

## JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY'S *FIRST COAST NUTCRACKER* BEGINS AUDITIONS AUGUST 24

Jacksonville, FL (August 14, 2018) --- Auditions for the Jacksonville Symphony's annual *First Coast Nutcracker*, presented by VyStar Credit Union, will be held **Friday, August 24 and Saturday, August 25**. 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 30 minutes prior to the date and time of assigned age group.

Audition times on **Friday, August 24** will be at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for Advanced Dancers (male and female ages 15 and older) and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Intermediate dancers (male and female ages 11-14). Advanced dancers must have at least five years of classical ballet training and females must have strong pointe work.

Audition times on **Saturday, August 25** will be for dancers age 11 and older (females not on pointe and males) at 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and for dancers age 9 to 10 (males and females) from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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 2018 Audition Registration form, found at [jaxsymphony.org/nutcracker](http://jaxsymphony.org/nutcracker), and bring a completed copy to the audition. There is a \$20 audition fee.

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 14, 15 and 16 and will be in addition to school performances on December 13 and 14. There is a costume fee of \$80 plus \$20 for any additional parts played.

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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