



Open Auditions

Toledo Ballet's 79th Annual *Nutcracker*
Performance Dates: December 13, 14 & 15, 2019
and **2019-2020 Toledo Ballet Company**

Nutcracker & Toledo Ballet Company Auditions
Thursday, September 12, 2019 at Toledo Ballet Studio
For Levels 5 – 6 - 7 and Advanced Ballet Level dancers

Auditions are open; dancers are not required to be enrolled at Toledo Ballet, but due to limited spaces, preference may be given to those enrolled in Toledo Ballet Classes.

Toledo Ballet Students must audition at their current ballet instructional level, not by their age.

ALL dancers Level 5 – 7 or Advanced MUST attend Toledo Ballet Class beginning at 5:45 PM on September 12, 2019. (Dancers, who are not Toledo Ballet students and are auditioning for either *Nutcracker*, Toledo Ballet Company, or both on September 12, MUST schedule and attend 1 drop-in technique class of their choice prior to the audition date and attend Toledo Ballet Class beginning at 5:45 PM on September 12, 2019).

September 12, 2019 Audition Times

Toledo Ballet Class, Company Member Audition (must be Level 5 or 14 yrs. old by 9/1/2019), and *Nutcracker* Auditions (Levels 5-7, ages 14 & up, or with permission from Ms. Lisa):

5:45 – 9:15 PM

*(Dancers who are not at the Level 6 – 7; will more than likely be released by or before 8:15 PM.) ALL who are auditioning for the *Nutcracker* MUST take the 5:45 PM class.*

Dancers auditioning on September 12 should be available to attend callbacks (if required) on Saturday, September 14, from 5:30-6:30 PM

Nutcracker Auditions

Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Toledo Ballet Studio
For dancers Levels 1-4

Toledo Ballet Students must audition at their current ballet instructional level, not by their age.

September 14 auditions are open; dancers are not required to be enrolled at Toledo Ballet, but due to limited roles, preference may be given to those enrolled in Toledo Ballet classes.

(Dancer must be 7 years old by September 1, 2019 to audition)

Level 1 Ballet / or 7 yrs. and up

1:30 – 2:15 PM

Level 2 Ballet/or 8 yrs. and up

2:30 – 3:15 PM

Level 3 Ballet / or 9, 10 yrs. and up

3:30 – 4:15 PM

(Please note: Some dancers may be asked to stay for the next audition session.)

Level 4 Ballet / or 11 yrs. and up

4:30 – 5:30 PM

There are no make-up times for *Nutcracker* auditions for those in Levels 1 – 4.

Audition Protocol

- All dancers are required to submit an **Audition Fee of \$20** – cash, check (made payable to Toledo Ballet), credit card (MasterCard / Visa / American Express / Discover) or Jack Rabbit (Toledo Ballet Students only).
- Please arrive 15 to 30 minutes early to turn in your completed audition form, and to receive an audition number. Registration forms can be obtained online at <http://www.toledoballet.org>. Auditions will begin promptly – late arrivals may not be permitted to audition.
- Please bring a head shot photo. A school picture or regular camera shot will suffice.
- All dancers will *must* complete the full audition class.

Notice of casting will be posted at the Toledo Ballet studios by Wednesday, September 18, 2019. Do not call the studio to find out your dancer's role(s). The Cast List will be posted outside the Vogt Studio (for dancers only to view) by 6:00 PM. on September 18, 2019. Roles for Level 5 and up will be posted no later than Friday, September 20, 2019 at 5 PM.

The cast list will also be available on September 18 at Toledo Ballet's front desk for viewing upon request. Please be respectful of others and note in a timely manner your dancer's role(s) for your records and if they are in cast A or B.

*For those cast as **Party Kids, Mice, (no House or Cheese Cart Mice), Little Soldiers and Big Angels, you will be expected to attend your first rehearsal on Saturday, September 21, 2019 (subject to change), between 2 – 5:30 PM., so please keep that date open as your first mandatory rehearsal. Those cast as Snowflakes, your first mandatory rehearsal will be Sunday, September 22, 2019 between the hours of 3:30 – 6 PM.***

Please note: There may be some Friday rehearsals from 4:15 – 6:15 PM for younger dancers (Mice, Bunnies, Little Soldiers, Party Kids, Gingersnaps, and occasionally other younger roles will rehearse as well.

Audition Attire

Females -- Leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes, hair in a high bun. If on pointe, please bring pointe shoes.

Males – white fitted t-shirt, black or dark tights or dark athletic pants, black ballet shoes.

Company Auditions

Ballet students (Level 5 or ages 14 yrs. and above), who are not currently studying at the Toledo Ballet, are invited to audition for the Toledo Ballet Company during the Thursday, September 12, 2019 auditions.

Location

Auditions will be held at the Toledo Ballet Studios located at 5327 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio 43623 (next door to Hobby Lobby).

Please Note:

Dancers CANNOT miss the first 2 rehearsals for Levels 1 – 4 or for new roles. Dancing in Toledo Ballet productions is an exciting experience as well as a great honor. When dancers accept their roles, they accept with the full understanding and knowledge that they have accepted a commitment to the highest quality production. This is only possible if the dancer commits to making virtually EVERY SINGLE scheduled rehearsal. We recognize that there may be family or school functions that have been scheduled long before auditions, so if this is the case, please make sure the dancer has the courtesy to inform Lisa Mayer, *in writing*, what those obligations are before auditioning, **AND** on the audition form. **ALL KNOWN CONFLICTS SHOULD BE LISTED ON THE AUDITION FORM!** This includes weekly obligations such as Girl Scout Meetings, church related activities, all sports obligations, etc. If the obligations are not on the audition form, they will not be accepted at a later date unless it is an emergency situation. **Under no circumstance will any child be permitted to miss their first 2 rehearsals in any given role, as this is the time when choreography is taught, and dancers are placed in their spots.** Due to the nature of the huge cast, there are NO exceptions to this rule. **Casting of roles will be determined by**

talent AND availability to attend rehearsals. If more than two rehearsals not previously listed on the audition form are missed, the dancer will forfeit their role(s). Absences may be excused **ONLY** by Ms. Lisa.

Rehearsal Notification

Rehearsals will be posted on the *Nutcracker* Facebook page and at the front desk on Fridays for the upcoming week. We try to keep similar rehearsal schedules for younger dancers, and that is usually on Saturdays. Please do NOT ask for rehearsal times more than a week in advance, as they will not be available. Do not call the front desk for rehearsal times. Please make sure you join the Facebook page by searching for TB *Nutcracker 2019* on your Facebook "search bar", the actual link will be provided in your dancer's *Nutcracker* information packet, which will be distributed once the cast is posted.

It is **YOUR** obligation to join the FB group listed above *or* determine an alternate means to find rehearsal posts as soon as casting is posted. The only other way to find out about rehearsals is to check the rehearsal posting at the studio in person. There will be no excuses given for missing a rehearsal because *"you didn't know when rehearsal was."*

We look forward to a wonderful ***Nutcracker 2019!*** Please follow the above instructions and stay abreast of everything *Nutcracker* via the *Nutcracker* Facebook page and postings at the studio.

A note about social media:

Toledo Ballet has been creating a Facebook Group page for each production as a means of communication beginning in 2013. While we understand some unwillingness to "join" FB, we strongly urge you to consider using this tool for the purpose of communication. While we are aware there are many web-based options for this purpose, it has been our experience that FB is most widely used, checked regularly, and is most user friendly by the majority. If you do not already have a FB profile, one can easily be created. We are not asking you to "play" on social media; rather we are providing you with a reliable option to get up-to-date information and stay "in the loop" for all things related to our production.

Questions

Call 419-471-0049 or email smwarrick@bex.net