



Gainesville Ballet Company

2017 The Nutcracker

Littlest Angels



The audition has been scheduled, as follows:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 11:30AM - 12:30PM IN STUDIO 101 (ARRIVE 15 MIN. EARLY)

Students currently enrolled in the Intermediate 1 Level, Primary 5 & 4/5 levels who want to audition should arrive 15 minutes early. An audition is conducted as a regular class, with the addition of unbiased judges observing and grading the students who are auditioning.

The Gainesville Ballet Company is the non-profit arm of the Gainesville School of Ballet. Each year, the Company, including its dancers, supporting staff, and volunteers produce *The Nutcracker*. Over three brief months, the “Littlest Angels” learn about personal discipline and group commitment. They begin to understand the workings of a production from the backstage perspective and develop confidence through rehearsals and performances.

Before you decide to have your child audition, we want you to understand the selection criteria, schedule requirements and cost associated with performing as a “Littlest Angel” in *The Nutcracker*.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- The student must be between the ages of 7 and 9 with 2 or more years of ballet training
- Have achieved the appropriate level of technical proficiency
- Possess the ability to learn quickly.

SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS

REHEARSALS – TENTATIVE SATURDAY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- Sept. 9 11:30am - 12:30pm ~ First Rehearsal
- Sept. 16 11:30am - **2:00pm** ~ Regular Rehearsal & **First Costume Fitting**
- Sept. 23 – Oct 28 11:30am - 12:30pm ~ Regular Rehearsal during these weeks
- Oct. 7 NO REHEARSAL – FALL BREAK WEEKEND
- Nov. 4 The Nutcracker Mini-Camp fundraiser will be held in the studios from 10:30am - 12:30pm We hope your dancer will attend!
1:00pm - 2:00pm ~ Regular Rehearsal
- Nov. 11 11:30am - **1:30pm** ~ Regular Rehearsal & **Final Costume Fitting**

IN-STUDIO RUN-THROUGHS AND PARENTS’ MEETING

- **Sun.** Nov 12 **First In-studio run-through – entire cast. Approximately 2:30pm - 5:00pm**
- **Thu.** Nov 16 **Second In-studio run-through. Approximately 7:00pm - 9:00pm**
- **Sat.** Nov 18 11:30am – 12:30pm ~ Final Regular Rehearsal
12:30pm – 1:00pm ~ Parents’ Meeting - Very Important

SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS, cont.

SAMPLE IN-THEATRE REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES (actual times may vary)

<u>In-Theatre Rehearsals</u>			<u>Performances</u>		
Sun.	11/26	1:30 - 3:00pm	Thu.	11/30	9:30am & 11:30am Children's School Matinees
Mon.	11/27	4:15 - 5:30pm	Fri.	12/01	9:30am & 11:30am Children's School Matinees
Tue.	11/28	7:00 - 9:30pm			7:30pm Public Performance
Wed.	11/29	7:00 - 9:45pm	Sat.	12/02	2:00pm & 7:30pm Public Performances
			Sun.	12/03	2:00pm Public Performance

All dancers are required to attend every rehearsal. The Littlest Angels may be double cast; therefore, most of the dancers will perform in either the Thursday/Saturday cast or the Friday/Sunday cast. If a performer becomes ill, her double will perform for her; therefore, your dancer must always be available to dance in all eight shows.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Dancers are permitted only one "unexcused" absence from rehearsals. An unexcused absence is one taken for reasons other than personal illness or a family emergency. If you plan to use the unexcused absence, please advise the rehearsal coach and email us at least two weeks before the absence. If your child is ill or there is a family emergency, please call the studio (770-534-6282) and leave a message before the rehearsal. **Dancers with more than one unexcused absence will not be allowed to participate in the performance; moreover, except for illness, no dancer may take an unexcused absence after Friday, November 3rd.** Attendance policy is strictly enforced.

COSTS

- Every dancer in a company production pays the Gainesville Ballet Company a production fee. The **Littlest Angels' production fee is \$100**. This fee helps offset the costs of retaining a rehearsal coach and creating and altering costumes for the dancers. Dancers do not keep their costumes as they often do after a recital; the costumes remain the property of the Gainesville Ballet Company for the use of future young dancers.
- **If your child is selected to dance as a Littlest Angel, a \$35 nonrefundable deposit will be due when you turn in the acceptance letter. The remaining balance of \$65 is due no later than Saturday, August 26th.**
- Parents must purchase at least two adult tickets to one of the public performances.

Please call the studio, 770-534-6282 or the company at 770-532-4241 with any questions.