballet Class Pieces:

NESD Ballet classes in the Primary through Elementary levels will automatically be assigned one piece for the performance but are highly encouraged to attend the auditions! Intermediate dancers who choose not to audition must attend the Wednesday Intermediate Ballet Class in order to perform & Advanced students must attend the Tuesday Int/Adv Ballet class in order to perform. 2020 “class pieces” and “roles by audition only” are listed below!

It is highly recommended that students take at least one ballet class per week to be able to execute the choreography of most roles and fully enjoy the experience of learning this classical ballet. It is not too late to enroll in a ballet class at NESD!

“The Show Must Go On!”

We are SO excited to announce that our Performance will be held at The Concord City Auditorium, also known as “The Audi!!”

- **Mandatory Dress Rehearsal Date:** Wednesday, December 16th, 2020 (Exact time: TBA)
- **Mandatory Show Date:** Saturday, December 19th, 2020 (Show time(s): TBA)

The current capacity for seating is 30% and we will be informed if this changes at all. We will also offer a virtual viewing option for family members who feel safer watching from home!!

Back-up Plan:

In the case of another Covid-related shutdown or change that is out of our control, Spotlight Video NH will work with NESD on creating a unique & special film of "the Nutcracker." Local filming sites will include The Concord City Auditorium (dancers only) and interiors resembling the Victorian era. When rehearsals are complete, we will film on location in socially distanced groups. Please note that we would much rather give our students the experience of a live performance but want to be prepared in case this is not possible.

Rehearsals:

Rehearsals are for leading roles selected in the audition and will be held on Mondays, Fridays & Saturdays starting October 2nd to mid December. **Most dancers will be scheduled one-two days per week at the most.** Our rehearsal schedule will not be completed until after auditions however we hope to be able to stick to the guide below as much as possible.

- Mondays: Between 7:00 & 8:30 pm
- Fridays: Between 4:30 & 6:30 for Ages 6.5-9 & 4:30 & 9:00 pm for ages 10+
- Saturdays: Between 10:00 & 2:30 for Ages 6.5-9 & between 10:00am & 7:00pm for 10+

2020 Ballet Class Pieces:

Monday:

Elementary Ballet – Chinese Tea

Primary Ballet/Tap (Ballet portion only) – Gingerbreads

Tuesday:

Int/Adv Ballet – Waltz of the Flowers – Flowers & Petals

Elementary Ballet – Peppermints

Primary Ballet/Tap (Ballet portion only) – Baby Dolls

Wednesday:

Elementary Ballet – Angels

Intermediate Ballet – Russian Dancers

Saturday

Primary Ballet/Tap (Ballet portion Only) – Baby Dolls

2020 Roles by Audition only:

Act 1 - Christmas Party Scene

Drosselmeyers Assistant

Party Children

Clara Stahlbaum

Fritz Stahlbaum

Mrs. Stahlbaum

Party Mothers

Kissing Doll (s)

Harlequin Doll (s)

Soldier Doll (s)

Lead Angel

Act 1 - Battle Scene

Mice
Rat Queen
Rats
Soldiers
The Nutcracker
Snowflakes
Snow Queen
Reindeer

Act 2 - Land of The Sweets

Spanish Chocolate
Marzipan lead
Marzipan Candies
Chinese Soloists
Arabian Princess(s)
Peppermint Twist Fairy
Russian Soloists
Mother Gingers Pollichinelles
Dew Drop Fairy
Sugar Plum Fairy

What to Wear & Bring to Auditions:

Females of all ages may wear any solid color leotard with clean pink tights and ballet shoes & hair in a neat classical ballet bun. No jewelry except small stud earrings may be worn. Students in the age 10-12 auditions who are on pointe are asked to bring their pointe shoes into the audition. Students age 13 and above who are on pointe are asked to wear pointe shoes into the audition.

Males of all ages should wear black tights or fitted shorts with a clean, white T-shirt and black ballet shoes.

All students should bring a water bottle to the audition!

Nutcracker Performance Fee:

The audition is free for all dancers. Once auditions and casting are completed there will be a performance fee for each performer. Our Performance Fee covers all rehearsals, costume rentals (NESD's costumes) & production costs. We have created pricing based off of the amount of costumes a child will wear in the show.

1 costume: \$25.00
2 costumes: \$50.00
3 costumes & above: \$75.00

We truly hope our students and families will be excited for this wonderful opportunity! Further updates on COVID Guidelines, backstage organization, costumes & tickets will be sent in the near future. Please let us know if you have any questions!

Sincerely,
-NESD Staff