

NUTCRACKER 2026

Audition Information and Cast Requirements

Inland Dance Theatre, Inc. will present *The Nutcracker Ballet* on December 4 – 6, 2026, at the California Theatre of the Performing Arts in San Bernardino. All performers **MUST RESERVE** December 1 – December 6 for dress rehearsals and performances at the theater.

The *Nutcracker* cast will be selected by dance auditions. In order to audition, please complete the attached application and waiver and bring them to the audition. There is a **\$25 audition fee**. We accept cash, check, or credit.

Auditions will be held at **The School of International Ballet at The Dance Center** located at 1445 W. Park Avenue, Redlands, Ca. 92373.

PLEASE COME 15 MINUTES EARLY FOR AUDITION SIGN-IN! Due to limited space, parents cannot wait inside of the studio during the auditions.

DRESS CODE: Female dancers must wear a black leotard and pink tights. Male dancers must wear a white shirt and black pants or tights.

Advanced – Intermediate Audition (previous pointe work **mandatory**)

Friday, September 11, 2026

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Please bring pointe shoes and ballet slippers.

Children's Audition

Saturday, September 12, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*All dancers must be available in the afternoon for callbacks.

Class Audition	Age/Looks
9:00 – 9:30	5 years
9:30 – 10:30	6-7 years
10:30 – 11:30	8-9 years
11:30 – 12:30	10 years & up
1:30 – 2:15	By Invitation Only
2:15 – 3:15	Callbacks
3:15 – 4:00	Callbacks

All auditionees will receive email notification regarding this audition on Sunday, September 13, 2026.

NOTE: The directors reserve the right to place anyone in any part for which they are qualified.

All rehearsals will be held at **Inland Dance Academy** located at 2584 E. Highland Avenue, Highland, Ca. 92346. There is a mandatory parent/cast meeting on Friday, September 18th at 7:00p.m. Rehearsals will begin on Saturday, September 19th.

CAST REQUIREMENTS

1. ALL participants **MUST ATTEND** all rehearsals called for their group and all performances. Illness is the only acceptable excuse.
2. Dancers **MUST ARRIVE** 15 minutes prior to their designated rehearsal time and be properly dressed, with their hair up neatly. Due to limited space in the dance studios, parents cannot wait inside of the studio during auditions or rehearsals.
3. Participants **MUST BE** attentive and respectful during rehearsal.
4. Participants **MUST LEARN** their choreography.
5. Please keep track of your own rehearsal schedule. The schedule will be sent by email, posted online at idtnutcracker.org, and posted on IDT's Facebook page. **REHEARSALS BEGIN** on Saturday, September 19th, at **Inland Dance Academy**.
6. There **WILL NOT** be children's rehearsal on Saturday, November 28th or Sunday, November 29th. The intermediate/advanced dancers may be called for rehearsals that weekend.
7. Participants **MUST MAINTAIN** regular attendance in any dance school.
8. If your child is selected as a cast member, parent participation is **REQUIRED** in one of the following areas: SEWING, BACKSTAGE SUPERVISION, PROPS, CAST PARTY, THEATRE MOVE-IN AND OUT. Thank you for your support when volunteering your assistance.
9. All cast members and at least one parent **MUST ATTEND** a parent/cast information meeting on Friday, September 18th, at Inland Dance Academy at 7:00 p.m.
10. There will be a **\$225.00 PERFORMANCE FEE** due at the parent/cast information meeting. We accept cash, check, or credit. The performance fee includes a digital download of one performance of *Nutcracker*.
11. Participants **MUST PARTICIPATE** in the Sees Candy fundraiser by selling 1 box of candy.
12. Participants are asked to secure one business advertisement for our souvenir program or one sponsorship donation for our production. The advertisement deadline is Saturday, October 17th. There is no deadline for donations, however they must be received by October 17th to be listed in the souvenir program.
13. **Illness:** See the attached Participant Risk Assessment/Liability Waiver for additional information.

NUTCRACKER 2026 AUDITION APPLICATION

Applications and the waiver form must be brought to the audition with a **\$25 AUDITION FEE**.

NAME: _____
(first and last names only)

ADDRESS: _____
(street) (city) (zip)

Mother's First Name: _____ Father's First Name: _____

Telephone: _____ - _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Email: _____

Allergies / Medical Conditions we need to be aware of: _____

Ballet Training at: _____ How Long: _____

Pointe Work (if applicable): _____

Performance Experience: _____

If selected as Cast Member (Initial All Listed Below):

___ I/my child will be an active participant in all rehearsals and performances

___ I/my child will be attentive and will not be disruptive in rehearsals

___ I/my child will respect all participants in the performances

___ I/my child will attend ALL rehearsals and ALL dress rehearsals

___ I/my child will learn the choreography

___ I/my child completed, signed, and returned the attached Liability Waiver/Media Release and Participant Risk Assessment/Liability Waiver Form (page 4)

I/my child fully read and understand the requirements for participation in *Nutcracker*, including the illness protocols. I/we understand that I/my child could be released from the production for not abiding by these requirements.

Date: _____

(Signature; Parent or Guardian if under 18)

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INLAND DANCE THEATRE, INC.**

MEDIA RELEASE

The undersigned hereby grants permission to Inland Dance Theatre, Inc., its agents, and representatives to take and make use of photographs, videos, likenesses, and/or audio recordings in which I/my child's picture, image, or voice appears for all purposes and for all media and formats now known or later created, including, without limitation, all materials, promotional or otherwise, regarding *The Nutcracker Ballet* and/or Inland Dance Theatre, Inc.

The undersigned waives any right to inspect or approve the finished product or products, advertising, or printed materials that may be used in connection with photographs, videos, likenesses, and/or audio recordings to which it may be applied. It is also expressly agreed that the undersigned waives all rights to compensation for and all ownership rights to the media and irrevocably releases and discharges Inland Dance Theatre, Inc., its directors, officers, agents, and representatives from all claims, demands, and causes of action that now existing or in the future relating to the permitted use of photographs, videos, likeness, and/or audio recordings.

PARTICIPANT RISK ASSESSMENT / LIABILITY WAIVER

The undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless Inland Dance Theatre, Inc., its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives, and volunteers from and against any and all costs, expenses, damages, claims, demands, and liability arising from and/or related to any injury, illness, or damage for any reason, caused by, or sustained in the course of any participation in classes, rehearsals, or performances of *The Nutcracker Ballet*, or any other activities conducted by or associated with Inland Dance Theatre, Inc. The undersigned hereby represents that this liability waiver is provided voluntarily upon submission of this form and shall be fully binding upon the undersigned, heirs, next of kin, executor, administrator, and/or personal representative.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees to the following:

- Due to limited space in the dance studios, limited backstage space at the California Theatre of the Performing Arts, and *The Nutcracker Ballet* requiring dancing in groups, it is not possible to physically distance participants or backstage volunteers during auditions, rehearsals, or performances. The undersigned recognizes that this results in a higher risk of contracting illnesses.
- Participants and backstage volunteers will not attend rehearsals or performances with a temperature of over 100.4 degrees, cold or flu symptoms, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste or smell, nausea, or contagious rash. It is the participant's responsibility to monitor temperature and symptoms. I understand that if the participant displays any of the symptoms listed above, they will be isolated from the program, and a parent or care giver must pick them up within the hour. No exceptions will be made.
- Participants and backstage volunteers that are ill are to coordinate return to rehearsals or performances with the Directors or the Backstage Coordinator in accordance with San Bernardino County and State of California health policy.
- These regulations are subject to change.

Date: _____

Minor's Name: _____

Print Name: _____

(Signature; Parent or Guardian if under 18)