



EVERYONE WHO AUDITIONS GETS A PART!

The Nutcracker will be held at the historic Shubert Theatre New Haven

Performances:

Friday, December 13, 2024, 10:00-11:15 a.m. (Children's Matinee)

Friday, December 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 14, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 14, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

To Audition for *The Nutcracker*:

NUTCRACKER MEETING: On Saturday, September 7, 2024, Volunteer Coordinator Deana Vendetto and NHB Administrator Ruth Barker will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Whitney Avenue studio to review with families how the Nutcracker process works, what to expect, where to find information, what is required to participate, fill out Nutcracker registration forms, and answer questions.

Register online or return the registration form and participation fee (**\$240 for Pre-Ballet through Level 8. \$140 for students in Creative Ballet 1 & Creative Ballet 2**) to NHB's main office: 70 Audubon Street, New Haven, no later than **September 13, 2024. ***An additional \$10 fee will be added to registrations received after Sept. 13, 2024. No Refunds.*****

ELIGIBILITY: Students must be currently enrolled in Creative Ballet 1 and above. Student accounts must be current to audition and be cast in *The Nutcracker*. Students are required to attend weekly ballet classes and scheduled rehearsals.

CHECK-IN & PICK-UP: Arrive promptly at 70 Audubon Street, New Haven, at your check-in time. This allows time for each student to receive their audition number, have measurements taken by our wardrobe department, hand in their registration form, and pay their audition fee if they have not already done so. Students wear their class uniform for the audition. Level 6-8 girls wear pointe shoes. Students must be picked up promptly at the end of the audition. We try to stay on schedule and dismiss students on time, but be prepared for short delays.

WAITING: Parents/guardians must wait outside the building. Coffee shops and restaurants are open and within walking distance.



REHEARSALS: Nutcracker rehearsals for Creative Ballet 1 & 2 occur the week before and the week of the performance. Pre-ballet through Level 5 rehearsals generally occur on Saturdays and Sundays. Level 6-8 students rehearse on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Clara and the Nutcracker Prince rehearse on both Saturday and Sunday. Students must attend **ALL** rehearsals **and be available for ALL performances**. Attendance at Tech and Dress Rehearsals December 9-15 is mandatory. Students may lose performing privileges upon missing a mandatory rehearsal. Students are permitted two (2) excused absences. Tardiness greater than 10 minutes is deemed an absence.

CASTING: Audition results will be emailed and posted on the NHB New Haven bulletin boards. Rehearsals begin September 28. We make every effort to accommodate siblings in Creative Ballet 1-Level 5 performing in the same cast. However, other requests to change casting cannot be accommodated. **CASTING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Things to Consider Before You Audition: Performing in The Nutcracker is an honor and privilege. Casting is competitive and non-negotiable. Students are often cast in the same roles for several years. Students are given several roles for some years, and other years, a single role. By auditioning, families and students agree to perform the role(s) cast. Performing in *The Nutcracker* is a significant commitment for students and their families. For parents, it involves bringing students to weekly rehearsals and performances during an already busy time. For students, it involves learning and absorbing a great deal of choreography in a short period of time. With this commitment comes the invaluable experience of performing in the production. We believe this unique opportunity is one your child will never forget.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

70 Audubon Street, New Haven, CT 06510

LEVEL	CHECK-IN TIME	AUDITION
Boys Primary to Level 6	1:45	2:00-2:30
Level 6 & 7 Girls <i>en pointe</i>	2:00	2:30-3:30
Level 8 Boys & Girls <i>en pointe</i>	3:00	3:30-5:00
Girls Level 5	4:30	5:00-5:30

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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LEVEL	CHECK-IN TIME	AUDITION
Girls Levels 3 & 4	12:15	12:30-1:00
Girls Levels 1 & 2	12:45	1:00-1:30
Pre-Ballet Boys & Girls Primary Girls	1:15	1:30-2:00
Creative Ballet 1 & 2	1:45	2:00-2:30



PAYMENT: Payment may be made by credit card (VISA, AMEX, American Express) or check. Please make checks payable to **New Haven Ballet**. Each child requires a separate, complete, and signed form.

PARTICIPATION FEE: \$240 for Pre-Ballet-Level 8. (Creative Ballet 1 & Creative Ballet 2: \$140)

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVC _____

Name on card: _____

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to NHB policies. I agree to accept the role(s) in which I am cast, attend weekly classes and rehearsals, and perform in all performances in which I am cast.

Student Name: _____

Age _____ Academic Grade: _____ NHB Class Level _____

New Haven Branford Bethany Q House Hamden

Number of years at NHB _____

Summer Program attended 2024 _____ Number of weeks _____

NHB 2023 Nutcracker roles _____

Sibling(s) _____

Sibling's NHB class level _____ Academic School Grade _____

Signature: _____ Date _____
 (Parent/Guardian, if under 18)