



Audition Information Package

Nutcracker 2016

Audition day: Sunday, October 2 2016

Ballet Ouest de Montréal is looking for talented professional dancers to audition for Nutcracker 2016.

About Ballet Ovest de Montréal

Ballet Ovest is a non-profit organisation, managed by a volunteer Board of Directors that oversees all aspects of the company: Ballet Ovest de Montréal — the professional company that produces *Nutcracker* and other classics — and The School of Ballet Ovest de Montréal. Our mission is to provide excellent dance training from beginner to professional levels, and to build audiences who understand and appreciate dance as an art form.

Ballet Ovest de Montréal provides a professional platform for young professional dancers and creators, giving a much-needed impetus to their careers, with a repertoire that offers a wide array of experiences, from classical to contemporary. Performing in small towns and large cities, Ballet Ovest de Montréal intends to play a leading role in promoting the evolving art of choreography, showcasing a depth and variety of dance styles. We are committed to making dance accessible to the widest possible audience through live performance, touring, educational programs and other outreach efforts.

About Our Production of *Nutcracker*

For 29 years, founding Artistic Director Margaret Mehuys' version of *Nutcracker* captivated audiences with its powerful charm and magic; and was enjoyed by more than 200,000 spectators in Montréal, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Trois-Rivières, Granby, Hamilton and Costa Rica.

Ballet Ovest de Montréal is proud to perform its version of the beloved *Nutcracker* ballet, adapted and choreographed by Artistic Director Claude Caron in 2013. This ballet features lavish costumes, spectacular multi-media and an enthralling and enchanting tale to delight the entire family.

Nutcracker opens in Montreal at Centre Pierre Péladeau, Salle Pierre Mercure in early December with four matinée performances presented in front of Montreal-area schoolchildren, *Nutcracker: Sharing the Magic*, a benefit evening for local charitable organizations, and three public performances. The company will then continue their tour to Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu and l'Assomption, where similar casts of children will have been rehearsed throughout the Fall.

Let the magic begin . . .

What We Are Looking For

Strong, classically trained female ballet dancers (for corps, soloist and lead roles) and strong, classically trained male ballet dancers with good partnering ability.

Audition (October 2)

At l'École supérieure de ballet du Québec (4816 rue Rivard, Montréal, QC H2J 2N6)
Metro Laurier (Saint-Joseph exit), buses 27, 39, 46 and 51

Registration	Audition
12:30 to 12:55 pm	1:00 pm
Please fill out a registration form ahead of time and arrive early to register before the audition.	

Rehearsals (October 31 to November 25)

At l'École supérieure de ballet du Québec (4816 rue Rivard, Montréal, QC H2J 2N6)
Metro Laurier (Saint-Joseph exit), buses 27, 39, 46 and 51

Monday to Friday from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm (4 weeks)

Dress Rehearsals and Performances (November 28 to December 22)

Ballet Ouest de Montréal will be performing both school matinees and public performances of Nutcracker in Montreal and in the tour cities (see the schedules below). Dress rehearsals will also be held at these theatres.

Montreal (November 28 to December 4)

Schedule of rehearsals and performances at Centre Pierre Peladeau (300 boul. de Maisonneuve Est, Montreal, QC H2X 3X6)

	Monday November 28	Tuesday November 29	Wednesday November 30	Thursday December 1	Friday December 2	Saturday December 3	Sunday December 4
Dress Rehearsals	1:00 to 10:00 pm	1:00 to 10:00 pm					
School Matinées			8:00 am to 12:00 pm	8:00 to 2:30 pm	8:30 to 12:30 pm		
Public Performances					5:00 to 9:00 pm	12:00 to 9:30 pm	12:00 to 4:00 pm

Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu (December 7 to 10)

Schedule of rehearsals and performances at Theatre des Deux Rives (30 boul. du Séminaire Nord, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 5J4)

	Wednesday December 7	Thursday December 8	Friday December 9	Saturday December 10
Dress Rehearsals	1:00 to 10:00 pm			
School Matinées		8:00 to 2:30 pm	8:00 to 12:30 pm	
Public Performances				12:00 to 9:00 pm

Specific times to be confirmed and corrected.

L'Assomption (December 20 to 22)

Schedule of rehearsals and performances at Theatre Hector Charland (225 boul. de l'Ange-Gardien, L'Assomption, QC J5W 4M6)

	Tuesday December 20	Wednesday December 21	Thursday December 22
Dress Rehearsals	2:00 to 10:00 pm		
School Matinées		11:30 am to 3:30 pm	7:30 to 11:30 am
Public Performances		5:30 to 9:30 pm	5:30 to 9:30 pm

Specific times to be confirmed and corrected.

Attendance at all rehearsals, meetings, costume fittings, dress rehearsals and performances is mandatory. No exceptions, barring emergencies.

Questions?

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reception@balletouest.com



For Administration (do not fill)	
Notes	Audition Number
Contract	

Professional Audition Registration Form

Contact Information

Dancer Full Name				Date of Birth			
E-Mail				Age	M M / D D / Y Y Y Y		
Phone		Emergency Phone					
Street Address				City		Postal Code	

Dancer Information

Ballet Training and Teachers	Performance and Other Relevant Experience
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Are you a Canadian citizen?	If not, do you have a valid Visitor's Visa?

Waiver

I agree that my image may be used for publicity purposes.

Signature

Date