

# Greater Niagara Ballet Company hosts 'Nutcracker' auditions

The Greater Niagara Ballet Company's "The Nutcracker" is returning Dec. 10-11 to the Niagara Falls High School Performing Arts Center. The family-friendly holiday show features local dancers, guest artists and character performers.

Auditions will take place Sunday, Sept. 19 (preferred) and/or Sunday, Sept. 26, at The Greater Niagara Ballet Company, located within the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center, 1201 Pine Ave. Enter through the purple door on the Portage Road side.

Participants should arrive in proper dance attire 30 minutes before audition time. The schedule includes tryouts for the following:

- Character Dancers**
- 10-10:45 a.m., children ages 6-10: Dancers needed; no dance experience is necessary. Available roles include party scene
  - 10:45-11:30 a.m., children

ages 8-12: Dancers needed; some dance experience is necessary. Available parts include battle scene, Mice, Soldiers and Gingerbreads

- 11:30 a.m. to noon, children ages 8-10: A dance or gymnastics background is necessary. Available positions include Bon-Bons and Arabian handmaidens

- 12-1:30 p.m., children ages 12 and up: Dancers needed; dance experience is necessary. Available scenes include Act I party scene maids/butler and Act II jesters (gymnastics required)

**Clara and Fritz**  
Children interested in portraying Clara and Fritz must audition for at least one of the other parts.

**Corps de Ballet & Soloists**

- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. A dance background is necessary for these more advanced numbers. Females must have strong pointe skills. Dancers ages 12 and up can audition for a spot performing



with the GNBC corps de ballet or for a solo role. Corps parts include Waltz of the Flowers, Snowflakes, Russian and Chinese. Solo parts

include Harlequin, Columbine, Drummers, Dew Drop, Spanish, Candy Canes, Chinese, Russian and Arabian.

The registration fee is \$15. For more information, visit the GNBC online at <http://www.greaterniagaraballetcompany.org/>.

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