

Nutcracker on the Rocks - 2024

Audition Info and Frequently Asked Questions

- Please arrive 15 min prior to scheduled audition time to complete PAPERWORK and to WARM-UP
- If youth auditioner (14 & under) – Parent will stay for the first 15 min for important schedule and rehearsal announcements
- MANDATORY CAST MEETING – **Wed. Sept 11**, 5:30-7:30 or **Thurs. Sept 12**, 6-8pm – you will choose at auditions. Cast member and a parent (for those under 18) required to attend.
- 1020 Argyle (1 block west of Montana, next to L&C Brewing Co.) – enter through double glass doors toward back of building by the stairs/ramp
- PARKING – arrive early as the parking lot can be busy
- Rehearsals begin Sat. Sept 21
- Show is Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2 (morning until noon)

HAVE FUN!!! HAVE FUN!!! HAVE FUN!!!

Frequently Asked Questions:

1- Do I need to prepare anything for the Audition?

No, you do not need to have anything prepared. These will be group auditions, arranged by age level. Rehearsal Director will lead group through a brief warm-up then will teach a few combinations for the entire group to do together. Artistic Director sits at a table in front shuffling papers trying to put the casting puzzle together.

2- I've never danced before, can I still audition?

Absolutely! We have beginners to professionals in the show, along with people with disabilities dancing from wheelchairs or using crutches, etc. There are scenes designed for each level of dancer. The purpose of auditions is so we can see which scene/s is best suited for each person. All who audition are cast in the show, as long as they can commit to the rehearsal/performance schedule.

3- What style of dance is in the show?

The choreography is a fusion of styles including modern, jazz, swing, African, hip hop, & ballet and is danced to the music of James Brown, Aretha Franklin, the Rolling Stones, Janis Joplin & more

4- How much time commitment is there?

Some scenes rehearse 1x/week for 90 minutes, others rehearse 2-3x/week for 2-3 hours at a time. In November the entire cast will also meet on Saturdays for a longer chunk of time so we can run the show from beginning to end and prepare to move into the theater. So, there will be more rehearsal time required as we get closer to the show. Show week gets busier as we move into the theater. Those nights we are at the theater from ~5-10pm (youngest dancers get to leave early on a few days). No rehearsal on Thanksgiving Day. You have the opportunity to tell us if there are time conflicts in your schedule and how much time you'd like to commit to the process.

5- What should I wear to the audition?

Whatever is comfortable to move in, usually yoga type pants or shorts, t-shirt or tank. Best not to wear jeans. Show is danced in bare feet but it's ok to wear socks or dance shoes for the audition.

6 – How much does it cost?

There is no fee to audition. Once casting is complete there is a Participation Fee of \$40 due by the cast meeting. Anyone can take advantage of our Scholarship Exchange Program if financial assistance is needed. All cast members are expected to take a technique class somewhere in town, this is required in order to be cast in more advanced scenes. Any students in Cohesion classes can also use the Scholarship Exchange Program if financial assistance is needed for class fees. We have all the costumes so there is no additional fee for costumes.

7- Can parents watch the audition?

We have a brief discussion with parents and auditioners prior to the audition, however only those auditioning are allowed in the studio during the audition. Parents will return to the lobby and can watch the DVD or ask questions of the staff in the lobby.

8- What if we can't attend the Cast Meeting?

This may not be the best year for you to do the show then. Very important information is discussed at the meeting and it is imperative that everyone understands the expectations and how the process works.

9- I was in the show last year, do I still have to attend the Cast Meeting?

Yes. Information changes from year to year and it is very important that all cast members and parents understand the expectations and information for the current year.

10- My child is 6, can he be in the show?

Cast members must be 7 years old by the show dates. There are no scenes that accommodate kids under 7. This is a long process and some evenings, especially the week of the show, get very long for the younger ones. Best to wait for a future year.

11- We will be out of town around Thanksgiving but back by the weekend, can we miss rehearsals?

Cast members are allowed 2 absences prior to November then all rehearsals are required from beginning of November through the show. If you're planning to be out of town in November, then this is not the best year to be in the show.