

THE NUTCRACKER INFORMATIONAL PACKET



About Lake's Minnetonka's *The Nutcracker* produced by CREO Arts & Dance:

For over 130 years the tradition of the Nutcracker has inspired artists of all kinds to evolve the beloved musical and visual themes from their classical origins to modern variations. This production is an opportunity for dancers to step into this timeless holiday tradition in a way that celebrates a variety of styles of dance and dancers.

Cost to Participate in The Nutcracker:

- Tier 1 = 1 role: \$300
- Tier 2 = 2 roles: \$325
- Tier 3 = 3+ roles & featured roles: \$350

Participation fee covers the cost of rehearsals, sets, costumes, the theater, and a Nutcracker keepsake T-Shirt.

AUDITIONS

Pointe Roles auditioned during Ballet Intensive | June 15–20

- Nutcracker Dancers en pointe should expect to begin rehearsals over the summer.

All Other Roles

Option 1: Audition at the **Blitz Wednesday, August 12**

- Current Grade 6+ & Level 4-7, 9:00-2:30pm
- Current Grade 3-5 & Level 1-3, 1:00-5:00pm (level 1-3 dancers need to be in grade 3+)
 - **August 24:** Roles will be finalized and shared with families

Option 2: Audition on **Friday, September 18**

- Grade 2+ for the 2026-2027 Performance Season, 4:30-7:30pm

If a dancer knows they cannot attend the audition for your age or ability, please let us know and we can make arrangements to watch the dancer in class.

REHEARSAL COMMITMENT

REHEARSALS

- Begin **September 23**
- A **detailed rehearsal schedule** of each role is listed below. Our goal is to give families a clear view of the fall season while helping dancers be informed regarding what roles to select for audition.

Rehearsal Attendance: We ask that dancers fully commit or fully decline to all the rehearsal times. Missed rehearsals may result in role reassignment. With these guidelines in place, each dancer feels part of a collective team of performers.

Rehearsal Preparedness: Ensure that your dancer is well fed prior to coming to Role/Scene Rehearsals. This makes for a more productive process if dancers are fueled and prepared to focus!

Additional Rehearsals for Select Roles: Dancers cast in select roles may be called for additional rehearsals to either brush-up their piece or incorporate their piece or character within another scene.

Full Cast Rehearsals: Full Cast rehearsals focus on rehearsing scene transitions, refining individual scenes, and choreographing the closing number. **Attendance is required at all full cast rehearsals.** Dancers who miss full cast rehearsals will not be reincorporated into missed or changed choreography. Due to the proximity of the show at this time, no make-ups will be provided for missed material.

Rehearsal Attire:

- Solid color leotard or tank top
- Pink/tan tights or black leggings
- Hair pulled back out of face in ponytail or bun

PARENT COMMITMENT

Parent Volunteering

Parent Volunteers play a vital role in any show weekend at CREO. Because we expect *The Nutcracker* to involve nearly 100 children, we ask that each family volunteer for at least 1 position to ensure the success of our rehearsal process and performances. A Sign-up Genius will be sent out in October.

Families unable to volunteer will be charged a \$75 activity fee on December 16th, 2024.

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ROLES & REHEARSAL SCHEDULES

**NOTE: Some roles such as Rat Queen, Sugar Plum Fairy, & Snow Queen will also be parents in the party scene for Act 1*

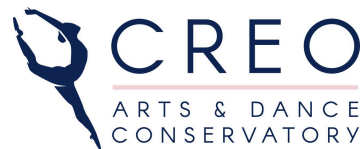
Role	Age/Level	Genre	Act	Rehearsal Schedule
Clara <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bounce of the Sugar Plum • Sparklers & Fireworks • Candies & Pastries • Lullaby • Children's Galop • Rebels • Party Scene • Battle Scene 	Level 5+	Pointe	Act 1 & 2	SUMMER: TBA FALL: Wed, Sept. 23rd: 6:45-7:45 (Children's Galop) Fri. Sept. 25th: 4:30-5:15 (Lullaby) Wed, Sept. 30th: 6:00-8:30 (Galop, Fireworks, & Bounce) Fri. Oct 2nd: 6:00-7:00 (Candies & Pastries) Wed, Oct. 7th: 6:00-8:30 (Galop, Fireworks & Bounce) Fri. Oct. 9th: 4:30-7:00 (Lullaby, Rebels, Candies & Pastries) Sat. Oct. 10th: 1:00-4:00 (Battle Scene) Wed. Oct 21st: 7:15-8:15 (Candies & Pastries) Fri. Oct 23rd: 4:30-6:45 (Lullaby, Rebels) Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene) Wed. Oct 28th: 7:30-8:30 (Fireworks) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-8:30 (Party & Battle)
Snow Queen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent's Dance • Party Scene 	Level 6-7	Pointe	Act 1	SUMMER: TBA FALL: Fri. Oct 9th: 6:45-7:45 (Parent Dance) Fri. Oct 23rd: 6:45-7:45 (Parent Dance) Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-6:30 (Party Scene)
Sugar Plum Fairy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bounce of the Sugar Plum Fairy • Parent's Dance • Party Scene • Angels 	Level 6-7	Pointe	Act 2	SUMMER: TBA FALL: Wed. Sept. 30th: 6:00-7:00 (Bounce) Wed. Oct. 7th: 6:00-7:00 (Angels & Bounce) Fri. Oct 9th: 6:45-7:45 (Parent Dance) Fri. Oct 23rd: 6:45-7:45 (Parent Dance) Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene) Wed. Oct. 28th: 6:00-7:00 (Angels) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-6:30 (Party Scene) Wed. Nov 4th: 6:00-7:00 (Bounce)

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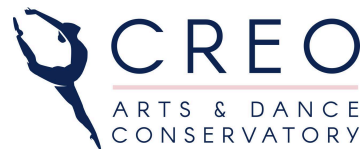
Role	Age/Level	Genre	Act	Rehearsal Schedule
Rat Queen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent's Dance • Party Scene • Battle Scene 	Level 6-7	Contemp.	Act 1	Wed. Sept 23rd: 6:30-7:30 (Rat Queen) Fri. Oct. 2nd: 5:15-6:15 (Rat Queen) Fri. Oct. 9th: 5:15-7:45 (Solo & Parent) Sat. Oct. 10th: 1:00-4:00 (Battle Scene) Fri. Oct 23rd: 6:45-7:45 (Parent Dance) Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-8:30 (Party & Battle)
Royal Rats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battle Scene 	Level 2-3 / Grade 3-5	Hip-Hop/ Jazz	Act 1	Fri. Oct 2nd: 5:15-6:00 Fri. Oct 9th: 5:15-6:00 Wed. Oct 21st: 8:15-9:00 Sat. Oct. 10th: 1:00-4:00 (Battle Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 6:30-8:30 (Ballet Scene)
Mice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battle Scene 	Level 1-2 / Grade 2-4	Ballet	Act 1	Fri. Sept 25th: 6:00-6:45 Fri. Oct. 2nd: 7:00-7:45 Fri. Oct 23rd: 6:00-6:45 Sat. Oct. 10th: 1:00-4:00 (Battle Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 6:30-8:30 (Battle Scene)
Rebels/Party Boys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Party Scene 	Level 2-4 / Grade 3-6	Character	Act 1	Fri. Oct. 9th: 6:00-6:45 Fri. Oct 23rd: 6:00-6:45 Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-6:30 (Party Scene)
Cousins/Children's Galop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Party Scene • Battle Scene 	Level 5-7	Pointe	Act 1	Wed, Sept. 23rd: 6:45-7:45 Wed, Sept. 30th: 6:45-7:45 Wed, Oct. 7th: 7:00-8:00 Sat. Oct. 10th: 1:00-4:00 (Battle Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-8:30 (Party & Battle) Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene)
Maids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Party Scene 	Grade 6+	Character	Act 1	Wed. Sept 30th: 7:00-7:45 Wed. Oct 7th: 7:00-7:45 Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-6:30 (Party Scene)
Governess <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Party Scene 	Grade 6+	Character	Act 1	Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-6:30 (Party Scene)
Moms/Party Parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Party Scene 	Level 5-7 / Grade 8+	Character	Act 1	Fri. Oct 9th: 6:45-7:45 Fri. Oct 23rd: 6:45-7:45 Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-6:30 (Party Scene)
Dads/Party Parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Party Scene 	Level 5-7 / Grade 8+	Character	Act 1	Fri. Oct 9th: 6:45-7:45 Fri. Oct 23rd: 6:45-7:45 Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-6:30 (Party Scene)

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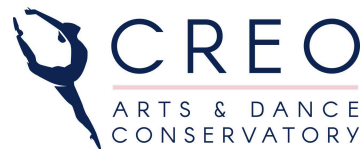
Role	Age/Level	Genre	Act	Rehearsal Schedule
Lullaby/ Party Kids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Party Scene 	Level 1-2 / Grade 2-4	Ballet	Act 1	Fri. Sept. 25th: 4:30-5:15 Fri. Oct 9th: 4:30-5:15 Fri. Oct 23rd: 4:30-5:15 Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-6:30 (Party Scene)
Pantomime/ Party Kids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lullaby Party Scene 	Level 2-4 / Grade 5-7	Character	Act 1	Fri. Sept. 25th: 4:30-6:00 (Pantomime & Lullaby) Fri. Oct 9th: 4:30-6:00 (Pantomime & Lullaby) Fri. Oct 23rd: 4:30-6:00 (Pantomime & Lullaby) Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-6:30 (Party Scene)
Fairy Doll <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Party Scene 	Level 5-7	Pointe	Act 1	Wed. Sept 23rd: 6:45-7:30 Wed. Sept 30th: 6:45-7:30 Wed. Oct 21st: 6:45-7:30 Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-6:30 (Party Scene)
Jack in the Boxes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Party Scene 	Level 5-7	Character/ Jazz	Act 1	Fri. Oct 2nd: 4:30-5:15 Fri. Oct 9th: 4:30-5:15 Wed. Oct 21st: 6:30-7:15 Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-6:30 (Party Scene)
Rag Dolls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Party Scene 	Level 2-5 / Grade 3-7	Character/ Contemp.	Act 1	Fri. Oct 2nd: 4:30-5:15 Fri. Oct 9th: 4:30-5:15 Wed. Oct 21st: 6:00-6:45 Sat. Oct. 24th: 1:00-4:00 (Party Scene) Fri. Oct. 30th: 4:30-6:30 (Party Scene)
Lead Angels	Level 4-5	Pointe	Act 2	Wed. Sept. 30th: 7:45-8:45 Wed. Oct. 7th: 6:00-7:00 Wed. Oct. 28th: 6:00-7:00
Angels	Level 1-2 / Grade 2-4	Ballet	Act 2	Wed. Sept. 23rd: 6:00-6:45 Wed. Sept. 30th: 6:00-6:45 Wed. Oct. 7th: 6:00-7:00 Wed. Oct. 28th: 6:00-7:00
Bounce of the Sugar Plum Fairy	Level 3-4 / Grade 6+	Jazz	Act 2	Wed. Sept. 30th: 6:00-7:00 Wed. Oct. 7th: 6:00-7:00 Wed. Nov 4th: 6:00-7:00

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Role	Age/Level	Genre	Act	Rehearsal Schedule
Baker & Candy Maker	Level 4-7 / Grade 6+	Character / Musical Theater	Act 2	Fri. Oct 2nd: 6:00-7:00 Fri. Oct 9th: 6:00-7:00 Wed. Oct 21st: 7:15-8:15
Candies & Pastries	Level 2-3 / Grade 3-5	Character / Musical Theater	Act 2	Fri. Oct 2nd: 6:00-7:00 Fri. Oct 9th: 6:00-7:00 Wed. Oct 21st: 7:15-8:15
Candy Canes	Level 5-7	Pointe	Act 2	Wed. Oct. 7th: 6:45-8:00 Fri. Oct 23rd: 4:30-5:45 Wed. Oct 28th: 6:45-8:00
Caramels	Level 5-7 / Grade 8+	Contemporary	Act 2	Wed. Sept 23rd: 7:30-9:00 Wed. Sept 30th: 7:30-9:00 Wed. Oct 21st: 7:30-9:00
Circus Leaders	Level 4-7 / Grade 6+	Character/Jazz	Act 2	Wed. Sept 30th: 6:30-7:30 Wed. Oct 7th: 6:30-7:30 Wed. Oct 28th: 6:30-7:30
Animal Crackers	Level 2-3 / Grade 3-5	Character/Jazz	Act 2	Wed. Sept 30th: 6:30-7:30 Wed. Oct 7th: 6:30-7:30 Wed. Oct 28th: 6:30-7:30
Fireworks	Level 5-7 / Grade 6+	Hip-Hop/Acro	Act 2	Wed. Sept 30th: 7:30-8:30 Wed. Oct 7th: 7:30-8:30 Wed. Oct 28th: 7:30-8:30
Sparklers	Level 2-4 / Grade 3-5	Hip-Hop/Acro	Act 2	Wed. Sept 30th: 7:30-8:30 Wed. Oct 7th: 7:30-8:30 Wed. Oct 28th: 7:30-8:30
Hot Chocolates	Level 3-7 / Grade 5+	Tap	Act 2	Fri. Oct 2nd: 6:15-7:15 Fri. Oct 9th: 6:15-7:15 Wed. Oct 21st: 6:45-7:45
Soda Queen	Level 5-7 / Grade 8+	Modern	Act 2	Fri. Oct 2nd: 7:15-8:15 Fri. Oct 9th: 7:15-8:15 Wed. Oct 21st: 7:45-8:45
Soda Pop	Level 3-4 / Grade 6+	Modern	Act 2	Fri. Oct 2nd: 7:15-8:15 Fri. Oct 9th: 7:15-8:15 Wed. Oct 21st: 7:45-8:45

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FULL CAST REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Rehearsal Type
Friday, Nov. 6	4:30-8:30	Act 1 – Party & Battle Scenes
Saturday, Nov. 7	1:00-4:30	Act 1 – Party & Battle Scenes
Wednesday, Nov. 11	6:30-9:00	Scene-to-Scene Rehearsal <i>(select scenes may be called within this time frame to review complex scene transitions – Roles called TBA)</i>
Friday, Nov. 13	4:30-8:30	Act 2 – Snow & Land of the Sweets
Saturday, Nov. 14	1:00-4:30	Act 2 – Snow & Land of the Sweets
Wednesday, Nov. 18	6:30-9:00	Scene-to-Scene Rehearsal <i>(select scenes may be called within this time frame to review complex scene transitions – Roles called TBA)</i>
Friday, Nov. 20	4:30-8:30	Full Cast Rehearsal
Saturday, Nov. 21	1:00-4:30	Full Cast Rehearsal
Tuesday, Nov. 24	4:00-8:00	BLOCKING REHEARSAL at Hopkins High School
Wednesday, Dec. 2	6:30-9:00	Scene-to-Scene Rehearsal <i>(select scenes may be called within this time frame to review complex scene transitions – Roles called TBA)</i>
Friday, Dec. 4	4:30-8:00	Full Cast Rehearsal
Saturday, Dec. 5	1:00-4:00	Full Cast Rehearsal
Thursday, Dec 10	4:00-10:00	DRESS REHEARSAL at Hopkins High School
Friday, Dec 11	4:00-10:00	DRESS REHEARSAL at Hopkins High School <i>*Some dancers may be called early for photos</i>
Saturday, Dec 12	2:00pm	PERFORMANCE(S) at Hopkins High School
Sunday, Dec 13	2:00pm	PERFORMANCE at Hopkins High School

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PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Blocking Rehearsal at Hopkins High School: Tuesday, November 24th

Who: Full Cast

Call Time: TBA – Plan within the 4:00-10:00pm time frame

Location: Hopkins High School

Dress Rehearsal at Hopkins High School: Thursday December 10th

Call Time: TBA – Plan within the 4:00-10:00pm time frame

Location: Hopkins High School

Dress Rehearsal at Hopkins High School: Friday December 11th

Call Time: TBA – Plan within the 4:00-10:00pm time frame

Location: Hopkins High School

Performance Date: Saturday December 12th

Call Time: TBA

Shows: 2:00pm

Location: Hopkins High School

Performance Date: Sunday December 13th

Call Time: TBA

Shows: 2:00pm

Location: Hopkins High School

**Please note that all of the above is subject to change as we are solidifying times and days at the theater for rehearsals and performances.*

Ticket Sales:

Tickets can be purchased through www.tickets.shovation.com beginning in September.

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SCENE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE BY DATE (does not include full cast see above)

SEPTEMBER

Wed, Sept 23

- Angels: 6:00–6:45
- Rat Queen: 6:30–7:30
- Fairy Doll: 6:45–7:30
- Cousins/Children's Galop & Clara: 6:45–7:45
- Caramels: 7:30–9:00

Fri, Sept 25

- Lullabye/Party Kids, Pantomime/Party Kids, & Clara: 4:30–5:15
- Pantomime/Party Kids: 5:15–6:00
- Mice: 6:00–6:45

Wed, Sept 30

- Angels: 6:00–6:45
 - Bounce of the Sugar Plum Fairy, Sugar Plum Fairy, & Clara: 6:00–7:00
 - Circus Leaders & Animal Crackers: 6:30–7:30
 - Cousins/Children's Galop & Clara: 6:45–7:45
 - Lead Angels: 7:45–8:45
 - Caramels: 7:30–9:00
 - Fireworks & Sparklers & Clara: 7:30–8:30
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OCTOBER

Fri, Oct 2

- Jack in the Boxes: 4:30–5:15
- Rag Dolls: 4:30–5:15
- Mice: 7:00–7:45
- Royal Rats: 5:15–6:00
- Rat Queen: 5:15–6:15
- Baker, Candy Maker, Candies, Pastries & Clara: 6:00–7:00
- Hot Chocolates: 6:15–7:15
- Soda Queen & Soda Pop: 7:15–8:15

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Wed, Oct 7

- Lead Angels & Angels: 6:00–7:00
- Bounce of the Sugar Plum Fairy, Sugar Plum Fairy, & Clara: 6:00–7:00
- Circus Leaders & Animal Crackers: 6:30–7:30
- Candy Canes: 6:45–8:00
- Cousins/Children's Galop & Clara: 7:00–8:00
- Fireworks, Sparklers, & Clara: 7:30–8:30

Fri, Oct 9

- Lullabye/Party Kids, Pantomime/Party Kids, & Clara: 4:30–5:15
- Jack in the Boxes: 4:30–5:15
- Rag Dolls: 4:30–5:15
- Royal Rats: 5:15–6:00
- Rat Queen: 5:15–6:15
- Pantomime/Party Kids: 5:15–6:00
- Rebels/Party Boys & Clara: 6:00–6:45
- Baker, Candy Maker, Candies Pastries, & Clara: 6:00–7:00
- Hot Chocolates: 6:15–7:15
- Moms & Dads/Party Parents (includes Snow Queen, Sugar Plum Fairy, & Rat Queen): 6:45–7:45
- Soda Queen & Soda Pop: 7:15–8:15

Sat, Oct 10

- **Battle Scene Full Cast: 1:00–4:00**
Includes: Cousins, Royal Rats, Mice, Rat Queen, Clara, Nutcracker, Soldiers (TEAM)

Wed, Oct 21

- Jack in the Box: 6:00–6:45
- Rag Dolls: 6:00–6:45
- Hot Chocolates: 6:45–7:45
- Baker, Candy Maker, Candies, Pastries, & Clara: 7:15–8:15
- Caramels: 7:30–9:00
- Soda Queen & Soda Pop: 7:45–8:45
- Royal Rats: 8:15–9:00

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Fri, Oct 23

- Lullabye/Party Kids, Pantomime/Party Kids, & Clara: 4:30–5:15
- Candy Canes: 4:30–5:45
- Pantomime/Party Kids: 5:15-6:00
- Rebels/Party Boys & Clara: 6:00-6:45
- Mice: 6:00–6:45
- Moms & Dads/Party Parents (includes Snow Queen, Sugar Plum Fairy, & Rat Queen): 6:45-7:45

Sat, Oct 24

- **Party Scene Full Cast: 1:00-4:00**
Includes: Lullaby/Party Kids, Pantomime/Party Kids, Rebels/Boys, Fairy Doll, Jack in the Boxes, Rag Dolls, Parents, Clara, Snow Queen, Sugar Plum Fairy, Rat Queen, Governess, Maids, Nutcracker, Soldiers (TEAM)

Wed, Oct 28

- Angels, Lead Angels, Sugar Plum Fairy: 6:00-7:00
- Circus Leaders & Animal Crackers: 6:30–7:30
- Candy Canes: 6:45–8:00
- Fireworks, Sparklers, & Clara: 7:30–8:30

Fri, Oct 30

- **Party Scene Full Cast: 4:30-6:30**
Includes: Lullaby/Party Kids, Pantomime/Party Kids, Rebels/Boys, Fairy Doll, Jack in the Boxes, Rag Dolls, Parents, Clara, Snow Queen, Sugar Plum Fairy, Rat Queen, Governess, Maids, Nutcracker, Soldiers (TEAM)
- **Battle Scene Full Cast: 6:30-8:30**
Includes: Cousins, Royal Rats, Mice, Rat Queen, Clara, Nutcracker, Soldiers (TEAM)

NOVEMBER

Wed, Nov 4

- Bounce of the Sugar Plum Fairy, Sugar Plum Fairy, & Clara: 6:00–7:00

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QUESTIONS?

Rehearsal scheduling questions: Rebecca Tanner at info@creodance.com

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