



🌟 New Haven Ballet presents...

The Nutcracker 2025!

EVERYONE WHO AUDITIONS GETS A PART

All students enrolled in Creative Ballet 1 and above are eligible to participate.

📍 PERFORMANCES

Shubert Theatre, New Haven

- **Friday, December 12, 2025 - 10:00-11:15 a.m.** (Children's Matinee)
 - **Friday, December 12, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.**
 - **Saturday, December 13, 2025 - 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.**
 - **Sunday, December 14, 2025 - 1:00 p.m.**
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👣 AUDITION INFORMATION MEETING

Saturday, September 13, 2025 | Stop by anytime between **9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**

📍 **Whitney Avenue Studio**

Meet with NHB staff to learn about casting, expectations, rehearsals, and how to register.

📅 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2025


📍 Return your form to: **70 Audubon Street, New Haven**

💻 Or register online:

thestudiodirector.com/newhavenballet/portal.sd



Fees:

- Levels 6-8: \$410
 - Pre-Ballet-Level 5: \$252
 - Creative Ballet 1 & 2: \$147
-  Add \$20 after Sept. 12 | No refunds

REHEARSALS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 28


All students must attend weekly ballet classes and all scheduled rehearsals.

Mandatory Tech & Dress Rehearsals: December 9-12

NUTCRACKER MEETING & REGISTRATION INFORMATION - Fall 2025

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 **Whitney Avenue Studio (591 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT)**

Volunteer Coordinator **Deana Vendetto** and NHB Administrator **Ruth Barker** will be available to meet with families new to New Haven Ballet. They will walk you through:

- The Nutcracker audition and rehearsal process
 - What to expect and how to prepare
 - Where to find essential information
 - Requirements for participation
 - Registration form completion
 - Answering any questions
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REGISTRATION DETAILS

Register online or submit your registration form and participation fee to NHB's main office:

 **70 Audubon Street, New Haven**

 **Deadline: Friday, September 12, 2025**

 *Late fee of \$20 applies after this date. No refunds.*

Participation Fees:

- **Levels 6-8:** \$410
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- **Creative Ballet 1 & 2:** \$147

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to students **enrolled for Fall 2025 in Creative Ballet 1 and above**
- Student accounts must be **current** to audition and be cast
- Students must attend **weekly ballet classes** and **scheduled rehearsals**

AUDITION CHECK-IN & PICK-UP

- Location: **70 Audubon Street, New Haven**
- Arrive promptly at your assigned check-in time
- Students will:
 - Receive audition numbers
 - Be measured by the wardrobe team
 - Submit forms and fees (if not already done)
 - Wear class uniform (Level 6-8 girls: wear pointe shoes)



- **Prompt pick-up** required after audition
(We aim to stay on schedule, but brief delays may occur.)

PARENT/GUARDIAN WAITING POLICY

We wish we had room to accommodate everyone. We ask that Parents and guardians wait **outside** the building so that we may prioritize and take care of the students. We appreciate your consideration! *Local coffee shops and restaurants are nearby.*

REHEARSALS

- **Creative Ballet 1 & 2:** Rehearse the week before and the week of performances
- **Pre-Ballet-Level 5:** Saturdays &/or Sundays
- **Level 6-8:** Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays
- **Clara & Nutcracker Prince:** Saturdays & Sundays (with some Tuesdays &/or Thursdays)

IMPORTANT:

- Students must attend **all scheduled rehearsals and all performances**
- **Tech & Dress Rehearsals (Dec. 9-12)** are **mandatory**
- Students are allowed **2 excused absences**
- **Tardiness over 10 minutes = 1 absence**
- Missing required rehearsals may result in loss of performance privilege

CASTING

- Audition results will be **emailed** and posted at the **New Haven studio**
- Rehearsals begin **September 30**



- We strive to cast **siblings in the same cast** (Creative Ballet 1–Level 5 only)
- **Casting is final and subject to change**
- **No casting changes will be accommodated**

✨ **BEFORE YOU AUDITION - Please Consider:**

Performing in *The Nutcracker* is a **significant commitment** and a **special opportunity**.

- Casting is **competitive and non-negotiable**
- Students may be cast in the **same roles** for several years
- Some years may include **multiple roles**, others **one**
- **By auditioning, families agree to accept the role(s) cast**
- Families should be prepared to support their child’s rehearsal and performance commitments

With dedication comes the incredible experience of being part of *The Nutcracker*—a production we hope your child will treasure for years to come.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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 Boys; Girls en pointe	2:00	2:30-3:30
Level 8 Boys; Girls en pointe	3:00	3:30-5:00
Girls Level 5	4:30	5:00-5:30



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

70 Audubon Street, New Haven, CT 06510

LEVEL	CHECK-IN	CHECK-OUT
Girls Level 4	12:15	12:45
Girls Level 3	12:30	1:15
Girls Level 2	12:45	1:30
Girls Level 1	1:15	1:45
Primary Girls	1:30	2:00
Pre-Ballet (All)	1:45	2:15
Creative Ballet 2 (All)	2:00	2:30
Creative Ballet 1 (All)	2:15	2:45

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:

\$410 for Levels 6-8

\$252 for Pre-Ballet-Level 5

\$147 for Creative Ballet 1 & Creative Ballet 2.

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVC _____

Name on card: _____



NEW HAVEN **BALLET**

The Nutcracker

Audition

September 20-21, 2025

**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 2025 _____ Number of weeks _____

NHB 2024 Nutcracker roles _____

Sibling(s) _____

Sibling's NHB class level _____ Academic School Grade _____

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

_____ Date