



Open Auditions for Nutcracker 2022

M3 Dance is thrilled to announce open auditions for the 5th Anniversary production of the Nutcracker! With an eclectic cast of over 75 performers consisting of students, adults, and professionals alike, our cast comes from many Chicagoarea dance studios and professional companies. Performances are held at the Hemmens Cultural Center in Elgin in their gorgeous 1,200 seat theater. See below for information on how to be a part of our magical production.

Audition Information:

Sunday, August 7th @ the Hemmens Cultural Arts Center, Elgin

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled audition time.

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| • 10:00am - 10:45am | Ages 7-9 | (Audition Fee: \$15) |
| • 11:00am - 12:00pm | Ages 10-12 | (Audition Fee: \$20) |
| • 12:15pm - 12:45pm | All Tumblers & non-dancer Boys | (Audition Fee: \$5) |
| • 1:00pm - 3:00pm | Ages 13-17 | (Audition Fee: \$25) |
| • 3:00pm - 3:45pm | Adults | - |

Participants who are both dancers and tumblers will audition in both time slots.

Payment will be collected at check-in in the form of cash or check made out to M3 Dance.

Audition Checklist

- Attire:
 - Girls - black leotard, pink tights, hair secured neatly in a bun, add leggings or shorts for jazz/contemporary
 - Boys - tighter fitting, solid colored, clothes that are easy to move in, ballet shoes or socks
 - Tumblers - Leotard and leggings preferred with bare feet, tumbling shoes, or clean tennis shoes (if needed for a more cushioned landing for bigger skills)
- Supplies: Dancers should bring ballet shoes, pointe shoes (if applicable), jazz shoes, character skirts and character shoes (if you already have them). Dancers should also be prepared to dance barefoot for the contemporary portion. Convertible tights are strongly recommended for quick transitions.
- Audition Form: All dancers auditioning will need to fill out our audition form located on our website www.m3nutcracker.com prior to the audition.
- Photo: Each person auditioning should bring a printed 4x6 or 5x7 photo of themselves from the shoulders up to the audition.
- What to expect: Everyone can expect to start with ballet. Elements of contemporary, jazz, and acting/pantomime exercises will take place after.

Results:

Families can expect to hear about casting results up to 2 weeks following the audition. Audition results will be sent out via email and also posted on our website www.m3nutcracker.com

Participation Fee:

Upon acceptance, all student participants will be required to pay a participation fee of \$275 while all adult participants will be required to pay \$100. This fee covers: all rehearsals, costume rental fees, administrative expenses, theater expenses, production costs, and more. This fee is non-refundable and is due by the first day of rehearsals.

Rehearsal Information:

Rehearsals will be held on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays beginning the weekend of September 9th - 11th. **All rehearsals are mandatory.**



Tech Week:

***The below dates/rehearsals are MANDATORY for all participants.
Please reserve these days in your family calendars.***

- Tuesday, November 22nd - FULL Run @ Synergy Dance Academy
- Saturday, November 26th - St. Charles Electric Light Parade
- Sunday, November 27th - FULL Run @ Synergy Dance Academy
- Monday, November 28th - Load In (no dancers) Volunteers Needed @ Hemmens
- Tuesday, November 29th - Dress Rehearsal @ Hemmens (4:00pm start)
- Wednesday, November 30th - Dress Rehearsal @ Hemmens (4:00pm start)
- Thursday, December 1st - FULL Run Dress Rehearsal @ Hemmens (4:00pm start)
- Friday, December 2nd - FULL Run Dress Rehearsal @ Hemmens (4:00pm start)

Performances

- Saturday, December 3rd - 12:00pm
- Saturday, December 3rd - 5:00pm
- Sunday, December 4th - 12:00pm

Involvement

A show of this magnitude requires a large team of volunteers. There are many different departments to our show that require a variety of skill sets. If you are interested in helping please contact us at nutcracker@m3dance.com

- Costumes - Alterations, organization, sizing, creation, etc
- Props & Set - building, painting, decorating, & creating pieces for the show
- Load-In/Load Out - bringing costumes, set pieces, supplies, etc from storage to and from the theater
- Backstage - quick changes, prop preparation, set changing, working backstage during the show
- Dressing Rooms - assisting with dressing, managing, and organizing dancers
- Boutique - gathering items, inventory, price marking, selling during performance
- Sugar Plum Tea - planning, organizing, creating, running this magical event
- Electric Light Parade Float Team - help gather supplies, ideas, build and make our float come to life
- Advertising/Marketing - sharing & publishing marketing materials, find print and in-person opportunities for us to get the word out about our show
- Sponsorships & Donations - recruiting and connecting with small and large businesses who would like to help support our production and bring it to life

Sponsorships & Donations

If you or someone you know would like to support our show, or you belong to or know of a business that would like to support our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, please contact Lauren at nutcracker@m3dance.com for more information. All donations are tax deductible and exclusive perks and benefits surrounding our show are available in return for your generous donations.

**Thank you for choosing to be a part of our production!
Let the magic begin!**