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## **CASTING CHILDREN FOR THE NUTCRACKER TO PERFORM IN NEW ROCHELLE ALONGSIDE THE PROFESSIONAL COMPANY**

(New York) September 26, 2018 – Children as young as 3 years old, all the way to Dance Students age 18, will have the opportunity to perform with the Ajkun Ballet Theatre during the Nutcracker in New Rochelle (NY).

There is a wide array of roles available: Hip Hoppers will dance as Mice, whereas little Ballerinas will perform as Party Guests, Polchinelles and Angels. Pro Dance Students in the area may try-out for the roles of Clara, the Mouse King, Soldiers, Spanish, Arabian, Russian dances and can end up partnered by a male pro dancer.

The first day is Saturday, October 13, 2018.



The Ajkun Ballet Theatre's Young Dancers Program has been an annual event for the Community of New Rochelle since 2007. With two sessions, fall/winter and spring, it has cumulatively served over 2,000 children and offered them opportunities to perform with the Company at Lincoln Center, the Alvin Ailey Citigroup Theater, and on Tour in New York State. Many participants have gained admission to prestigious Arts Programs in Public Schools and Colleges nationwide.

Conceived by AjkunBT Artistic Director and the New Rochelle Public School District Arts Chairperson, the program is tuition-free; donations and ticket sales ensure its continuity. To enhance their experience, participants receive complimentary tickets to the Company's New York City performances.

The program runs at the Isaac Y. Middle School Dance Studio,  
270 Centre Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10805,  
on Saturdays October 13, 20, 27, & November 3, 10, 17, 2018.

11:00 am – 11:45 am Ballet 1 (ages 3-7)

11:45 am – 12:30 pm Hip Hop (all ages)

12:30 pm – 1:15 pm Ballet 2 (ages 8 and older)

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm (Featured Roles)

Performances are held at the Whitney Theater, on the NRHS campus,  
265 Clove Rd, New Rochelle, NY 10801

On Friday, November 30, 2018 at 7pm and Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 2pm AND at 7pm



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**About The Ajkun Ballet Theatre Young Dancers Program**

The Ajkun Ballet Theatre is committed to serve its Community by offering affordable programs to increase awareness in the Arts and complement local Dance Education. Key to its mission is the interaction with the professional dancers of the Company, who expose participants to the highest international standards. Focused on developing creativity, self-esteem, musicality and performance technique, our programs offer a nurturing environment aimed to experience the joy of Dance while naturally advancing knowledge of Performance Etiquette. Our programs meet the Federal and NYS Learning Standards for The Arts. The program is operated by the non-profit Ajkun Ballet Theatre Corporation, founded in the year 2000. Artistic Director is [Chiara Ajkun](#)

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