

## Auditions Begin August 25 for the Jacksonville Symphony's First Coast Nutcracker Ballet

Jacksonville, FL (July 12, 2017) --- Auditions for the Jacksonville Symphony's *The First Coast Nutcracker*, presented by VyStar Credit Union, will be held August 25 and 26. Auditions will take place at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts located on 2445 San Diego Road. Dancers are to report to the Dance Building.

Audition times on **Friday, August 25** will be at 4:00pm to 6:00pm for Advanced Dancers (male and female ages 15 and older) and 6:00pm to 8:00pm for Intermediate dancers (male and female ages 11-14). Advanced dancers must have at least five years of classical ballet training and strong pointe work for females.

Audition times on **Saturday, August 26** will be for dancers age 11 and older (girls not on pointe and boys) at 10:00am to 11:15am and for dancers age 9 to 10 (girls and boys) from 11:15am to 12:30pm.

Registration will be in the lobby of the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Dance Building **30 minutes prior** to the date and time assigned to each age group. Participants must also fill out the 2017 Audition Registration form to bring to the audition which can be found at [jaxsymphony.org/nutcracker](http://jaxsymphony.org/nutcracker).

Female dancers must be dressed in pink tights, black leotards and pink pointe or ballet shoes, with their hair secured in a bun. Male dancers under 12 may wear black gym shorts and a white tee shirt and black or white ballet shoes.

Performance dates are December 15, 16, and 17 and will be in addition to school performances on December 14 and 15.

Please direct all inquiries to the Nutcracker office at (904) 358-3716 or email [nutcracker@jaxsymphony.org](mailto:nutcracker@jaxsymphony.org).

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