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Calling All Angels, Soldiers and Bonbons!

Ballet Arizona Auditions Aspiring Youth Dancers for 'The Nutcracker' Sept. 9

PHOENIX – [Ballet Arizona](#) will discover the 150 mini professionals-in-the-making that will star in its holiday production of “[The Nutcracker](#)” on Sunday, Sept. 9, including the performance’s main character, young Clara. Additional casting opportunities include the roles of angels, soldiers, party kids and bonbons. Auditions take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Ballet Arizona and are broken down by age and gender. Children must be between the ages of 9-18, or be in the School of Ballet Arizona’s Level 2 classes to audition.

“The Nutcracker” is the ultimate holiday story, and Ballet Arizona takes its version of the Christmas classic seriously. Named one of the “three finest productions” in the country by *The New York Times* Dance Critic, Alastair Macaulay, Ib Andersen’s “The Nutcracker” is a \$1.8 million spectacle for the senses.

For audition times and details, visit balletaz.org/mission/employment-auditions. Tickets for “The Nutcracker” are on sale NOW at balletaz.org/performance/the-nutcracker-2018.

WHO: [Ballet Arizona](#)

WHAT: A day packed with young aspiring professional dancers giving it their all to land a spot in the Valley’s only professional production of “The Nutcracker.”

WHEN **Sunday, Sept. 9**
9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WHERE: Ballet Arizona
2835 E. Washington St.,
Phoenix, AZ 85034

COST: Free for School of Ballet Arizona students. \$15 for non-students.

Ballet Arizona

Ballet Arizona, approaching its 33rd season, is dedicated to preserving and celebrating classical dance while creating new and innovative works. Under the artistic direction of internationally acclaimed choreographer Ib Andersen - a former Principal Dancer with The New York City Ballet and The Royal Danish Ballet - Ballet Arizona follows his lead to the future of dance in Arizona. The School of Ballet Arizona, under the direction of Anthony Jones, promotes access to the art form of ballet through dance education, with a focus on excellence in the form, directing each student to a life-long love of dance. Following this vision, Ballet Arizona connects to more than 35,000 children and families every year through its free and low cost outreach programs.

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