NEW PALTZ BALLET THEATRE VOLUME X,NO.4| SEPTEMBER 2026

WELCOME TO OUR

Quarterly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer on wherever your dancing endeavors took you! Summer highlights included two of our very own New Paltz dancers, Hailey Athans and Claire Clavin, having the exciting opportunity to perform with **New York City Ballet** in *A MidSummer Night's Dream* at Saratoga Performing Arts Center- alongside our regular NYCB guest performer Daniel Ulbricht and *New Paltz School of Ballet* alum Emilie Gerrity! Bravo!

The New Paltz Ballet Theatre is the not-for-profit dance company that produces the annual production of The Nutcracker for the Bardavon 1869 Opera House, Poughkeepsie NY. We are so excited to be back for our 2026 Nutcracker Season!

Website: www.npballettheatre.org

All forms are available here, some password protected. Password is posted on the studio NPBT bulletin board.

IMPORTANT NUTCRACKER DATES AT A GLANCE

(Subject to change-
Please check studio door often for updates!)

Nutcracker Auditions: September 26 and 27
Angel Parents Meeting: September 27
Cast List Announced: September 30
Contract Signing and Fees Due: Oct 1, 2, 3
Costume Fittings Begin- October 3
RDR Sponsorship Applications Due: Oct 13
Ticket Orders Due: November 22
Bardavon Performance Week: December 9-13

NPBT Nutcracker Auditions !

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26
1:30 REGISTRATION- 2:00 AUDITION
GRADES 7 & UP
12-18 YEAR OLD GIRLS WITH AT LEAST 1 YEAR EN POINTE

SUNDAY SEPT 27- ANGELS
12:00 REGISTRATION- 12:30 AUDITION
GRADES 2&3
7-8 YEAR OLD GIRLS WITH PREVIOUS BALLET TRAINING
MANDATORY PARENTS MEETING DURING AUDITION

SUNDAY SEPT 27
1:15 REGISTRATION- 1:30 AUDITION
GRADES 4-6 AND BOYS
9-12 YEAR OLD GIRLS WITH PREVIOUS BALLET TRAINING
(BOYS ARE WELCOME AND DO NOT NEED PREVIOUS TRAINING)

BRING:
REGISTRATION FORM (AVAILABLE AT STUDIO AND ON NPBT WEBSITE)
YOUR FAVORITE LEO, SHOES AND A SMILE!
AUDITIONS ARE **FREE**.
A PRODUCTION FEE AND REFUNDABLE COSTUME DEPOSIT WILL BE DUE AT TIME OF CONTRACT SIGNING AFTER CASTING IS ANNOUNCED.
AS A REMINDER, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO VIDEO OR PHOTOGRAPHY OF ANY KIND DURING REHEARSALS OR PERFORMANCES. THERE WILL BE A PROFESSIONAL RECORDING PROVIDED WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE PRODUCTION FEE.

Friendly Reminders

ALL Nutcracker questions should be addressed to the New Paltz Ballet Theatre Board of Directors, not to Miss Lisa or Mr. Peter. Children who do not attend auditions should not expect a role in The Nutcracker.

REMEMBER , while we do our best to keep the website up to date with schedule changes, the official hard copy schedule and information will be posted in the studio- **CHECK WEEKLY**!

HELPFUL INFO:

Leotards, skirts, shoes and tights are all available to purchase at the studio. Miss Lisa will provide guidance on colors and sizing if you're not sure.

Due to current challenges with shipping imports, many pointe shoes are on backorder. Keep this in mind and **order your pointe shoes EXTRA EARLY** for Nutcracker!

Upcoming Events and Dates

RDR Sponsorship Apps Due: October 13

2026 Limited Edition Nutcracker Shirts!
Orders Due: October 13

Halloween Dress Down Week- 10/26-10/31
Come to class in costume- $1 per class!

Parent's Night Out Fundraiser

Sunday, Oct 11, 5pm-8pm
$50 per student ($25 per additional student siblings)
Drop off your little dancers for a kid's night-in Nutcracker party. Activities will include a special screening of The Nutcracker performance, pizza, and an age-appropriate hair and makeup tutorial/styling, if they choose. The Nutcracker party will be supervised and entertained by their class helpers and older dancers with Board Members present. This is a great opportunity for a date night out, to get a start on some Holiday shopping, dancer bonding, and to get your student(s) hyped for Nutcracker season!
Look for signups and information in the studio!

Calling Angels-in Waiting and Party Boys-in-Training!

NPBT is sponsoring a special viewing of "The Nutcracker" on Thursday, 12/11 show at 9:45 AM for the younger NPSB dancers & their families. Sign-up list will be in the Studio lobby, on the viewing window. 50 seats total. First come, first served.

Backstage Help

Backstage help signups will be sent out via email after rehearsals begin. This is a wonderful chance to be a part of the "magic makers" of our amazing show, and your dancer (s) will always remember the experience of you being there behind the scenes!
The dancers make the show, but lots of hands backstage are what make the show happen smoothly and safely! There is no job that requires special skills. Your help is imperative. We will always be there to guide you and answer any questions!

2026-2027 NPBT 501C3 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Please consider becoming a member of the NPBT at any time and help to fund additions to the new scenery, purchase supplies, mend costumes, improve props and hire professional dancers for The Nutcracker! No amount is "too small" – please place your tax deductible donation in the black NPBT mailbox in the studio any time!

We appreciate your support

The New Paltz Ballet Theatre is a non-profit 501c-3 dance production company. NPBT is run by a volunteer Board of Directors and produces the annual Nutcracker production at the Bardavon in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Please direct any Nutcracker-related questions to a board member.
Board of Directors: Kelly Turturro, Lindsay Athans, Johanna Tompkins, Kathy Mykula, Nora Scandariato, Amanda Kelly, Becky Squires, Ashley Kraus, and Amber Clavin.
Please seek us out if you have questions!

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