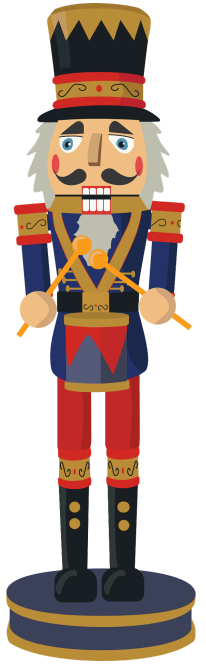


LAKE MICHIGAN  DANCE ACADEMY  
*Presents*

# THE NUTCRACKER



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## **Auditions - At Lake Michigan Dance Academy**

### Thursday Aug. 22nd

5:00-6:00 P.M. - Ages 6-9  
6:00-7:00 P.M. - Ages 10-12  
7:00-8:00 P.M. - Ages 13+  
8:00-8:30 P.M. - All pointe dancers

### Saturday Aug. 24th

9:00-10:00 A.M. - Ages 6-9  
10:00-11:00 A.M. - Ages 10-12  
11:00-12:00 P.M. - Ages 13+  
12:00-12:30 P.M. - All pointe dancers  
12:30-1pm Boys Audition

The purpose of this audition is for casting. **There is a role for every dancer.** Casting will be released on August 24th. The audition will include ballet, some acro skills, and acting. If your dancer is interested in auditioning for pointe roles, please have them stay for the last segment of the audition. Dancers are not required to dance en pointe if they choose not to.

If your dancer has a black leotard, pink tights, and ballet shoes, please have them wear that to their audition. If they have not taken ballet before, please have them wear the clothing they would normally wear to dance and are comfortable moving in.

Prior to auditions I will sound out a link to a google form. This form must be filled out BEFORE auditions. **Please note that auditioning for Nutcracker means your dancer is committing to performing.**

## **Rehearsals - At Lake Michigan Dance Academy**

**Choreography week August 26-29 4:30-9:30pm**

**Saturdays Rehearsals 9am-1pm from Sept 7th - November 16th**

- Dancers will not be called for the entirety of these rehearsal times. The rehearsal schedule will be finalized and released in August after auditions. All rehearsals are mandatory.
- Absence Policy - Dancers are only allowed 1 pre-planned absence. All absences must be communicated in advance to [sarah.lakemichigandance@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.lakemichigandance@gmail.com). Absences due to illness (and other unforeseen circumstances) do not count towards their one absence. Please still email about last minute absence due to illness. If a dancer fails to attend rehearsal they may be required to schedule private lessons at the cost of the dancer to learn missed material.

## **Nutcracker Tea - At Lifestream Church**

**November 9th or 16th (TBD)**

- The following parts will perform at Nutcracker Tea and if your dancer is cast in one or more of these parts they should plan to perform in Nutcracker Tea:
  - Chocolate, Tea, Candy Canes, Marzipan, Gingersnaps, Cupcakes & Sprinkle Queen

## **Dress Rehearsals - At Centerstage Theater (Coopersville High School)**

November 20th & 21st at Coopersville High School

Time TBD (evening)

## **Performances - At Centerstage Theater (Coopersville High School)**

November 22nd Time: 7pm

November 23rd Time: 1pm and 5pm

Dancer call time:

Older dancers: 2 hours before show

Younger dancers: 1 hour before show

## **Cost**

- Audition Fee: \$18
- 1 Role Rehearsal Fee: \$150 - students that select this option will perform in one part of the show and will have fewer rehearsal hours.
- 2+ Role Rehearsal Fee: \$295 - students that select this option will perform in multiple parts of the show, and should anticipate attending more rehearsals.
- Media Fee: \$15 (includes photos and videos of all shows)
- \**Costume Deposit* - \$50 This will be CREDITED to your account in December if there are no costume repairs/cleanings needed

- Sweatshirt (optional) - \$30-\$50
- Tickets - Lower Level \$30, Upper Level \$24, Child \$14

## General Requirements

**Dance Class Requirement:** All dancers must be enrolled in a dance class for the duration of Nutcracker. This class does not have to be at LMDA. Pointe dancers must be enrolled in a pointe class.

## Costume Requirements

Your dancer will be responsible for the items that are listed below. Primarily, this list involves shoes and tights. Lake Michigan Dance Academy provides the rest of the costume pieces and we expect that your dancer will properly care for all the costumes so that we can use them for future performances. With the exception of water, there is absolutely no eating or drinking while in costume.

**Undergarments:** All younger girls must have a nude (skin color) leotard which is worn under their costumes to insure hygiene and modesty. The 'nudies' should have a low back and adjustable clear straps or tan straps. This undergarment protects the costumes from sweat and soil which allows LMDA to use the costumes longer. Required undergarments are mandatory.

All dancers in professional tutus must wear a nude bra and briefs.

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Child-[https://www.amazon.com/Capezio-Girls-Overs-Camisole-Leotard/dp/B001GBHLLS/ref=sr\\_1\\_5?crd=3OCS25TF1NOXO&keywords=girls+nude+leotard+with+clear+straps&qid=1691026130&sprefix=girls+nude+leotard+with+clear+straps%2Caps%2C118&sr=8-5](https://www.amazon.com/Capezio-Girls-Overs-Camisole-Leotard/dp/B001GBHLLS/ref=sr_1_5?crd=3OCS25TF1NOXO&keywords=girls+nude+leotard+with+clear+straps&qid=1691026130&sprefix=girls+nude+leotard+with+clear+straps%2Caps%2C118&sr=8-5)

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Briefs (pink - worn under tutus)

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**Shoes:** The shoes that are needed depend upon the role. All shoes must be in good condition, with no rips, tears or holes.

- Ladies en pointe should have an extra pair of pointe shoes, or two, that are broken in so that shoes can be rotated and allowed to dry out between dress rehearsals and shows.
- Pink ballet flat shoes should be canvas, split sole preferred.
- Black ballet flat shoes should be canvas, split sole.

**Tights:**

- Tights must be purchased from LMDA to ensure the ballet pink color matches. Footed or convertible tights only. Some dancers may be required to purchase black tights, depending on what role they are cast in.
- Highly recommend having backup tights for runs and holes.

#### **Hair:**

- Boys: Hair should be freshly trimmed. We want to see your eyes.
- Girls: Bun should be tight and flat with hair slicked back, no fly-aways and use a hair net over your bun. No doughnut bun. Please see individual roles for bun placement.

#### **Stage Makeup:**

- Role-dependant - details to come.

#### **Parent Volunteers**

Parent volunteers are vital to the success of Nutcracker running smoothly. Please plan to volunteer for at least one performance. You must also then attend the corresponding dress rehearsal. Please see all the various opportunities for volunteering below and make note of where you would like to assist.

#### **Ongoing:**

- Costumes - sewing, fitting, tacking, repairs
- Props/Sets

#### **Nutcracker Tea:**

- Bake goods
- Ushers
- Setup/teardown

#### **Dress Rehearsal/Performances :**

- Room moms/dads
- Quick Change
- Ushers
- Lobby
- Load in/Load out
- Costume Care
- Prop Care

**Thank you for taking the time to read this. We are so excited to bring back the Nutcracker magic for our second annual performance. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Merde!**