

Nouveau Chamber Ballet's
The Nutcracker 2023
Callback Information
Instructions to Dancers and Parents

1. Thank you for coming to the audition. This is your invitation to attend the callback. We appreciate your participation. Please carefully consider all the aspects and commitments of performing in *The Nutcracker*. It can be a rewarding professional theater experience for you, but please realize that you have responsibilities and commitments to uphold, and a responsibility to your fellow cast members and the staff.

2. Casting

This is not a recital. Parts are assigned based on a dancer's technique, the ability to fit a costume, visual appearance (particularly in group numbers), partners, and availability to attend rehearsals. If you are not prepared to accept *any role assigned*, please reconsider your participation in this production prior to the Callback Meeting.

3. Production Fee \$125 per family: non-refundable and due at Callback on Sept. 16, 2023. To participate in *The Nutcracker*, a non-refundable production fee of **\$125.00 per family** is required. Please bring cash, card, or a check made out to **Nouveau Chamber Ballet** to the **Callback Parent/Dancer meeting**. *Please do not pay via Venmo.*

4. Callbacks and Parent/Dancer Meeting (*PARENT ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED for non-adult dancers*)
Saturday, September 16th, 2023, 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM, at the studio.

Important information about *The Nutcracker* will be covered at this meeting.

The Production Fee will be collected. We will discuss rehearsal schedules, ad sales, production volunteer opportunities, and other fundraising. ***DANCERS: Please wear dancewear and bring your ballet shoes.***

5. Mandatory Classes

As a dancer in *The Nutcracker*, you are expected to take regular classes during the week. If you are not registered for classes at Lois Ellyn Ballet Studio, please email us with your class schedule. These classes are *in addition* to the rehearsals:

Gingerettes and Angels: Minimum of 2 classes per week

Pointe: Minimum of 3 classes per week

All other parts: Minimum of 2 classes per week

Rehearsals do not substitute for class attendance.

You must notify Sheree King, via email, in advance of any missed rehearsal. Unexcused absences may result in the cancellation of your role in the performance. You must notify us of all planned absences in advance. You are allowed one excused absence from a scheduled studio rehearsal. Be sure to check your email for rehearsal changes.

6. List of Mandatory Rehearsals — No absences; dancers must attend.

Studio Complete Run-through: Saturday, December 9th Lois Ellyn Ballet Studio

Theater Tech Rehearsal: Friday, December 15th, 5:00 pm Fullerton College Campus Theatre

Theater Performances: Saturday, December 16th, 12 pm Call Time Fullerton College Campus Theatre

Sunday, December 17th, 12 pm Call Time Fullerton College Campus Theatre

There is a substantial time commitment from the many people involved in putting on a production, especially one as large as *The Nutcracker*. **Dancers must attend all rehearsals, tech rehearsals, and performances.**

7. Costumes

Costumes are provided by the company and will be available at the theater. Dancers will be responsible for their own makeup, shoes, and tights. Dancers are expected to always treat the costumes with care. No costume will be taken home at any time.

8. Email us for any rehearsal questions

For the latest rehearsal schedules, performance updates, and any program/schedule changes, check your email. If you are not receiving emails, notify us and we will add you to the weekly rehearsal schedule emails.