

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

THE HARTT SCHOOL COMMUNITY DIVISION

Dear Nutcracker 2025 Participant,

This packet of information includes the following:

- Audition Form | HCD Students in Division I- Level C | Division II | Division III | Adults
- Audition Form | Non- HCD Students
- Commitment Form | To be signed by all participants
- Opt-Out Form | To be signed by those no longer interested after casting is released
- Costume Fitting Times by Role
- Sample Rehearsal Times and Commitments for Oct/Nov/Dec
- Production Tech Schedule
- Nutcracker Roles by Act and Scene

Please take the time to review all documents listed above before signing the Commitment Form.

Audition Information:

All HCD Students (including Division I Level C) interested in participating in the Nutcracker must audition. Please arrive to your audition with the Audition Form and Commitment Form completed.

All outside students should contact dancedesk@hartford.edu to register, submit materials, and determine proper audition time slot.

Saturday, September 13

Division III:

Registration Begins | 12:15pm
Warm Up Class (required) | 12:45-1:45pm
Audition | 2:00-4:30pm

Sunday, September 14

Division I Level C and Division II:

Registration Begins | 10:30am
Audition | 11:00am-1:30pm

*Level C and Level 1 Students will be released at 12:00pm

Adults:

Registration Begins | 1:30pm
Audition | 2:00-3:00pm

All casting will be announced no later than Friday, September 19.

Audition Number: _____

(For office use only)



2025 NUTCRACKER AUDITION FORM

HCD Students and All Adults

Name as it should appear in the program (First, Last): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Gender: _____

Preferred Pronouns: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Leotard Size: _____

Height: _____

Shoe Size: _____

Please contact dancedesk@hartford.edu with any questions.

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2025 NUTCRACKER AUDITION FORM

NON- HCD STUDENTS

(Adults and HCD students should complete separate audition form)

Student Information:

Please complete this form prior to your audition.

Name as it should appear in the program (First, Last): _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Gender: _____ Preferred Pronouns: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current Ballet School Name: _____

Years of Training: _____ Number of years on pointe (if applicable): _____

Leotard Size: _____

Height: _____

Shoe Size: _____

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NUTCRACKER COMMITMENT FORM

ALL students will submit this form on the day of auditions.

*Submitting this form commits you to the Nutcracker Production and all that it involves. If casting is released and you no longer want to be committed, you may return the opt out sheet no later than **Monday, September 22.**

THE NUTCRACKER 2025

Performances:

Friday, December 5 @ 7:30 pm | Saturday, December 6 @ 7:30 pm | Sunday, December 7 @ 2:00 pm
Friday, December 12 @ 7:30 pm | Saturday, December 13 @ 7:30 pm | Sunday, December 14 @ 2:00 pm

Additional Performances for Modified Casts:

*Detailed information about each of the following events will be sent to the modified cast members

Rocky Hill | November 26
Simsbury Celebrates | November 29
Hartford Performs | December 12

I, (student name, as it should appear in the program): _____, commit to perform in The Nutcracker 2025. Together with my parent or guardian _____, we have read the contents of this packet in its entirety and fully understand the expectations of this commitment.

We understand and agree to the following:

- The student is required to attend all ***rehearsals, costume fittings and performances for which she/he is cast***, in their entirety.
- In the event that the student does not attend a required rehearsal, costume fitting or performance, the student's participation in the production may be modified, changed, or adjusted.
- Any changes or adjustments in casting and performance appearances are the sole discretion of the Artistic Director. Individual extenuating circumstances will always be considered in making decisions.

Please note the following important Information:

- Rehearsals are held both at The Handel Performing Arts Center (HPAC) and at the Millard Auditorium at the University of Hartford, located at 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford. Please check schedules closely for locations for each rehearsal.
- There are no complimentary tickets for The Nutcracker. Purchase of a ticket is required to view performances.
- Parents are not permitted to observe rehearsals.

The Hartt School Community Division encourages participation in both public school and private sector extra-curricular activities outside of the Dance Department. Prior to signing this Nutcracker Commitment Form, we strongly advise that you examine your schedules carefully in order to confirm that these additional activities do not conflict with rehearsals and performances of The Nutcracker. While HCD values performance participation as an important aspect of dance education, the decision to do so and the responsibility of managing potential conflicts with other programs, rests solely with the student and family. Any conflict may preclude the student from participation.

Student Signature : _____ Date : _____

Parent/Guardian Signature : _____ Date : _____

NUTCRACKER OPT OUT FORM

If you have returned the Commitment Form, however would no longer like to be committed, you must return this form no later than **Monday, September 22.**

I, (student name): _____, am no longer interested or able to commit to the 2025 Nutcracker Production.

Student Signature : _____ Date : _____

Parent/Guardian Signature : _____ Date : _____

Fitting Schedule by Role

Updated 8/19/2025

TUES, Sept. 30th	WED, Oct. 1st	SAT, Oct. 4th	TUES, Oct. 7th	WED, Oct. 8th	SAT, Oct. 18th
Location: TBD	Location: TBD	Location: TBD	Location: TBD	Location: TBD	Location: TBD
4:35-6:05 pm	4:35-7:05 pm	10:00-11:00 am	4:35- 6:05 pm	4:35-5:35 pm	10:00-11:00 am
Snow	Clara	Mice	Dew Drop	Chinese Corps	Bon Bons
6:15-6:45pm	Party Girls	11:00am-12:15pm	Flower Corps	Angels	11:00 am-12:00 pm
Ballerina Doll		Soldiers / Polichinelle	Mirliton Corps	5:35-6:35 pm	As Needed- TBD
Harlequine Doll		12:30-2:30 pm	6:05-7:15 pm	Rats	12:00-2:00pm
6:45-8:45 pm		Adult Woman	Spanish Corps	Russian Corps	Party Boys & Adult Men
Russian Lead		<i>Includes: Party Parents, Mother, Nutcracker Prince, Rat King, Maids</i>			<i>Includes: Party Parents, Party Boys,</i>
Mirliton Lead					
Arabian					
Chinese Lead					
Spanish Lead					

NUTCRACKER 2025 SAMPLE REHEARSAL TIMES BY LEVEL

These tables list the maximum amount of time each level will be rehearsing.
* = There will be additional rehearsal times needed, which will be communicated individually.

LEVEL	Level C	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Adults
POSSIBLE ROLES	BON BONS	MICE BON BONS	SOLDIERS POLICHINELLES	CLARA * PARTY CHILDREN PARTY BOYS FRITZ ANGELS CHINESE CORPS	CLARA* RATS* PARTY CHILDREN FRITZ SPANISH CORPS RUSSIAN CORPS	DOLLS* RATS* MAID* PRINCE* RAT KING* SNOW MIRLITON CORPS SPANISH CORPS RUSSIAN LEAD FLOWER CORPS	RAT KING* NUT. PRINCE* MAID* SNOW SPANISH LEAD MIRLITON LEAD ARABIAN CHINESE LEAD FLOWER CORPS DEW DROP	DROSSELMAYER* MOTHER FATHER ADULT GUESTS RAT KING* MAID*

SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 25 REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Monday					7:15-8:00 PM			
Tuesday						7:15-8:15 PM	7:15-8:15 PM	
Wednesday			7:45-8:15 PM				7:15-8:15 PM	
Thursday				7:15-8:00 PM		6:15-7:15 PM	6:15-7:15 PM	
Friday					7:15-8:00 PM	7:15-8:15 PM	7:15-8:15 PM	
Saturday	12:30-1:30 PM	12:30-2:30 PM	12:30-2:30 PM	12:30-2:00 PM	12:30-3:00 PM			3:00-4:00 PM

OCTOBER 27- NOVEMBER 20 REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Monday					7:15-8:00 PM			
Tuesday						7:15-8:15 PM	7:15-8:15 PM	
Wednesday			7:45-8:15 PM				7:15-8:15 PM	
Thursday				7:15-8:00 PM		6:15-7:15 PM	6:15-7:15 PM	
Friday					7:15-8:00 PM	7:15-8:15 PM	7:15-8:15 PM	
Saturday	12:30-1:30 PM	12:30-3:00 PM	12:30-3:00 PM	12:30-2:00PM	12:30-3:00 PM	12:30-3:00 PM		12:30-3:00 PM

BEGINNING NOV 21: FOLLOW PRODUCTION SCHEDULE ***Monday, Nov 24, and Tuesday, Nov 25, Nutcracker rehearsals (Levels 4, 5, and 6) will take place as usual.**

NUTCRACKER PRODUCTION TECH SCHEDULE 2025

FRIDAY, NOV 21	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT HPAC *	ACT II		Run Act II	6:45 PM	ACT II (Includes Bon Bons)	8:30 PM
CAST A & CAST B						

SATURDAY, NOV 22	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT HPAC *	Level 5 & 6	12:15 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	12:30-1:30 PM	ACT I	4:00 PM
CAST A & CAST B	ACT I	1:30 PM	Run Act I	1:45 PM		

MONDAY, DEC 1	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	3:30 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	3:45-5:00 PM	Act I	7:15 PM
CAST A & CAST B	ACT I	4:30 PM	Run Act I	5:30-7:00 PM	Bon Bons	8:00 PM
	Bon Bons & Polichinelles	6:00 PM	Space Mother Ginger	7:00-7:30 PM	Act II	9:15 PM
	ACT II	6:30 PM	Run Act II	7:30-9:00 PM		
			Crew/Scene Changes	9:00-10:00 PM		

TUESDAY, DEC 2	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	3:30 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	3:45-5:00 PM	Act I	7:15 PM
CAST A	Act I	4:30 PM	Run Act I	5:30-7:00 PM	Bon Bons	8:00 PM
	Act II	6:15 PM	Run Act II	7:15-8:30 PM	Act II	9:15 PM
			Notes	8:30-9:00 PM		

WEDNESDAY, DEC 3	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	3:30 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	3:45-5:00 PM	Act I	7:15 PM
CAST A	Act I	4:30 PM	Cast A Dress - Act I	5:30-7:00 PM	Bon Bons	8:45am
DRESS REHEARSAL	Act II	6:15 PM	Cast A Dress - Act II	7:15-8:30 PM	Act II	9:15 PM
			Notes	8:30-9:00 PM		

THURSDAY, DEC 4	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	3:30 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	3:45-5:00 PM	Act I	7:15 PM
CAST A	Act I	4:30 PM	Cast A Dress - Act I	5:30-7:00 PM	Bon Bons	8:45am
DRESS REHEARSAL	Act II	6:15 PM	Cast A Dress - Act II	7:15-8:30 PM	Act II	9:15 PM
			Notes	8:30-9:00 PM		

FRIDAY, DEC 5	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	5:00 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	5:30-6:45 PM	Act I	8:15 PM
CAST A	Act I	6:00 PM	Cast A Performance	7:30 PM	*Those involved in only Act I have the option to leave during intermission, approximatley 8:15 PM	
Performance 7:30 PM	ACT II	6:30 PM				
					Act II	9:15 PM

SATURDAY, DEC 6	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	5:00 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	5:30-6:45 PM	Act I	8:15 PM
CAST A	Act I	6:00 PM	Cast A Performance	7:30 PM	*Those involved in only Act I have the option to leave during intermission, approximatley 8:15 PM	
Performance 7:30 PM	ACT II	6:30 PM				
					Act II	9:15 PM

SUNDAY, DEC 7	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	11:30 AM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	12:00-1:15 PM	Act I	2:45 PM
CAST A	Act I	12:30 PM	Cast A Performance	2:00 PM	*Those involved in only Act I have the option to leave during intermission, approximatley 2:45 PM	
Performance 2:00 PM	Act II	1:00 PM				
					Act II	3:45 PM

TUESDAY, DEC 9 * AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM * CAST B	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
	Level 5 & 6	3:30 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	3:45-5:00 PM	Act I	7:15 PM
	Act I	4:30 PM	Run Act I	5:30-7:00 PM	Bon Bons	8:00 PM
	Act II	6:15 PM	Run Act II	7:15-8:30 PM	Act II	9:15 PM
			Notes	8:30-9:00 PM		

WEDNESDAY, DEC 10 * AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM * CAST B	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
	Level 5 & 6	3:30 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	3:45-5:00 PM	Act I	7:15 PM
	Act I	4:30 PM	Cast B Dress - Act I	5:30-7:00 PM	Bon Bons	8:45am
	DRESS REHEARSAL Act II	6:15 PM	Cast B Dress - Act II	7:15-8:30 PM	Act II	9:15 PM
			Notes	8:30-9:00 PM		

THURSDAY, DEC 11 * AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM * CAST B	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
	Level 5 & 6	3:30 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	3:45-5:00 PM	Act I	7:15 PM
	Act I	4:30 PM	Cast B Dress - Act I	5:30-7:00 PM	Bon Bons	8:45am
	DRESS REHEARSAL Act II	6:15 PM	Cast B Dress - Act II	7:15-8:30 PM	Act II	9:15 PM
			Notes	8:30-9:00 PM		

FRIDAY, DEC 12 * AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM * CAST B	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
	Level 5 & 6	8:30 AM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	9:00 -10:00 AM	All modified cast members	11:45 AM
	All other modified cast member	9:00 AM	Modified Cast B Performance	10:30 AM		
	Hartford Performs 10:30 AM					

FRIDAY, DEC 12 * AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM * CAST B	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
	Level 5 & 6	5:00 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	5:30-6:45 PM	Act I	8:15 PM
	Act I	6:00 PM	Cast B Performance	7:30 PM	*Those involved in only Act I have the option to leave during intermission, approximatley 8:15 PM	
	Performance 7:30 PM ACT II	6:30 PM				
					Act II	9:15 PM

SATURDAY, DEC 13 * AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM * CAST B	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
	Level 5 & 6	5:00 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	5:30-6:45 PM	Act I	8:15 PM
	Act I	6:00 PM	Cast B Performance	7:30 PM	*Those involved in only Act I have the option to leave during intermission, approximatley 8:15 PM	
	Performance 7:30 PM ACT II	6:30 PM				
					Act II	9:15 PM

SUNDAY, DEC 14 * AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM * CAST B	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
	Level 5 & 6	11:30 AM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	12:00-1:15 PM	Act I	2:45 PM
	Act I	12:30 PM	Cast B Performance	2:00 PM	*Those involved in only Act I have the option to leave during intermission, approximatley 2:45 PM	
	Performance 2:00 PM Act II	1:00 PM				
					Act II	3:45 PM

Nutcracker Roles by Act and Scene

Act I

Party Scene

Clara
Fritz
Drosselmeyer
Clara's Mother
Clara's Father
Female Parents
Male Parents
Maids
Party Girls
Party Boys
Ballerina Doll
Harlequin Doll

Battle Scene

Clara
Drosselmeyer
Rat King
Nutcracker Doll
Mice
Soldiers
Rats

Snow Scene

Clara
Drosselmeyer
Snow

Act II

Clara
Drosselmeyer
Angels
Spanish Lead
Spanish Corps
Chinese Lead
Chinese Corps
Arabian
Mirliton Lead
Mirliton Corps
Russian Lead
Russian Corps
Mother Ginger
Polichinelles
Bon Bons
Dew Drop
Flower Corps
Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier