

2026 Nutcracker Audition Information:

Nutcracker Prep Class

Classes will provide an insider look what audition judges will be looking for giving you a leg up. It is designed to help you do your absolute best during audition.

Aug 15, 2026

Ages 8-11 from 10:00-11:30

Ages 12+ from 11:30-1:00

Nutcracker Auditions (for ages 8+)

Aug 22, 2026

Ages 8-11 from 10-11:30

Ages 12+ from 11:30-1:00

- Parents are required to attend a meeting during auditions.
- Parents are allowed to stay in building during auditions but will not be allowed in the studio
- Audition results will be announced via Facebook by the evening of Aug 24
- If you cannot make it to auditions you will need to submit a video audition by Aug 21. Please contact the Del Rio Council for the Arts for video submission info.

Nutcracker Placement Class (for ages 3-8)

Aug 29, 2026

Age 3-4 from 9:15-10:00

Ages 5-6 from 10:00-11:00

Ages 7-8 from 11:00-12:00

- Parents are required to attend a meeting during classes.
- Parents are allowed to stay in building during classes but will not be allowed in the studio
- If you cannot make it to the placement class you will need to submit a video audition by Aug 21. Please contact the Del Rio Council for the Arts for video submission info.

Hello Nutcracker Participant and Parent

We are very excited you've chosen to audition and looking forward to seeing you dazzle on stage for the 18th Annual Nutcracker on December 19, 2026 at the Civic Center. Every student signing up will get a part in the show!

A few things to consider before auditioning:

- Classes will be held every Saturday starting August 29 through the performance on December 19 – these lessons are all rehearsals and therefore are not optional. In order to put together a great show, it's required that students attend each class. We will be taking attendance at each rehearsal. If you miss more than 3 rehearsals you will not be able to participate.
- No classes 9/5 (Labor Day weekend), 10/17 Corps only will practice (Fiesta de Amistad Parade), and no classes on 11/28 (Thanksgiving weekend).
- Attendance will be taken during each rehearsal. Students will only be allowed three unexcused absences until they will not be able to participate. Please schedule your weekends accordingly leaving room for illnesses.
- Costume checks, class dress rehearsal and photos are scheduled for 12/5. A full run through rehearsal is scheduled for 12/12.
- Please plan on having additional practices at the Civic Center 12/14-16. A schedule will be provided as we get closer. Dress rehearsal is scheduled at the Civic Center on 12/18.
- After auditions, we will let you know which class/dance you've been assigned as well as class time.
- Tuition for these lessons will be \$40 a month September-December and is due the 1st of each month, or \$160 up front for the entire semester.
- Students selected for more than one dance will be charged an extra \$15 a month for each additional dance.
- Parents are allowed to stay in the facility but not in rehearsal space.
- We must have students registered via the student/parent portal located at <https://www.delrioarts.com/copy-of-class-registration> and tuition for September on file by the first rehearsal on August 29. You will be able to register on or after August 27.
- Those signing up will be required to purchase costumes. They normally run around \$40-\$70 for each dance. Students will be measured the day of auditions and costume orders will be placed within two weeks. Students/parents must let someone **IN THE DEL RIO COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS OFFICE** know if they choose to no longer take part in a particular dance before costumes are ordered. Once costumes are ordered you are responsible for payment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please ask Nicki, Maya, or Molly! Looking forward to the best Nutcracker yet!

Miss Molly
Del Rio Council for the Arts
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Nutcracker August and September Schedule.

Class times are likely to be rearranged so these are VERY TENTATIVE. We will get you the finalized schedule after audition results.

Please use this schedule for practice times. Please come to your rehearsal slot on time, with the correct clothing, shoes and your hair in a bun. Parents are allowed to stay in the facility but not in rehearsal space.

Saturday (Aug 29, Sept 12, 19, 26) at the Firehouse

9:15-10:00 Baby Angels

10:00-11:00 Mother Ginger

11:00-12:00 Solos

12:00-1:00 Flowers

1:00-2:00 Mirliton

2:00-3:00 Party Scene (Maids, Kids including Clara and Fritz, Drosselmeyer's Niece and party scene "mothers")

3:00-4:00 Snow

Saturday (Aug 29, Sept 12, 19, 26) at Rodz

9:30-11 Fight Scene including Clara, Nutcracker and Mouse King. (Baby mice first 45 min)

10:00-11:00 Spanish

11:00-12:00 Chinese

11:00-12:00 Russian

Please remember you are only allotted 3 absences so make attendance a priority. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact The Firehouse.