



# Alisa's Dance Academy

## THE NUTCRACKER SPECTACULAR

In collaboration with  
Westlake High School's Entertainment Crew  
& Symphony Orchestra



### A BELOVED HOLIDAY TRADITION!

Your dancer could be part of a magical, multi-show production accompanied by a live orchestra — an unforgettable experience for families and performers alike.

### WHO CAN AUDITION?

Ages 6-18 -Enthusiastic, committed dancers from Alisa's Dance Academy or Synergy Dance Studio  
Casting based on age, experience & role availability



### PERFORMANCE DATES

Westlake HS Performing Arts Center  
Thurs, Dec 10 @ 7:00 pm (A)  
Fri, Dec 11 @ 9:30 am (B) & 7:00 pm (A)  
Sat, Dec 12 @ 2:30 pm (A) & 7:00 pm (B)  
Sun, Dec 13 @ 2:30 pm (B)

### FEATURED ROLES

Please visit our Website for a list of all our Magical Featured Roles, such as Clara, Sugar Plum Fairy\*, Snow Queen\*, Dew Drop, Nutcracker & Ensemble groups & more



### AUDITION DETAILS:

Central Texas Ballet Intensive **Early Audition:**  
July 27- July 30 @ ADA  
**Deadline to Apply: July 23**

*Alternate Audition Date:*

Saturday, August 29 @ ADA  
**Deadline to Apply: Aug 20**



### Audition Application



### AUDITION TIMES:

Central Texas Ballet Intensive **Early Audition:**  
\*\*Schedule release 1 week prior by email for those registered for CTBI.

#### Alternate Audition: August 29

- 8:45-9:45 am **ages 6-7**
- 10:00-11:15 am **ages 8-9**
- 11:45-1:00 pm **ages 12+ POINTE Audition**  
*Pointe level 2-5 (int-adv) only*
- 1:15-2:30 pm **ages 12-13** (& those 14+ NOT on Pointe)
- 2:45-4:00 pm **ages 10-11**



Give your dancer the opportunity to shine in a timeless holiday classic!  
We can't wait to see you at auditions!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – **BAILEY FISHER** | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT- **AUDREY FRILOUX**

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# Nutcracker Spectacular Auditions 2026



## Application

- **Audition application**
  - **DEADLINE to apply (7/23 for July Audition or 8/20 for Alternate August Audition)**
- Audition/Administrative Fee (non-refundable) is due with the online application.
- Any questions, please email: nutcracker@alisasdanceacademy.com
- Pick up your audition number from ADA's front office the week prior to audition day (Monday-Friday during office hours). **\*CTBI registrants will receive it at the intensive.**



## Eligibility

- Dancers must be ages 6+ as of **August 29, 2026**.
- Dancers should attend the audition at the time corresponding to their age on the day of the audition.
- To audition, must be enrolled at Alisa's Dance Academy or Synergy Dance for the 2026-2027 dance season.
- **Dancers must be enrolled in a ballet or jazz class and have completed one recent year of technique ballet or jazz training.** The Nutcracker Spectacular is rooted in classical ballet, with most of the choreography based on traditional ballet or jazz techniques.



## August 29 Audition Day Dress Code

- **Female Dancers:** Solid color leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes (jazz shoes are also acceptable)—hair in a secure bun.
  - *Pointe shoes are required for the Pointe audition*
- **Male Dancers:** Solid white fitted shirt, black tights/leggings/loose pants, black ballet or jazz shoes
- Must bring and wear your number, pinned securely to the front of your leotard
- **July audition** dress codes will be provided in the CTBI confirmation one week prior.



## August 29 Audition Day

- Dancers may arrive no earlier than 20 minutes before their scheduled audition time.
  - After check-in, parents will need to exit the studio facility so we can begin promptly and maintain a focused environment.
- Studio 5 will be open for dancers to warm up & check in.
- Dancers will learn & perform combinations in the center and across the floor

## Alternate Audition Schedule for August 29

*Audition times are subject to change with notice*

- 8:45-9:45 am ages 6-7
- 10:00-11:15 am ages 8-9
- 11:45-1:00 pm ages 12+ POINTE Audition / Pointe level 2-5 (int-adv) only
- 1:15-2:30 pm ages 12-13 (& those 14+ NOT on Pointe)
- 2:45-4:00 pm ages 10-11

# Participation Information



## Casting Info

- **FINAL RESULTS POSTED** on the ADA website Nutcracker page on the evening (after 6 pm) of **August 30**
- Casting is not guaranteed, is final & non-negotiable
- Decisions are based on audition performance, not studio or class level.
- Dancers may be cast in repeated or multiple roles.




## Fees

- Participant Fee: **\$250** per dancer; **\$135** for each additional role
  - Auto-charged on **September 1** – covers rehearsals, administrative costs, choreographers' and directors' fees, costuming accessories and props, and a keepsake video of every performance
- Costume Fee: Auto-charged on **October 1**, approximately **\$78-\$82** per costume



## Rehearsals & Performance Dates & Times

- **September 12 – November 14** studio rehearsals held at Alisa's Dance Academy
  - Mandatory attendance at the first studio rehearsal on **September 12**
  - **NEW! Fall Break No Rehearsal on October 10**
  - Thanksgiving Break: No Rehearsal on **November 21 and 28**
  - Dancers are permitted **one absence** during the rehearsal period. Any additional absences may result in removal from the production
  - **Mandatory attendance at all dress/tech rehearsals at Westlake PAC.**
    - Saturday, December 5, 9:00 am-8:00 pm **ALL CASTS** (individual cast schedules TBA)
    - Monday, December 7, 4:30-9:00 pm **CAST A**
    - Tuesday, December 8, 4:30-9:00 pm **CAST B**
    - Wednesday, December 9, 4:30-9:00 pm **CAST A**
  - **Show Times by Cast @ WHS PAC:**
    - Thursday, December 10, 7:00 pm **CAST A**
    - Friday, December 11, 9:30 am **CAST B**
    - Friday, December 11, 7:00 pm **CAST A**
    - Saturday, December 12, 2:30 pm **CAST A**
    - Saturday, December 12, 7:00 pm **CAST B**
    - Sunday, December 13, 2:30 pm **CAST B**
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# Audition & Participation Guidelines



## Costuming

- Most participants will purchase new costumes.
- Soloists may have a separate rental/cleaning fee for costumes provided by the studio.
- Parents are responsible for costume care, alterations, or replacements.
- ADA cannot guarantee that any replacement costumes or accessories will be available by show day.



## Communication: BAND APP

- .Mandatory for both dancers & parents.
- All information, updates, dates, and sign-ups will be posted via the Nutcracker BAND App.
- *You must rejoin each season, even if previously added.*
- Invitation to the BAND app, will be released on **August 31** in the welcome email



## Expectations & Studio Guidelines

To help create a positive, safe, and successful Nutcracker experience for everyone, we ask all dancers and families to follow these guidelines:

- Show kindness and respect to staff, instructors, fellow dancers, and all studio and theatre spaces.
  - Dancers should arrive in ADA-required ballet attire with hair secured in a neat bun.
  - Please bring water only in a sealed, labeled container.
  - To keep our rehearsal spaces safe and focused, please refrain from bringing food, chewing gum, running, yelling, or tumbling in the studios or theatre.
  - Costumes, props, scenery, and backdrops are an important part of our production and should be treated with care at all times.
  - Families may be held financially responsible for damage to costumes, props, scenery, or studio/theatre property caused by negligence or misuse.
  - For the safety and focus of all dancers, parents and guests may not remain in the studios or lobby areas during rehearsals.
  - Exterior doors will remain locked during rehearsals as part of our safety procedures.
  - Dancers should be picked up promptly at the conclusion of each rehearsal.
  - We expect all dancers and families to support these guidelines throughout the rehearsal and performance process. Repeated or serious violations may result in removal from the production.
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