

NUTCRACKER 2024 CASTING INFORMATION

Dance Theatre of Jacksonville is thrilled to announce that we will be putting on our annual production of The Nutcracker. We are excited to once again participate in this holiday tradition that so many people enjoy around the world every year. We hope that your son or daughter can join us in this production and create memories that will last a lifetime. Please refer to this newsletter in answering all of your questions regarding the upcoming casting.

CASTING:

We are holding a casting session to determine the best role(s) for each performer in the production.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students are eligible to be a part of the production if by the fall of 2024 they are enrolled in a class at Dance Theatre of Jacksonville and going into the second grade. Dancers auditioning must have been enrolled in a weekly ballet class during the 2024-25 school year. Dancers who are NEW to our Nutcracker in 2024 will need a recommendation from their ballet instructor. These dancers should register for the casting first and then our Nutcracker directors will reach out to their current teacher for the recommendation.

HOW DOES THE CASTING PROCESS WORK?

Dancers will be required to attend a ballet technique class where they will also learn pieces of choreography from the ballet and will audition for the directors.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE CASTING TAKE PLACE?

Dance Theatre of Jacksonville.

June 4th

5:30-7:00- Group A (those currently in Ballet Pre-Tech, Teen Ballet, Ballet IV, Ballet III, Ballet II, Ballet 1).

June 5th

5:30-7:30- Group B (those currently in Ballet Technique I, Ballet Technique II, Ballet Technique III, Ballet Tech IV/V).

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO THE CASTING?

Female dancers should wear pink tights, solid colored leotard, ballet skirt (optional), ballet shoes and pointe shoes (if currently enrolled in Pointe 2 or higher). Hair should be in a bun and no jewelry (small earrings are acceptable).

Male dancers should wear black sweatpants or shorts, a white t-shirt and black ballet shoes.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

To register for the casting, use your Parent Portal to sign up for the appropriate group (A or B) under Nutcracker Casting.

IS THERE A CASTING FEE?

There is a \$15.00 fee that can be paid in your Parent Portal upon registration.

NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE FEE:

Each company member will pay a \$340.00 performance fee. This fee covers all rehearsal times and contributes to the cost of costume, scenery, props, lighting, and venue rentals. \$170.00 is due by June 10th and the remaining balance of \$170.00 is due by August 10th. We have included the cost of the Nutcracker Cast long sleeve t-shirt & digital download of the performance.

MANDATORY NUTCRACKER INTENSIVE WEEKS:

The entire ballet will be set June 14 – 28. The dancer must be able to attend the rehearsals to learn and clean their role. If you cannot commit to at least one full week of these rehearsals, we are unable to put you in the show. Rehearsals will start at 9:00am and end around 5:00pm but dancers will **NOT** be required to be there the entire time. A more detailed schedule will be sent out once casting is set.

MANDATORY NUTCRACKER REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE DATES:

After the summer intensive dates listed above, there will be approximately two Saturday rehearsals per month August through November. There are mandatory stage rehearsals on Dec 11th and 12th, mandatory field trip performances on Dec 13th (during school hours) and mandatory performances on Dec 14th and 15th.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS – Cast members must sell ten tickets for the performance as well as \$100 in program advertisements or ten additional tickets.