

**AUDITIONS!**  
**The Nutcracker Ballet**  
 Stephens Auditorium

Saturday, August 16, 2025-12:00 pm-7:45 pm

**Details:**

- Registration begins at 11:15 a.m.
- Parking is available in Lots A3, B1 & B2 (south, north & east sides of Stephens Auditorium).
- Enter Stephens Auditorium at the Southeast Corner.
- DO NOT drop off or park in the loading dock area.
- Dancers need to be dressed, warmed-up and ready to audition at the times listed below.
- All dancers should wear leotards, tights, and ballet or pointe shoes.
- Dancers MUST be enrolled in a dance studio and pointe dancers MUST be studying pointe to perform.
- Children must be 6 years of age or older to perform.
- You may be cast in a part for which you did not audition. We reserve the right to cast you in ANY part.
- Dancers are encouraged to audition for every role they are capable of performing.
- Casting notices will be emailed no later than September 1, 2025.

**Schedule:**

\* The order of roles below may vary within each audition period.

Noon – 3:00 pm *	3:00 – 3:30 pm *	3:45 – 7:45 pm *
Children ages 6 & Over	Adults	Ballet Dancers: Male/Female, Pointe (P)/Non-Pointe (NP)
Fritz & Friends	First Act Party Guests	Marzipan (Flutes) (P)
Angels	Drosselmeyer	Dolls (P)
Mother Ginger's Kids	Justice Silberhaus	Nutcracker (NP)
Harlequins	Frau Silberhaus	Snowflakes (P)
Apprentices (Indian Boys)	Mouse King	Maids (P)
Marie (Clara) & Friends	Mother Ginger	Gum Drops (Irish) (NP)
Sweet Toffee (Russians)		Bon Bons (Neapolitans) (P)
Pralines (Puppets)		Chocolate (Spanish) (P)
Soldiers, 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Cavalry		Cinnamon Sticks (Hungarians) (NP)
Battle Scene Dolls		Dew Drop Fairy (P)
Mice		Flower Soloist (P)
Little Mice Brigade & Sweets		Flower (P)
		Fairy Godmother (P)
		Tea (Chinese) (NP)
		Coffee (Arabians) (NP)
		Candy Canes (Americans) (NP)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 2025:**

- Carefully review the 2025 Nutcracker Rehearsal Schedule (see page 2) and note potential conflicts.
- You MUST attend the first rehearsal for your role. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Dancers will not add conflicts on audition card. Everyone is allowed up to two absences per role. If you miss the first rehearsal, or miss more than two rehearsals for a role, we reserve the right to replace you.
- First rehearsal will be at the Ames Dancenter South, 319 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Ames, IA 50010.
- Call the Dancenter, home of the Iowa Youth Ballet, at (515) 233-0826 with any questions.
- **There is a \$75 participation fee per performer (additional dancers in same household are \$60 each). This fee covers one costume cleaning fee. Any additional costumes will be charged a \$25 costume cleaning fee per piece. A \$10 late fee per registration and/or costume cleaning fee will be added after 10/3/25.**
- **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** – A Volunteer Coordinator will contact all participating families for backstage help at rehearsals and performances. Families of each cast member are required to provide volunteer help in lieu of supplemental participant fees. This helps keep costs down & keeps our performances running smoothly & safely.

# The Nutcracker - Rehearsal Schedule 2025

This is a **tentative schedule**, subject to change as necessary. Updated schedules will be posted weekly at the studio and on the web site\_ <http://www.rtdance.com/nutcracker-ballet>

**Rehearsal Address:** Ames Dancenter South -319 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street-Ames, IA 50010--(515) 233-0826

## **Saturdays, September 13 – October 25**

### **Studio B**

12:15 – 12:45 Little Mice Brigade (Costume Fitting 10/4)  
12:45 – 1:15 Sweets (Costume Fitting 10/4)  
1:15 – 2:00 First Lieutenant, Soldiers, Cavalry, Battle Scene Dolls, Nutcracker  
2:00 – 2:30 Nutcracker & Mouse King  
2:30 – 3:15 Mice & Mouse King  
3:15 – 4:15 Snow  
4:15 – 5:45 Flowers  
5:45 – 6:45 Flower Soloists, Dew Drop Fairy

### **Studio A**

12:15 – 12:45 Marzipan  
12:45 – 1:15 Pralines (Marie starting 9/20, Praline Costume Fitting 9/27)  
1:45 – 2:45 Gum Drops (Costume Fitting 9/27)  
2:45 – 3:15 Bon Bons  
3:15 – 4:00 Harlequins, Apprentices (Harlequin Costume Fitting 9/27, Drosselmeyer starting 10/4)  
4:00 – 4:45 Cinnamon Sticks  
4:45 – 5:30 Chocolate

## **Sundays, September 14 – October 26**

### **Studio B**

11:00 – 11:45 Mother Ginger's Kids (& Mother Ginger, starting 10/5)  
11:45 – 12:30 Angels & Fairy Godmother  
12:30 – 1:15 Party Scene Dolls, Drosselmeyer, Apprentices  
1:15 – 1:30 Maids and Drosselmeyer  
1:30 – 2:30 Frau, Justice, Adult Party Guests, Maids, Drosselmeyer  
2:30 – 3:00 Marie, Fritz and Drosselmeyer  
3:00 – 4:00 Marie, Marie's Friends  
4:00 – 4:45 Fritz, Fritz's Friends  
4:45 – 5:45 Sweet Toffee  
5:45 – 6:15 Tea  
6:15 – 7:15 Candy Canes (Costume Fitting 9/28)  
7:15 – 8:15 Coffee

## **Saturdays, November 1 – December 6**

### **(No rehearsal Thanksgiving weekend)**

### **Studio B**

12:15 – 3:15 Battle Scene (Soldiers, Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Battle Scene Dolls, Mice, Mouse King, Little Mice Brigade, Sweets, Nutcracker, Drosselmeyer, Marie)  
3:15 – 4:00 Snow  
4:00 – 6:45 Full Cast Act 2 (Except Mother Ginger & Angels)

### **Studio A**

2:15 – 3:00 Harlequins, Apprentices, Drosselmeyer  
3:00 – 3:30 Cinnamon Sticks  
3:30 – 4:00 Gum Drops  
4:00 – 4:25 Pralines and Marie  
4:25 – 4:40 Chocolate  
4:40 – 4:50 Marzipan  
4:50 – 5:00 Bon Bons  
5:00 – 6:30 Flowers, Flower Soloists, Dew Drop Fairy

## **Sundays, November 2 – December 7**

### **(No rehearsal Thanksgiving weekend)**

### **Studio B**

12:00 – 12:45 Mother Ginger, Mother Ginger's Kids  
12:45 – 1:45 Nutcracker, Marie, Angels, Fairy Godmother  
1:45 – 4:15 Party Scene (Dolls, Apprentices, Drosselmeyer, Frau, Justice, Adults, Maids, Marie, Fritz & all Friends)  
4:15 – 5:15 Sweet Toffee  
5:30 – 6:15 Tea  
6:15 – 7:15 Candy Canes  
7:15 – 8:15 Coffee

## **December 8-11**

### **Rehearsal at Stephens Auditorium**

[Dec. 12 is a SNOW CANCELLATION DAY *(if necessary)*]

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

All performers rehearse at Stephens Auditorium

## **December 13 – 14**

### **Performances at Stephens Auditorium**

Sat, Dec 13, 1:00 p.m.

Sat, Dec 13, 7:30 p.m.

Sun, Dec 14, 1:00 p.m.