

NUTCRACKER AUDITION 2025

Welcome to the Dance Annex Studio's auditions for its 9th annual production of "The Nutcracker"!

FAMILIES: Please make sure you have read all information and understand the commitment to all rehearsals and shows before auditioning.

-Students must be at least 7 years old to audition.

-Pre-registration required.

TDA students sign up at the studio during the first week of classes.

Additional dancers email: thedanceannexstudio@gmail.com

-There is no fee to audition.

-Participation and Involvement fee: \$95 due by dancer's first rehearsal.

-All youth dancers must be taking at least 1 class, ballet preferred, per week at a studio.

-All company, advanced and intermediate dancers must be taking ballet class regularly.

-Availability for rehearsal is taken into consideration during casting.

-As our production grows, so do our auditionees. It is possible that not all dancers who audition may receive a role. Priority casting will be given to those students of The Dance Annex.

Performers must be available Thanksgiving week and weekend for rehearsals and performances. Sat. Nov. 22-Wed. Nov. 26 for studio or theater run-thrus, and Fri. Nov. 28, Sat. 29 and Sun. Nov. 30 for dress rehearsals and/or performances.

AUDITION DATE AND TIMES

Saturday, September 6, 2025 - All Youth Dancers, 7+

12:30-1:20pm Ages 7-8+, Youth and Beginner Level Dancers

1:30-2:15pm Ages 9-10+, Beginner/Intermediate Youth Dancers

2:15-3:15pm Ages 11-13+, Intermediate Youth Dancers. (Bring pointe shoes if en pointe)

3:15-4:00pm Ages 14-17+, Intermediate/Advanced Youth Dancers

4:00-4:45pm Ages 14-17+, Pointe work for Intermediate/Advanced Youth Dancers

Some dancers may be asked to stay into the following audition time

Please arrive 20-30 minutes before the audition time to fill out/drop off forms and get measured.

12:00-12:20pm - Dancer measurements for all Youth and Beginner Level dancers

1:00-1:20pm - Dancer measurements for all Beginner/Intermediate Youth dancers

1:45-2:10pm - Dancer measurements for all Intermediate session 2 dancers (11-13+)

2:45-3:10pm - Dancer measurements for Intermediate/Advanced dancers (14-17+)

Weekend rehearsals begin Sept. 13 or 20. Dancers must be available for all rehearsals and performances Thanksgiving week and weekend.

Questions about which age and level to attend? Email thedanceannexstudio@gmail.com.

Friday, August 29 - Advanced/College/Professional Dancers 18+

5:30-7:00pm - Barre, pointe work

Advanced/Professional & college dancers—If interested in participating in any company events please reach out via email by Aug. 23 stating your interest and include bio, headshot, resume and/or video links and register to attend the audition.

Please refer to the Nutcracker General Info sheet for more detailed information.

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AT THE AUDITION

- Please plan on arriving 20-30 minutes early to fill out all forms and get measured. Forms will be available the day of auditions at the studio or by request via email.
- Please note on your rehearsal absence form if you are unavailable for rehearsal on any Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays during September, October and November. Check the dates carefully before you commit and note any conflicts there. **Casting is subject to availability.**
- Girls are to wear black or dark colored leotard and pink or skin tone tights with pink or skin tone ballet slippers. Pointe shoes are not required, unless requested at the end of the audition for older students.
- Boys are asked to wear black sweatpants, a solid colored top/t-shirt and ballet shoes, jazz shoes or socks.
- An audition number will be assigned that you will pin to your leotard/shirt.
- Photos will be taken during the audition for casting references.

AFTER THE AUDITION

Casting takes approximately one-two weeks. You will be notified via email when casting is complete. Unfortunately, not all who audition may be placed in the production and priority will be given to dancers of The Dance Annex Studio and Annex Contemporary Dance Company members.

Rehearsal schedules will be emailed to participants and posted at The Dance Annex Studio.

Rehearsals will be held on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, in September, October and November. Not all dancers will be called to each rehearsal. It is important that each dancer commit to all rehearsals they are called for. Youth dancers are typically given one role or two, and may rehearse 1-3 hours on Saturday or Sunday afternoons, with possible increasing hours as show time gets closer. Older dancers may be given 1-3 roles and may have more hours of rehearsal.

Nutcracker Performance Dates and Times

Friday, November 28th, Performance and/or Tech/Dress Rehearsal, afternoon and evening

Saturday, November 29th, Matinee & Evening Performances, times to be confirmed

Sunday, November 30th, Matinee &/or Evening Performances, times to be confirmed

Location: York Community Auditorium, 1 Robert Stevens Dr, York, ME 03909

