



## **Audition Based Performance Opportunities for the 2024-2025 Season**

### **Is my child ready for one of these groups?**

1. Regular class attendance. Students are in their classes consistently and are punctual.
2. Demonstrates and maintains focus in classes.
3. Is able to take and make corrections and be coachable.
4. Required parent involvement.
5. Physical, mental, and emotional readiness.

### **Things to consider:**

1. Additional cost. Each performance opportunity requires separate fees for participation. These fees will cover costumes, instruction/rehearsals and individual dancer fees required by the event/venue.
2. Additional time in rehearsals and flexibility if necessary rehearsals are scheduled outside of the set times.
3. Some local travel.
4. Full weekend commitments.

### **Audition Details:**

- Please sign up your child for their age appropriate audition time. **\*Students must meet the minimum age requirement by audition day.**
- Please arrive 20-30 minutes prior to audition time to check in and warm up.
- Must attend an in-person audition; individual auditions will NOT be held.
- Please have dancer's appearance be polished and fully prepared.

Auditions are an integral part of dancing. Although it can be a little nerve wracking, students must come to understand the process if they want to further their dance training

We will have limited spots available for each opportunity. Some students will not be offered a spot in their desired opportunity. If they do not make it this year we always encourage dancers to get into the studio and dance more. Time spent dancing directly impacts growth.

Participation in a previous year does not guarantee acceptance in the current year.

If a dancer is accepted through the audition process then the parents and dancers will need to sign contracts for their participation. The contract holds as a promise to the commitment that they are making. In all situations, if a dancer drops out mid-year without fulfilling their commitment then a minimum \$150 re-choreography fee.



# The Nutcracker 2024

at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse

Auditions: Saturday, August 24th

Ages 6-7 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Ages 8-10 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Ages 11+ 3:30 - 4:30 pm

We will have a cast of roughly 120

## Requirements:

1. Dancer must be 6 years old by the audition date.
2. Dancer must be enrolled in at least 2 ballet classes (1 class for students 6 - 8)
3. Dancers are required to attend all weekly rehearsals and are allowed only 1 excused absence. Excused absences for illness must be communicated to the office.
4. Dancers must attend mandatory "All Cast" rehearsals.
5. Dancers must be responsible for knowing their choreography. If rehearsals are missed, they must learn their steps from friends or video before returning to rehearsal. Private lessons to make up for missed rehearsals are not guaranteed and will incur an additional expense
6. Nutcracker Participation fee of \$250 per dancer, to help cover weekly rehearsals and costumes.
7. Parent Volunteer Fee of \$150. Parents who volunteer in at least one of the below committees will have their volunteer check waived.

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- Please arrive 20-30 minutes prior to audition time to check in and warm up.
- Check-in will take place in the back parking lot.
- Must sign Nutcracker Contract (listed below)
- Must attend an in-person audition; individual auditions will NOT be held.
- Bring a color, 8x10, headshot of your dancer to help shorten the check in time.

## Rehearsal Commitment:

Weekly rehearsals will be required of all cast members. Performers must have a high level of choreography retention and are responsible for knowing the choreography that has been assigned to them. Watching, and re-watching, the previous year's production is very helpful in learning the choreography.

## Performers must be present for:

**"All-Cast Rehearsals":** Saturday, November 23rd - Tuesday, November 26th.

**"Show Week Rehearsals":** Monday, November 27th - Thursday, December 3rd

*We currently do not have rehearsals scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend, November 27th - December 1st, but reserve the discretion to schedule them if needed for specific groups.*

**Cast Classes Thanksgiving Weekend** (strongly encouraged) November 30th (times TBD).

Having your dancer not dance for 5 days before show week can be detrimental to their muscle memory they have worked hard for.