



Dear Academy Families,

We're excited to announce the many performing opportunities open to Academy students for Cincinnati Ballet productions during the 2019 - 2020 Season. We are looking to cast young performers in *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Nutcracker*, *Boléro* (part of Director's Cut), and *Snow White*. As in years past, every role adds so much to the depth and success of each production.

With so much opportunity this season, we strongly encourage students and their families to pick and choose the performance opportunities that mean the most to them, with the goal of fitting into each individual family's time allowance and schedule. It would be impossible to do them all, so being selective this season is both expected and encouraged. Please don't think that because you choose not to audition for a certain ballet that you would not be considered for another. There is certainly no penalty in picking out what's best for you and your family. As you review performance opportunities, please make sure to consider makeup class options to ensure your Academy training remains a strong priority and you're attending class regularly.

On the Cincinnati Ballet website, we'll be posting audition notices which include important information such as dates, ages, height requirements and levels, as well as rehearsal schedules and holiday conflicts, so be sure to check in regularly for all relevant details!

The first audition of the year, for *The Nutcracker*, will be held on Saturday, August 17. All students trying out should be available for callbacks the following day, Sunday, August 18. Students will be notified by Saturday evening if they are needed for the Sunday callbacks. Another element of this year's audition that is different from years past is that **both the Academy and open auditions will take place at the same time on Saturday**. Details surrounding that audition can be found in this packet or online!

Thank you for giving your time and effort to make our productions magical, and for all you do in creating lasting memories for all!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer, and I look forward to once again working with you this year.

With warm regards,

Suzette Boyer Webb
Director of Second Company



The 2019-2020 Season includes four mainstage productions featuring Young Performers roles! While we're thrilled to present so many opportunities for young dancers to be cast in Company productions this season, we strongly encourage families to prioritize 1-2 rather than auditioning for all. The time and physical demands of rehearsals and performances make it challenging for dancers to balance their Academy training and their performance commitments, so ***being selective is both encouraged and expected.***

AUDITION SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 17 & Sunday, August 18: *The Nutcracker*

Saturday, September 14: *The Wizard of Oz*

TBD: *Snow White*

Details about each production are below. Specific audition requirements can be found on each audition notice when it becomes available on Cincinnati Ballet's website. All information is subject to change.

The Wizard of Oz

Performance Dates: October 25 – November 3, 2019 | Audition date: Saturday, September 14, 2019

Rehearsal Span: September 15 – October 24 (includes weekends)

Number of children per cast: approximately 25 (includes roles for girls and boys)

Age requirement: Must be 8 yrs. old by audition date

The Nutcracker

Performance Dates: December 19 – 29, 2019 | Audition dates: August 17 & 18 (must be available for both)

Rehearsal Span: August 24 – December 18 (includes weekends)

**Be aware of potential conflicts around Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas holidays*

Number of children per cast: approximately 70 (includes roles for girls and boys)

Age requirement: Must be 8 yrs. old by audition date

Boléro (part of Director's Cut)

Performance Dates: March 19 – 21, 2020 | No audition: Casting by invitation

Rehearsal Span: Early January – March 18 (includes weekends)

**Be aware of potential conflicts during Winter Break & Martin Luther King Jr Day*

Number of children per cast: TBD (includes roles for girls and boys)

Age requirement: Must be 8 yrs. old

Snow White

Performance Dates: March 28 – April 5, 2020 | Audition date: TBD

World premiere in collaboration with Ballet West. Details will continue to be shared during this exciting process!

Rehearsal Span: Early January – March 27 (includes weekends)

**Be aware of potential conflicts during Martin Luther King Jr Day & Spring Break*

Number of children per cast: approximately 30 (includes roles for girls and boys)

Age requirement: Must be 8 yrs. old by audition date



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The
NUTCRACKER
presented by Frisch's Big Boy



Marcus Romeo & Christina LaForgia Morse | Photography: Aaron M Conway

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019

YOUNG PERFORMERS AUDITIONS FOR BOYS & GIRLS

Cincinnati Ballet is looking for talented young performers to be a part of this timeless holiday tradition.

Cincinnati Ballet Studios

1555 Central Parkway | Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Currently enrolled Cincinnati Ballet OMBA Students ONLY

A \$20 audition fee will apply for all Academy students. A \$30 audition fee will apply for all Non-OMBA Students.

HEIGHT	REGISTRATION	AUDITION
3'10" - 4'5"	9:00 am	10:00 am - 12:30 pm
4'6" - 5'1"	12:45 pm	1:45 pm - 4:15 pm
5'2" - 5'9"	3:45 pm	4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Open Audition for all Gymnasts

A \$20 audition fee will apply for all Academy students. A \$30 audition fee will apply for all Non-OMBA Students.

HEIGHT	REGISTRATION	AUDITION
4'0" - 4'7"	12:00 pm	12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Children must be **EIGHT** years old by August 17, 2019 to audition.

All children need to be available for possible call back auditions for all characters on

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019 from 9:30 am-5:30 pm.

Auditioners will be notified if they are needed for call backs following the conclusion of all auditions on Saturday, August 17.

Please check the anticipated rehearsal schedule at the audition. If you cannot make the performances or the mandatory rehearsals, please do not audition. Please note: Not every role will be called to every rehearsal.

Casting is subject to current costume sizes. Children will be auditioning for roles in their costume size range.

PARENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A MANDATORY INFORMATIONAL MEETING.

Please contact Ingrid Fridenmaker for further details: ifridenmaker@cballet.org



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The
WIZARD
of OZ



Melissa Gelfin | Photography: Aaron M Conway

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

YOUNG PERFORMERS AUDITIONS FOR BOYS & GIRLS

Cincinnati Ballet is looking for talented young performers to be a part of this adventure to Oz.

Cincinnati Ballet Studios

1555 Central Parkway | Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Currently enrolled Cincinnati Ballet Otto M. Budig Academy students

A \$20 audition fee will apply to everyone at the audition.

WHO	HEIGHT	REGISTRATION	AUDITION
BOYS & GIRLS	4'2" - 4'6"	3:15 pm	4:00 pm - 5:15 pm
BOYS & GIRLS	4'7" - 5'	4:30 pm	5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
GIRLS	5'1" - 5'6"	5:30 pm	6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

Call Backs (if needed)

WHO	HEIGHT	AUDITION
BOYS	ALL	7:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Children must be **EIGHT** years old by September 14, 2019 to audition.

Girls level 4 and up, bring pointe shoes.

Please check the anticipated rehearsal schedule at the audition. If you cannot make the performances or the mandatory rehearsals, please do not audition. Please note: Not every role will be called to every rehearsal.

Casting is subject to current costume sizes. Children will be auditioning for roles in their costume size range.

Results will be emailed at the conclusion of all auditions on September 14, 2019.

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