

Frequently Asked Questions about Nutcracker Audition Process

Q: How early should I arrive with my child for the audition?

A: The doors to the Idea Center will open at 9:30AM - you are asked not to arrive any earlier than that.

Q: Will I stay with my child or drop them off? What will I do while my child is auditioning?

A: You may stay with your child at the Idea Center. A waiting area will be provided for parents. There are local businesses (coffee shops, restaurants, etc.) which will be open at the time of the audition along with vending machines to purchase food.

Q: Where should I park?

A: PlayhouseSquare has a parking garage located on Chester Avenue (between 13th and 15th Street). There are also many surface lots in the area and possibly some street parking. [\(link to IdeaStream website about page & location page/google maps link 1375 Euclid Ave Cleveland, OH 44115\)](#)

Q: What should my child wear to the audition?

A: Girls should wear pink tights, a black leotard and their ballet slippers. Boys should wear a white t-shirt, black pants or tights and their ballet shoes.

Q: What should we bring with us to the audition?

A: Something to keep yourself busy while you wait, a snack and water for your child and something to keep your child busy if they have to wait.

Q: How long does the audition last?

A: The audition lasts 4 hours, depending on the number of (and behavior of) the children attending. Children are dismissed from the audition in waves - whenever a child is not the right size or ability for consideration for any of the remaining roles, she/he will be dismissed from the audition. *It is highly unlikely that any children will leave the audition before 2:00 p.m.*

Q: When will my child know whether she/he has a part?

A: Decisions about Nutcracker Suite roles will be made after the audition. You will be contacted by email with the role your child has received.

Q: Who decides which children receive which roles?

A: All casting decisions are made by the Cleveland Ballet

Q: When is the first rehearsal?

A: The first rehearsal for all roles will be Saturday, October 5th.

Q: Will my child need to attend every rehearsal and show listed on the audition page?

A: Yes, your child is expected to attend all rehearsals, dress rehearsals and performances listed on the audition page. These dates are given ahead of time so cast members are aware of the commitment to be a part of *Nutcracker*.

Q: If my child receives a part in the *Nutcracker*, when will I be given his/her performance schedule so that I may buy tickets?

A: The performances dates for *Nutcracker* are December 5 at 7:00pm, December 6 at 11:00am and 7:00pm, December 7 1:00pm and 7:00pm, December 8 at 1:00pm, December 12 at 7:00pm, December 13 at 11:00am and 7:00pm, December 14 1:00pm and 7:00pm and December 15 at 1:00pm. Tickets are going fast for the *Nutcracker* so we advise that you purchase your tickets sooner rather than later. A rehearsal schedule and information packet will be mailed or handed out shortly after the audition.

Q: If I have questions about the *Nutcracker Suite* audition process after my child has completed the audition, with whom should I speak?

A: Most questions about the *Nutcracker*, the audition process or the rehearsal schedule can be found on the website. Any other *Nutcracker*-related questions will be answered as soon as possible by emailing maureen@clevelandballet.org. Please be thoughtful and let common sense prevail before directing your questions to this address.