

The Dancers' Studio Proudly Presents

The Nutcracker

Winter 2022 Production Information

Thank you for your interest in our production of The Nutcracker! We are very excited about bringing back this holiday classic with a twist. We are inviting dancers of every style of dance to participate in this winter production. This will be our first performance opportunity of the season and it is open to all students enrolled at The Dancers' Studio.

Auditions for Dancers Ages 5+ Saturday, September 10th 10:00am-12:00pm

- Dancers ages 3-4 do not need to audition. Please sign up and pay cast fee at the front desk anytime before September 10th.
- If you are unable to make it to auditions, please schedule a private audition with our director.

Cast Announcement	Saturday, September 17th
Rehearsals	Saturdays Only, September 24th-December 10th (At The Dancers' Studio)
NO Rehearsal	Saturday, November 26th
Tech/Dress Rehearsals	December 12th-16th (At West Valley High School)

The production process for The Nutcracker will run for approximately 3 months, beginning on Saturday, September 10th, 2022 (Auditions), thru the performances on the weekend of December 17th, 2022. All rehearsals will be held at The Dancers' Studio, except for Tech/Dress Rehearsals Monday- Friday, December 12th-16th. Tech/dress rehearsals and performances will be held at West Valley High School.

All participants ages 5+ are required to pay a cast fee of \$200.00 per student at the time of auditions. Participants ages 3 and 4 pay a cast fee of \$150.00 per student and have the opportunity to dance the roles of Ginger Children and Marionettes. This cast fee includes rehearsal and performance time, costume rental, and a digital copy of the performance. This type of professional-quality production requires many hours from instructors, office staff, costumers, set designers, and producers, as well as a large sum to be spent on the theater, backdrops, sets, lighting, costumes, and props. Please understand that your cast fee covers only a small portion of this cost, so we appreciate your understanding in that we cannot put on this show without charging a cast fee. Payment plans and financial aid are available for families in need of financial assistance.

All dancers are required to be enrolled at The Dancers' Studio from September thru December. Weekend rehearsal time is intended to learn choreography, not to learn basic technique and skills, which is why students need to attend class regularly. This production is an opportunity to improve performance skills and learn about putting on a full-length production.

A digital copy of the performance is included in your cast fee. In the past, we have had to guarantee our professional videographer a certain number of DVD sales to record our performances. However, we have noticed a decrease in our DVD sales due to the obsolete use of DVDs and a continued struggle with audience members recording during performances. Therefore, we have agreed to include a digital copy of the performances in our cast fees so every family will receive a keepsake of their Nutcracker experience.

3-4 year old dancers do not need to audition (please sign up at the front desk). They will be cast as Ginger Children and Marionettes. Ages 5+ will need to audition to help us place dancers in the correct roles.

Students need to come to all rehearsals dressed in proper dance class attire. Please follow our studio dress code according to the style of dance specified for each role.

All costuming (except for shoes, tights, and undergarments) will be provided by The Dancers' Studio, a rental that is included in your cast fee. All costumes must be returned immediately following the final performance. Costumes will be fitted and distributed during the rehearsal process. Dancers should label every item they bring to the theater, including costumes, tights, make-up kits, and shoes. We do not want anyone to lose any personal items or costume pieces.

Students are to arrive at rehearsals and performances at the scheduled times, with all required materials. Late dancers will cause interruption and will have missed important material or rehearsal time. Please do not be late! Any conflicts with rehearsals must be listed on your registration form at the time of auditions. One missed rehearsal is acceptable, but multiple absences will make it difficult for dancers to know their choreography, and dancers may be removed from certain parts of the show if they are not able to attend the rehearsal for that part. Please be certain you are comfortable with the time commitment before auditioning for the show.

Each performer is encouraged to sell as many tickets as possible for the performances. Any person who wishes to see the show must purchase a ticket. Tickets go on sale Monday, November 14th. Tickets will be sold for \$15.00 each, general admission. Seating will be assigned. Tickets are final sale, and cannot be refunded or exchanged. Much of the cost of putting on the production is covered through ticket sales, and without tickets being sold, we can not provide such elaborate sets and costumes each year. Thank you, in advance, for your help selling tickets! This timeless classic is a wonderful family show, and we are sure the audiences will love it!

We are looking for parent volunteers to help backstage. This production requires the attention of many people in the areas of the backstage crew, costume dressers, dressing rooms, and dancer supervisors, to name a few. If you are interested in helping, please sign the interest list at the front desk or call us at (951) 658-2911. Each volunteer will be assigned a specific job to keep things organized, and we will have a specific number of parents needed for each show. Should you volunteer, we will ask you to attend a short meeting 1 hour before the show begins to go over Theater Rules and show information.

The Cast List will be posted on Saturday, September 17th on our studio website. The final rehearsal schedule will also be available at that time. Rehearsals will be scheduled on Saturdays between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. The required rehearsal time depends on the number of roles the dancer plays. For example, younger dancers may have slightly less rehearsal time than dancers in leading roles.

Important Note: This production may be double cast. This means that two people will share a role, and each cast will perform in 2 performances rather than 4. Please be prepared for this, we would not want anyone to be disappointed. Double casting the show allows more opportunities for more dancers to be featured. Some roles may be single-cast, and will need to perform in all 4 shows, so please prepare for that as well. We will not be able to accommodate requests to switch casts for any reason, as the show will be cast based on many factors, including costume size (two people in separate casts may share a costume). Please keep your schedule open for the weekend of December 17, 2022, until the cast list is posted, and plan to perform in all 4 shows, even if cast in different roles for each cast.

We are looking forward to working with you in The Nutcracker Ballet, and are confident that you will have a great experience with this production. Thank you for your support of the arts, and your interest in participating in this exciting production!

