

North Shore School of Dance
21st Anniversary production of
The Nutcracker
Sunday, August 30th

1:00-2:15

Senior 7 & 8 ballet and pointe- Ages 14 and above
6+ years minimum experience*
Minimum of 4 technique classes per week**

2:15-3:15

Senior 4, 5 & 6 ballet - Ages 12 and above
3-5 years minimum experience*
Minimum of 3 technique classes per week**

3:15-4:15

Junior 3 & 4, Senior 3 ballet- Ages 10 and above
3-5 years minimum experience*
Minimum of 3 technique classes per week**

4:30-5:15

Junior 1 ballet – by invitation only
Junior 2 ballet -Ages 8 and above
2 years minimum experience*
Minimum of 2 technique classes per week**

The Nutcracker is a classical ballet.

**All dancers are required to be in a minimum of 2 technique classes per week. Ballet is the required technique. Modern is also accepted. We do not consider jazz, hip-hop, or tap as technique classes for the Nutcracker production.

*Minimum experience is only counted beyond age 7. We do not count ages 3 – 6 years as part of the previous training.

Important notes for auditioning:

1. *Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior* to the audition time to fill out your audition application.
A parent signature is required for dancers under 18.
2. *Late Dancers will not be allowed to audition.* Dancers must have their audition form filled out in advance.
3. Nutcracker rehearsals are during the weekends.
4. There is a fee for participation.
5. Dancers auditioning for the Nutcracker production must be willing to accept any role for which they are cast.
Every part is important! Performing is an honor.
6. Non-professional dancers must be students of the North Shore School of Dance.
7. Three - Four performances are tentatively December 5th and 6th, Lake Forest High School, Lake Forest.

Auditions are held at:
North Shore School of Dance
505 Laurel Avenue, Highland Park
847-432-2060



North Shore School of Dance

Nutcracker

North Shore School of Dance (NSSD) is seeking dancers to audition for our 21st Anniversary production of *The Nutcracker*. Auditions and all rehearsals will be held at the North Shore School of Dance Studios, 505 Laurel Avenue, Highland Park.

NSSD welcomes interested dancers above the age of 8, with 2 years minimum experience to audition. Roles are offered on the basis of technique, training, and cast suitability, as judged during auditions. Not every dancer will be offered a role. Dancers auditioning for *The Nutcracker* must be willing to accept any role for which they are cast. Every part is important! Performing is an honor.

Participation in NSSD's Nutcracker is a wonderful opportunity accompanied by serious responsibility and commitment.

- ❖ All participating families will be asked to pay a participation fee.
- ❖ There will be a mandatory parent meeting.
- ❖ Rehearsals:
 - Rehearsals will be held on the weekends.
 - Dancers cannot be absent from more than two rehearsals. Any dancer who misses more than two rehearsals will be dismissed and their role recast.
 - Dress Rehearsal will be the Friday prior to the performances and is mandatory.
- ❖ Dancers may be asked to participate in publicity photos.

Auditions:

Sunday, August 30th beginning at 12:00 p.m. (see schedule)

(Dress: Ballet attire and hair, ballet shoes, point shoes if applicable.)

Mandatory Parent Meeting: Sunday, September 13th

Rehearsals begin: Sunday, September 13th

Cast Photos: TBA

Performances at: Lake Forest High School, 1285 N. McKinley Road

Performance Dates: Saturday and Sunday, December 5th & 6th

Information: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at nssdance@aol.com.

Height _____
Leotard size _____
T-Shirt Size _____

Audition Time _____ # _____
Audition Time _____ # _____

2009 North Shore School of Dance Nutcracker Audition Application

Please Print Clearly

Name _____ Phone# _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Age _____ Birth date _____ Email _____

Of years training (beyond age of 7) _____ Ballet _____ Pointe _____ Modern _____ Character _____ Jazz _____

Of technique classes per week (minimum of 2) _____ Ballet _____ Modern _____

Of other classes per week _____ Jazz _____ Tap _____ Other _____

Where do you take your technique classes and with whom do you study?

Rehearsal Availability:

Please check available times. If you are not available the entire time listed, please write your free time.

Friday 6:00 - 9:00 _____ Saturday 3:00 - 6:00 _____ Sunday 11:00 - 6:00 _____

Are there any dates that you know you will be unavailable? _____

Are you available December 4, 5, & 6th? _____

Parent and Dancer please initial below:

I understand and agree that if I am cast for the NSSD production of *The Nutcracker*:

- 1) If I miss 2 or more rehearsals (excused or unexcused), I will be dismissed from my casted role and/or replaced by my understudy. _____
- 2) If I miss **ANY** rehearsals after **November 1st**, I will be dismissed from my casted role and/or replaced by my understudy. _____
- 3) I will always arrive no later than one half hour prior to my scheduled rehearsal to properly warm-up (unless coming from technique class, then 15 minutes prior). If arrival is at scheduled rehearsal time, dancer will not be permitted to participate for his/her safety. _____
- 4) I am responsible to supply my own tights (depending on costume) and new shoes for rehearsal and performance. _____
- 5) Any negative attitude regarding casting will constitute immediate dismissal. Every part is an important part of the production and I am willing to be any part of this production, including an understudy. _____
- 6) A \$275.00 fee will be required of each dancer, due at the parent meeting to cover costs of costume cleaning/repair, set/prop repair, and coaching/instruction. _____
- 7) A \$375.00 fee will be required of students who are not training or taking the minimum required classes at the North Shore School of Dance. _____

Parent Signature (required) _____

Dancer Signature (required) _____

Thank you for Auditioning!

North Shore School of Dance Release Form

I hereby release and discharge North Shore School of Dance, its staff, representatives, and affiliates, from all liability arising out of, or in connection with, participation during rehearsals at the North Shore School of Dance Studios, 505 Laurel Avenue, Highland Park, IL and performances at Lake Forest High School Auditorium, Lake Forest, IL.

By signing this document, I understand that North Shore School of Dance is released from all liability.

Performers Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Must be signed by parent or guardian if under age 18.)

Photo and Video Release Form

I, _____, do hereby give my permission to be video taped and/or photographed by North Shore School of Dance or its affiliates, including clients, licensees, purchasers, agencies, periodicals, and television media, the irrevocable right to use my name and photographs or video in which I may appear, for sale and/or reproduction in any medium for purposes of advertising, trade, display, exhibition, or editorial use. I have read this release and fully understand its contents.

If performer is 18 years of age or older, please sign here.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Print Name: _____

If performer is a minor, parent or guardian must sign here.

Guardian Consent Form

I am the parent or legal guardian of the above named minor and hereby approve the foregoing and consent to the photograph/video use, subject to terms mentioned above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Print Name: _____

PLEASE NOTE: Cast members must turn in signed release forms before they will be allowed to rehearse and perform.