

# 2019 Nutcracker Audition Information

Dear Dancers and Parents:

Olney Ballet Theatre is happy to announce open auditions for children's roles for the 2019 production of Mary Day's "The Nutcracker" which will be held for the 13th year at The Olney Theatre Center's Historic Stage.

Auditions for most of the children's roles will begin on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Berrend Dance Centre. **Most roles require attendance at BOTH days of auditions as indicated below.** Detailed schedules for all audition days are at the end of this announcement.

Call backs are on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

100% attendance at all rehearsals and performances is required to participate in the Nutcracker. Absences based solely on necessity MAY be considered in advance by the Director, but they must be indicated on the Audition Registration Form. However, be aware that requested absences may result in your dancer not being cast in this year's production.

## Audition requirements

### General

Girls ages 8 & up with 3 or more years of dance training for most roles; for Angels prep for ballet and elementary ballet levels.

Boys ages 5 – 13, some stage experience helpful

### Roles and Heights

Angels—	Girls	Height: 3'4" - 4'1"
Little Mice—	Girls / Boys	Height: 4'3"- 4'7"
Party Girls—	Girls	Height: 4'0"- 5'2"
Soldiers—	Girls / Boys	Height: 4'10"- 5'1"
Big Mice—	Girls / Boys	Height: 4'8"- 5'4"
Party Boys—	Boys	Height: 4' - 5'3"

**\*\*Please check the height requirements of all the children's roles---you are encouraged to audition for several parts---not everyone can be in the Party Scene! Auditions for other children's roles will be held at later date to include China Doll, Teddy Bear, Gigogne Children, and Candy Canes.**

**Audition schedule for Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> as follows:**

**\*\*Please arrive at least 30 minutes before audition starts\*\***

3:00-4:00	Little Mice	Must attend both audition dates
4:00-5:00	Party Girls	Must attend both audition dates
5:00-6:00	Soldiers	Must attend both audition dates
6:00-7:00	Big Mice	Audition on Saturday only

\*For BDC students—If you have a modern or jazz class during these audition times please take part of your class or rejoin your class after the audition. Once we have the casting settled we will arrange the rehearsals to minimize conflicts with classes.

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**Auditions schedule for Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> as follows:**

**\*\*Please arrive at least 30 minutes before audition starts\*\***

1:00-2:00	Little Mice	
2:00-3:00	Party Girls	
3:00-4:00	Soldiers	
4:00-5:00	Party Boys	Audition on Sunday only

**Callbacks and more auditions will be held on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> as follows:**

**\*\*Please arrive at least 15 minutes before audition starts\*\***

2:45-3:45	Angels Audition
3:45-4:45	Little Mice Callback
4:45-5:45	Soldier Callback
5:45-6:45	Big Mice Callback

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**Callbacks and more auditions will be held on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> as follows:**

**\*\*Please arrive at least 15 minutes before audition starts\*\***

1:00-2:00	Angels
2:00-3:00	Candy Canes Audition (Height: 4'8 - 5'4") *BDC Level 5 and up – Bodies must look like canes!**Please come early and warm up.
3:00-4:30	Party Girls Callback
4:00-5:00	Party Boys Callback

**Mandatory Parent Meeting October 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:15-6:30**

Annual meeting for dancers and parents. One parent and the dancer are required to attend.

**Rehearsals and Casting**

Casting will be posted and Rehearsals will begin on Saturday and Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.