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## Ballet Arizona's "The Nutcracker" Holds Auditions for Youth Talent

Auditions for Aspiring Young Dancers on August 28th

**PHOENIX** – <u>Ballet Arizona</u> is excited to once again welcome young and aspiring performers to audition for the annual holiday production of "<u>The Nutcracker</u>" on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Auditions will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ballet Arizona's studio and are broken down by age and gender. Those auditioning must be willing to stay additional time. Dancers must be between the ages of nine and 18 or be in the School of Ballet Arizona's Level Two classes to audition. The organization requests that participants come dressed in classical ballet attire for the audition. Candidates will try out for roles including young Clara and the Nutcracker Prince, angels, soldiers, party kids and bonbons.

"The Nutcracker" is one of the most memorable holiday productions and Ballet Arizona performs its own unique version to captivate the audience in its storytelling. Ib Andersen's "The Nutcracker" is a \$1.8 million production and considered one of the "three finest productions" by The New York Times Dance Critic Alastair Macaulay. In addition to dancing beside professional Ballet Arizona dancers, youth performers will perform to live orchestral music by The Phoenix Symphony.

For audition times and details, visit <u>balletaz.org/mission/employment-auditions</u>. Tickets for "The Nutcracker" are on sale now at <a href="https://balletaz.org/performance/the-nutcracker-2022/">https://balletaz.org/performance/the-nutcracker-2022/</a>.

**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, Aug. 28

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Ballet Arizona

2835 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85034

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

## **About Ballet Arizona**

Ballet Arizona 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 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. For more information, visit balletaz.org.

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