

Charlotte Youth Ballet, Inc. Audition Packet

Our Mission

The Charlotte Youth Ballet enriches the community through a non-profit, innovative regional ballet company that provides an opportunity to perform in professional-level productions. By merging youth and professionals, the CYB introduces ballet to diverse audiences to foster life-long support of the arts. We are delighted to have your dancer audition with us. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your family.

2019 – 2020 Season

Open Auditions and Membership Information

Performance Dates:	The Nutcracker	December 6, 2019 – December 8, 2019
	Wizard of Oz	March 13, 2020 – March 15, 2020

AUDITIONS: Saturday, September 7th, 2019

LOCATION: Overcash Hall, Central Piedmont Community College
Registration on 2nd Floor – Please come to 2nd floor first to sign in.
Auditions will be held in Room 300, 3rd Floor, Rehearsal Hall
Central Campus, Uptown, Corner of Kings Drive and Elizabeth Ave).

Parking: Theater/Guest parking in parking deck behind the building. Access from 4th Street and Kings Drive. Parking is free.

ELIGIBILITY: Boys and girls in 3rd grade – Age 25 as September 7th, 2019 with some dance experience and are enrolled in at least one (1) ballet class per week at a dance school of their choice.

AUDITION SCHEDULE	12:00 pm	Registration Opens on 2 nd Floor
	12:30pm – 1:20pm	3 rd and 4 th grades
	1:30pm – 2:30pm	5 th grade – Age 25 (NON-POINTE)
	2:45pm – 4:15pm	Age 13 and proficient on pointe – Age 25 (POINTE)

ATTIRE: Girls: pink tights, solid colored leotard, ballet or pointe shoes, hair in neat bun, no skirts or leg warmers. Boys: black tights, solid colored t-shirt, ballet shoes.

Arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled audition time. Dressed, stretched and warmed up with completed audition forms and non-refundable \$20 audition fee. Photographs and measurements may be taken to the Costume Department during the auditions.

Those dancers interested in auditioning but who are unable to attend at the scheduled time should contact Cindy Gruber at cindygruber@charlotteyouthballet.org. Those dancers not at auditions will be cast based on roles available.

Dancer Levels:

Cast Members: All dancers, 3rd grade – Age 25, who have auditioned and been selected by the Artistic Staff for participation in the CYB 2019 season.

Company dancers are chosen from within the Cast Members. Dancers should indicate their interest in being considered any company level by completing the Company Audition Forms. Stating interest does not guarantee acceptance into company. Invitations and placement are at the sole discretion of the Artistic Director. If a dancer has a reduction in the required number of technique or pointe classes during the season, their level within the Company will change. Minimum qualifications for consideration are outlined below:

Apprentice: Dancers 11 years of age or older. Dancers at this level must maintain a minimum of two (2) ballet technique and one (1) point class per week at the school of their choice during the season.

Company: Dancers 13 years of age or older who show a proficiency on pointe. Dancers at this level must maintain a minimum of three (3) ballet technique and one (1) point class per week at the dance school of their choice during the season.

Sr. Company: Dancers must have at least three (3) years of pointe experience and show advanced proficiency on pointe. Dancers at this level must maintain a minimum of (3) technique and two (2) pointe classes per week at the dance school of their choice during the season.

Company Benefits & Responsibilities

Company Dancers must commit to both Nutcracker and the Spring production. Parts will be allocated with this in mind.

Company Dancer fees are \$150 for dancers in CYB Company.

Master classes held quarterly. Attendance is required. If space is available other dancers maybe invited to attend for a fee with all proceeds benefiting CYB.

CYB outreach performances and opportunities are required. In the past this has included Southern Christmas Show in November and a charity performance at Carmel Country Club in December.

Warm up on stage with professionals at the Halton Theater before performances.

Company Dancers will receive a CYB jacket their first season in CYB company.

Senior Company dancers may go to the lobby after performances to greet the audience and sign autographs wearing their jackets.

Company will elect officers by the end of September. They will schedule fun social events and host a fundraiser to benefit a CYB need (Costumes\Props).

Notifications: Dancers will be notified by September 22nd, 2019 of their acceptance into the CYB. The cast list will be posted to the website (www.charlotteyouthballet.org) by September 22nd, 2019.

Parent Meeting: **Mandatory Saturday, September 7th, 2019**
12:30pm to 1:15pm or 1:30pm to 2:15pm

At least one parent of all dancers who audition for the CYB must attend a mandatory parent meeting at one of the times listed above unless prior arrangements have been made with CYB, by emailing cyb@charlotteyouthballet.org or calling (980)322-5522.

DANCER PARTS WILL NOT BE GIVEN UNLESS ONE PARENT ATTENDS A MEETING.

Rehearsals: Once a dancer accepts a part with the Charlotte Youth Ballet, he\she will be Expected to arrive on time for ALL rehearsals and be dressed appropriately. We recognize that emergencies or illness may arise and will excuse 1 absence. after 2 absences, your dancer can expect to be replaced by an understudy for one or more performances without refunding any fees.

Compulsory rehearsals are In-Studio Dress Rehearsal, Tech Rehearsal and Dress Rehearsal – ALL DANCERS MUST ATTEND.

Dates: Every weekend beginning September 27th, 2019. Except Thanksgiving weekend.

Location: Charlotte School of Ballet
627 S. Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, NC 28211

Tech Rehearsal and Dress Rehearsal (at Halton Theater)
Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 (Evening)
And
Thursday, December 5th, 2019 (Evening)

Attire: Girls: Pink tights, solid colored leotard, ballet or pointe shoes, hair in neat bun, no skirts, or leg warmers.
Boys: Black tights, solid colored t-shirt, ballet shoes.

Conduct: Dancers must be focused and respectful, refraining from Unnecessary talking. Appropriate language will be used at all times. Belongings will be kept neat and trash in receptacles.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

A detailed *Rehearsal Schedule* will be published to the CYB website by the week of September 22, 2019. However, below are approximate time frames for *The Nutcracker* rehearsals but may change based on cast availability:

October:

Friday (evenings)	Most non-pointe parts including Party Children, Mice, Soldiers, Rats, Angels, Cooks, White Rabbit
Saturday	All pointe parts, Ginger Children
Sunday	Party Adults and occasionally Party Children

November:

Friday (evenings)	Most non-pointe parts including Party Children, Mice, Soldiers, Rats, Angels, Cooks, White Rabbit.
Saturday	Full Act I and Act II run-throughs
Sunday	Prologue – Party Adults and children, Toy Shop

PERFORMANCES

Outreach Performances:

Saturday, November 23rd, 2019 at 11:00am – Southern Christmas Show

Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 12noon – Carmel Country Club Outreach
Some roles are required to attend these outreach performances.
CYB will notify you following casting if you are required to attend these performances.

Nutcracker 2019 Performances:

Friday, December 6th, 2019

There are two school shows (9am and 11am) in the morning followed by the cast party and an evening show at 7pm. Dancers will need to miss school this day. Please note that school shows are shortened and some dances will be cut from each show. However, the same section will not be cut from both school shows and your dancer will dance at least one of if not both shows.

Saturday, December 7th, 2019

There is a 2:00pm matinee and 7:00pm evening performance.
Dancers should expect to be at Halton Theater most of the afternoon and evening.

Sunday, December 8th, 2019

There is a 2:30pm matinee.

Please be certain that there are NO calendar conflicts before making your commitment to CYB. Dancers are expected to be available for all performances (NO EXCEPTIONS).

FEES

Performance Fees: A \$150 performance fee is assessed for each dancer\per production. This is due prior to the first rehearsal unless prior arrangements have been made with Cindy Gruber (cindygruber@charlotteyouthballet.org).

Adult Dancers: We are extremely appreciative of the adult dancers that volunteer for Nutcracker. We ask that you contribute \$50 towards the Costume\Cleaning cost.

DANCER REQUIREMENTS COMMITMENTS

Productions: All dancers must be available for all performances. Dancers are cast as needed according to technique and ability. If a dancer is cast in more than one role they need to accept all roles which are offered.

Volunteerism: Each family is required to serve on a volunteer team (see attached for options). Teams vary in their time commitment, flexibility, and autonomy. Please talk to our Volunteer Coordinator to discuss what is available and where your talents can best be served. Please contact Cindy Gruber with questions or if she can direct you to the Volunteer Coordinator.
cindygruber@charlotteyouthballet.org

Ticket Sales: Each family is required to sell a minimum of five (5) performance tickets for The Nutcracker regardless of family participation in patron campaigns. A fee will be assessed (\$20 each) for tickets unsold. Fees assessed must be paid prior to future CYB participation.

Fundraisers: All dancers are expected to participate. Examples include: Nutcracker Marketplace, Poinsettia, Spring Flowers, Dancer Flowers sales, Family Dinner's out, Charm Purchases, Gift Card Orders, and Autobell Carwash Certificates.

Conduct: Dancers must be focused and respectful, refraining from unnecessary talking. Appropriate language will be expected at all times. Disrespectful conduct towards the artistic staff, other dancers, parents or family members may result in immediate dismissal from the company.

Outreach: Outreach performances are an important part of the CYB mission. Dancers cast in roles participate in community outreach performances and are expected and required to perform in these shows.

Nutcracker 2019 AUDITION REGISTRATION

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AUDITION COMMITTEE COPY

AUDITION

NUMBER

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STAFF USE ONLY

PERFORMANCE DATES:

Nutcracker

December 6 – December 8, 2019

DUE TODAY: A \$20 non-refundable, audition fee payable to CYB, Inc.

Please Read and Complete ALL Sections.

Additional fees include a **Production Fee of \$150** for all dancers, payable to CYB, Inc. and due prior to first rehearsal unless prior arrangements have been made. **Dancers will not be able to participate in rehearsals if the fees are not paid on time.** For questions concerning fees, please contact the CYB Data Administrator, Cindy Gruber, at (980) 322-5522 or via email at cindygruber@charlotteyouthballet.org.

DANCER INFORMATION

Dancer's Name _____

Address: _____

Street

City, State

Zip

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Academic School: _____ Grade: _____

Dance School: _____ Teacher/Owner: _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Mother's Name: _____

Address: _____

(if different from dancer's)

Phone: (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

(if different from dancer's)

Phone: (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Nutcracker 2019 *AUDITION REGISTRATION*

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AUDITION COMMITTEE COPY (CONTINUED)

<input type="checkbox"/>	FEE COLLECTED
<input type="checkbox"/>	DANCER
	INFORMATION
<input type="checkbox"/>	PARENT
	INFORMATION
<input type="checkbox"/>	EMAIL ADDRESS(ES)

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES) *Remember, this is our **primary** way of contacting and communicating with you!*

Dancer's Email: _____

Mother's Email: _____

Father's Email: _____

We would like to be able to share CYB news and Special Events Information with grandparents or other relatives! Please provide names and address for as many as you wish.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Street

City, State

Zip

Email Address(es): _____ Relationship: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Street

City, State

Zip

Email Address(es): _____ Relationship: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Street

City, State

Zip

Email Address(es): _____ Relationship: _____

Do you have a sibling who dances? May we have his/her name(s) and dance school information?

Sibling's Name: _____

Dance School: _____

Nutcracker 2019 SEASON AUDITION FORM

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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR COPY

AUDITION

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Dancer's Name: _____

Academic School: _____

Academic Grade: _____ Age (as of October 15, 2019): _____ Height (ft' in''): _____

*I would like to be considered for Company (see prerequisites in *Audition Packet*): Yes No

If YES, then please complete the *Company Contract of Commitment*.

***Invitations to and placement within the Company will be extended at the sole discretion of the Artistic Director.**

Dance School Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Classes Currently Enrolled In: (May use back of sheet)

Years Dance Training: _____ Years Pointe Experience: _____ Started Pointe: (mo/yr): ____/____

Previous Performance Experience: (May use back of sheet)

List any parts that you have had in other Charlotte Youth Ballet productions:

We must start rehearsals as early as possible on Friday afternoon. Please circle the earliest time you can be at the studio on Fridays: 3:00 3:15 3:30 3:45 4:00 4:15 4:30 4:45 5:00

Are you able to attend rehearsals on Sunday afternoons? YES NO

Are you able to attend rehearsals on Saturday afternoons? YES NO

Nutcracker 2019 **CONTRACT OF COMMITMENT**

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ALL DANCERS

I have read and understand the requirements of participation to become a Charlotte Youth Ballet member and/or Charlotte Youth Ballet Company Dancer. Requirements including, but not limited to:

- Proper conduct at all times
- Arriving to and participating in ALL rehearsals for the roles cast
- Commitment to both Nutcracker and Spring Show (Company)
- Commitment to outreach performances and rehearsals (Company and certain roles only)
- Electing officers to organize and implement both fundraising and team building activities (Company)
- Attending master classes as scheduled (Company)

If awarded a part in this season (2019\2020 Performances), I agree to abide by the rules of participation and commitment outlined above and in the audition packet as a dancer.

Dancer's Printed Name: _____

Dancer's Signature

Date

If my dancer is awarded a part in this season (2019\2020 Performances), I, as the parent/guardian agree to the support and volunteerism outlined in the audition packet, including but not limited to:

- Payment of fees prior to rehearsals
- Serving on a volunteer team
- Participating in fund raisers
- Ticket sales – Minimum of 5

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

The CHARLOTTE YOUTH BALLET, INC. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that operates primarily on volunteers. Our success is contingent upon 100% support and commitment.

WITHOUT THIS AGREEMENT, ROLES WILL NOT BE AWARDED.

Charlotte Youth Ballet, Inc.
P.O. Box 472937
Charlotte, NC 28247-2937

Nutcracker 2019 SEASON COMPANY APPLICATION

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COMPANY DANCERS ONLY

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Dancer's Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City, State Zip

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Phone: (Home) _____ Phone: (Cell) _____

Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy): ___/___/_____ Age (as of October 15, 2019): _____

Ballet School: _____

Number of Technique Classes enrolled in for 2019 season: _____

Number of Point Classes enrolled in for the 2019 season: _____

Nutcracker 2019 SEASON WAIVER & RELEASE FORM

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ALL DANCERS

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following carefully. Your child will not be able to attend rehearsals or participate in performances until this release is received by the CYB.

- (1). "I am aware that ballet dancing places an unusual stress on the body and carries with it the risk of physical injury. On behalf of my child and myself, I assume the risk and agree that Charlotte Youth Ballet, Inc., its Board of Directors, Faculty, or Staff, or any of its chaperones and agents shall not be liable in any way for any injuries sustained or loss of property during the attendance of any of its related functions, including without limitation his/her traveling to or from any CYB function. My child has my permission to be treated for emergency medical care."
- (2). "I give my permission for photographs or video or television footage which includes my child to be used for promotional purposes on television or in newspapers, brochures, websites or any other media."
- (3). "Once my child has accepted his/her part in a CYB production, they will attend all rehearsals, dressed and ready to dance. If they are unable to attend the rehearsals, they understand that they will be replaced."

DANCER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

Medical Insurance Company & Group Number

Physician's Name

Phone Number

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

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SEASON AUDITION CHECKLIST

ALL DANCERS

DANCER: _____

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING WITH YOU TO THE AUDITIONS AND GOOD LUCK!

ALL DANCERS

- AUDITION FEE
- AUDITION REGISTRATION
- AUDITION FORM
- WAIVER & RELEASE FORM (SIGNED)
- CONTRACT OF COMMITMENT
 - DANCER (SIGNED)
 - PARENT/GUARDIAN (SIGNED)