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CONNECTICUT BALLET TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR CHILDREN'S ROLES IN **THE NUTCRACKER**

STAMFORD, CT... Connecticut Ballet will hold open auditions for children's roles in its upcoming production of *THE NUTCRACKER* at The Bushnell on **Wednesday**, **September 27th.** The audition will take place at **The 224 Eco-Space**, 224 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, and is open to all young dancers, ages 4-16. Prior dance experience is helpful, but not required. Weekly rehearsals will commence in mid-October. A longstanding holiday tradition, the production features guest stars from American Ballet Theatre and New York City Ballet and Connecticut Ballet's professional corps de ballet. Performances at The Bushnell will take place on Friday and Saturday, December 22nd & 23rd.

The following is the breakdown of audition times by age:

- Boys and girls ages 4-6 4:30-5:00pm
- Boys and girls ages 7-9 5:00-5:45pm
- Boys and girls ages 10-12 5:45-6:30pm
- Boys and girls 13-16 6:30-7:15pm

Prior registration is required. Visit <u>www.connecticutballet.org</u> to access online audition and registration forms. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start time. Parents will check in their children and then remain outside the studio. Hair should be properly fastened and off the child's face and dance attire is required. For further info, email <u>ctballet@ix.netcom.com</u>.