



City Ballet of Cleveland | 2024-25 Audition Information

The Uniquely Cleveland Nutcracker

Date, Time + Location

Sunday, September 15, 2024 | 12:30-4:30

Mandatory Parent Meeting following auditions. Detailed schedule will be available closer to audition date

Cleveland City Dance
13108 Shaker Square
Cleveland, OH 44120
216-295-2222

Audition Form + Fee

- Complete the [Audition Form](#) by **Thursday, September 12**
- A non-refundable \$25 Audition Fee must be [paid online](#) or via cash/check by **Thursday, September 12**
- \$40 Audition Fee if paid after Thursday, September 12

Audition Requirements

- Open to students ages 7+ with one year of ballet experience
- We welcome students from all studios
- Students must continue to take ballet and/or other dance classes either at their home studio or Cleveland City Dance during rehearsal season
- Females should wear pink or skin-tone tights and ballet shoes with a solid color leotard
- Males should wear black tights and ballet shoes or jazz pants and jazz shoes with a plain white t-shirt
- Dancers who are en pointe should wear pointe shoes to audition for roles en pointe
- **Dancers should be warmed up and ready to dance prior to their first audition. Stay tuned for more information about the audition schedule.**

Required Rehearsals + Performances

- **Required rehearsals run Thursday, September 19 - Friday, December 13**
- Tech + Dress Rehearsal **Friday, December 13 - ATTENDANCE REQUIRED** to participate in the performance
- **Performances Saturday, December 14, 1:00pm + 7:00pm**
Lakewood Civic Auditorium
14100 Franklin Blvd
Lakewood, OH 44107
- **Tickets go on sale Monday, October 7**
Presale - \$42 Adults \$35 Children / Seniors
Door - \$50 Adults \$40 Children / Seniors

Casting + Costumes

- All casting decisions are made by [Courtney Laves-Mearini](#) (Artistic Director) and artistic staff
- Casting decisions are based on dancer age + ability, performance needs, and costume requirements
- **The Cast List will be available on Tuesday, September 17** at www.cityballetofcleveland.org and on the CBC bulletin board outside of Studio 1 at Cleveland City Dance

- Costumes are provided by City Ballet of Cleveland
- Dancers must provide their own shoes, tights, undergarments, and leotards

Fundraising + Volunteering

- Fundraisers, grants and private donations help offset production costs and ensure we can continue to provide quality programming such as *The Uniquely Cleveland Nutcracker* and associated outreach events
- To help match funds received through **grants and private donations**, we encourage families to participate in ONE of the three fundraisers held by City Ballet of Cleveland. More information on these fundraisers will be announced at the mandatory parent meeting on September 15th.
- We are grateful for the support of parent + patron volunteers! Volunteers are essential in helping make *The Uniquely Cleveland Nutcracker* a success. Volunteer opportunities include maintaining costumes, backstage set-up, dancer chaperones, selling ads, and working the boutique + box office.
 - Please contact info@cityballetofcleveland.org to confirm your 2024-2025 volunteer availability

The Uniquely Cleveland Nutcracker | Roles + Rehearsal Days

Act I Roles and Heights	Ages	Rehearsals
10-14 Mice & 10 Baseball Players – 4’ to 5’	Ages 7-16	Sunday Afternoon
Act II Roles and Heights	Ages	Rehearsals
Katherine 4’5” to 5’2”	12-16 Company Dancer	Saturday/Sunday Afternoon
Nutcracker Prince 4’5 to 6’	Company Dancer	Saturday/Sunday Afternoon
8-10 Angels 4’ to 5’	Ages 7–11	Saturday Afternoon
8-10 Gingers 4’0 to 4’8”	Ages 7-11	Saturday Afternoon
4 Shepherdesses 4’7” to 5’2”	Ages 11-14	Saturday Afternoon
3-4 China 4’11” to 5’7”	Ages 11-16	Thursday Evening/Saturday Afternoon
4-6 Spain 4’10” to 5’10”	Ages 11-18 in Character Shoes; Soloist en pointe	Thursday Evening/Saturday Afternoon
4-6 Arabia 5’1” to 5’10”	Ages 13+ Soloist en pointe	Thursday Evening/Saturday Afternoon
2-6 Russia 5’ to 5’5” +	Ages 13+ and Guest Artists	Friday Evening/ Saturday Afternoon
4-8 English Gigue 4’8 to 6’0	Ages 11+	Friday Evening/ Saturday Afternoon
12 Snow and Waltz of the Flowers 5’0” to 5’10”	Ages 13+ Int. & Adv. Pointe	Saturday Afternoon
The Sugarplum Fairy – 5’4” to 5’10”	Company Dancer, Adv. Pointe	Monday, Thursday, Friday Evening/Saturday Afternoon

Audition Schedule for Sunday, September 15, 2024

Time	Location	Details
12:00-12:30	Front Desk	Late Registration Forms + Payments Accepted (\$40)
1:00-1:40	Studio 1	Ages 12+ Intermediate & Advance (on pointe) Act I Snow Act II Waltz of the Flowers
1:00-1:40	Studio 2	Ages 10+ Act II Russian English Gigue
1:40-2:20	Studio 1	Ages 10-15 Act I Party Children (Boys & Girls) Act I Baseball Players
1:40-2:20	Studio 2	Ages 12+ Act II Arabia (Leads on pointe, corp barefoot) Must be able to do full splits on both sides
2:20-2:50	Studio 1	Ages 10-15 Act II Shepherdesses
2:20-3:00	Studio 2	Ages 11+ Spain in character shoes China Act II Arabia
3:00-3:30	Studio 1	Ages 7-13 with one year of ballet or dance experience Act I Mice Act II Angels Act II Gingers
4:00-4:30	Studio	Mandatory Parents Meeting