

## **Frequently Asked Questions about Nutcracker Audition Process**

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

A: The doors to Cleveland Ballet will open at 12:30pm - 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 in your cars in the parking lot during the audition. Due to COVID 19 and limited space we can't allow parents to congregate in the lobby or halls.

**Q: Where should I park?**

A: Anywhere you see available that does not have signage for other businesses.

**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 5:00pm*

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>. However this date may change, we will notify you via email.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00pm and 7:00pm, and December 20<sup>th</sup> 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 can be found on the website. On the day of the audition you will receive information about rehearsals. Any other *Nutcracker*-related questions will be answered as soon as possible by emailing [info@clevelandballet.org](mailto:info@clevelandballet.org). Please be thoughtful and let common sense prevail before directing your questions to this address.