



NORTH SHORE SCHOOL OF DANCE
NUTCRACKER 2023
AUDITION INFORMATION

North Shore School of Dance (NSSD) is seeking dancers to audition for our 35th Annual Production of *The Nutcracker*. Auditions and all rehearsals will be held in-person at the North Shore School of Dance Studios, 505 Laurel Avenue, Highland Park.

NSSD welcomes interested dancers who are a minimum age of 6, with 2 years minimum experience to audition. Dancers will be placed into groups on the basis of technique, training, and cast suitability. **Not every dancer may be offered a role.** Dancers auditioning for *The Nutcracker* will be learning multiple roles during the Nutcracker season, and must be willing to accept any role for which they are cast.

Participation in NSSD's *Nutcracker* is a wonderful opportunity accompanied by serious responsibility and commitment from both the dancer and parent.

Dancers must be enrolled and maintain their attendance in the appropriate number of technique classes per week. Dancers may be removed from their Nutcracker group if a dancer does not adhere to the required number of classes.

Cast member participation fee (due at parent meeting September 17th): \$225 for performers cast in a single role. \$375 for performers cast in multiple roles. The participation fee is in addition to any unlimited plans and is due before the first Nutcracker rehearsal.

Rehearsals:

- o Rehearsals will be held on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays.
- o Dancers cannot be absent from more than two excused rehearsals. Any dancer who is absent more than two will be dismissed and their role and recast.
- o Any dancer missing after November 5th will be dismissed from their role and recast.

Dancers may be asked to participate in publicity photos.

Auditions: Time slots are organized by Dancer's age at the time of audition. Sign-up can be found on our website at www.northshoredance.com/nutcracker

1:00-2:00 PM-- Dancers ages 9-11 (2 years minimum classical ballet training Enrollment required: Minimum of 2 technique classes per week- 1 must be ballet)

2:15-3:15 PM-- Dancers ages 11+

(3 years minimum classical ballet training Must be enrolled in a minimum of 2 ballet classes per week)

3:30-4:30 PM-- Dancers ages 13+ (5+ years minimum classical ballet training (Sr 5 - 8 levels) Must be enrolled in a minimum of 3 ballet classes per week. A minimum of 2 pointe classes per week is required for all dancers casted in pointe roles.)

4:30-5:00 Pointe Dancers ages 13+ (5+ years minimum classical ballet training (Sr 5 - 8 levels)

Rehearsals begin: Mid- September

Information: If you have any questions or concerns regarding Nutcracker Reimagined, please contact us at nssdance@gmail.com.

DANCERS AUDITIONING FOR BALLET THEATRE WILL NEED TO FILL OUT THAT APPLICATION

NORTH SHORE SCHOOL OF DANCE
NUTCRACKER 2023 AUDITION APPLICATION

Please Print Clearly

Student's Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent Email _____

Student Email _____

Birthdate _____ Age _____ Height _____

Leotard size _____ Tight Size _____ Pant Size _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Of years training (beyond age of 5): Ballet _____ Pointe _____ Pre-Pointe _____ Modern _____

Of technique classes per week currently (Fall 2023): Ballet _____ Modern _____ Current Level of Dance Classes _____

Rehearsal Availability

Please fill in yes/no or indicate the available time below. *This is not a guarantee of rehearsal time.*

Unavailability may affect acceptance or casting.

Fridays 4:00-8:00 _____ Saturdays 1:00-5:00 _____ Sundays 1:00-6:00 _____

Parent and Dancer please initial below:

- _____ _____ If I miss 1 unexcused or 2 excused rehearsals or more, I may be dismissed from my casted role and/or be replaced by my understudy.
- _____ _____ If I miss ANY rehearsals after November 5th, I may be dismissed from my casted role and/or replaced by my understudy.
- _____ _____ I will always arrive early to rehearsal to properly warm up. Jr 2's (7-9 years old) need to arrive 10 minutes early. Jr 3 & up (10 and older) need to arrive 20 minutes early or 10 minutes early if coming from a technique class. If arrival is at scheduled rehearsal time, the dancer will not be permitted to participate for their safety.
- _____ _____ Any negative attitude by student or parent 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.
- _____ _____ I am responsible for purchasing new shoes for performances unless supplied as part of the costume.
- _____ **(parent only)** The Participation **fee** will be required of each dancer and due at the parent meeting. This fee includes coaching, class, rehearsal, and costuming fees. This fee is not eligible for any tuition discounts. However, dancers in Ballet Theatre do not need to pay the fee, as Nutcracker is included in the Ballet Theatre fees.
- _____ **(parent only)** Dancers will not be permitted into rehearsal or participate in the performance unless their tuition account is paid up to date.
- _____ _____ I AM ALSO AUDITIONING FOR BALLET THEATRE

Parent Signature (required) _____

Dancer Signature (required) _____